



***Village of River Forest***  
***Police Department***

# 2019 Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge



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**James O'Shea  
Chief of Police**

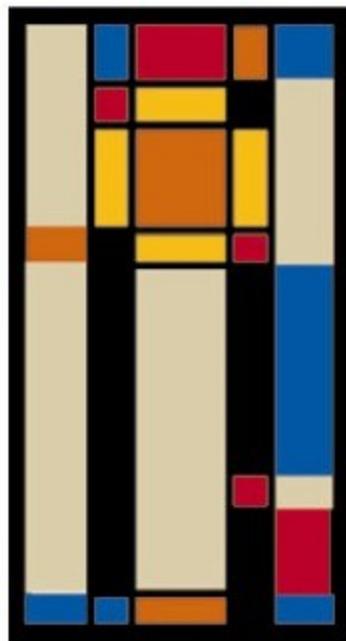


- ◆ Uniformed Patrol Operations
- ◆ Criminal Investigations
- ◆ Youth Services
- ◆ Senior Services
- ◆ Traffic Accident investigations
- ◆ Traffic Enforcement
- ◆ Bicycle Patrol
- ◆ Truck Enforcement
- ◆ WESTAF- Major Crash Unit Investigation

Prepared by:  
Ofc. D. Humphreys #149

### ABOUT RIVER FOREST

The Village of River Forest is a beautiful suburban Village adjacent to Chicago in Cook County and is nestled amongst beautiful tree lined streets. River Forest is home to two universities, Dominican University and Concordia University Chicago. River Forest has a population of over 11,000 residents and has several major IDOT thoroughfares including North Ave., Harlem Ave., Madison St., Chicago Ave. and Lake St. which see thousands of motorists each day. The River Forest Police Department strives upon making the Village a safe place for all residents, motorists and pedestrians by staying committed to community policing principles and traffic enforcement activities.



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# **RIVER FOREST**

*Proud Heritage*

*Bright Future*

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# ***Village of River Forest Police Department***

## ***Police Department Overview***

The Police Department is staffed with 28 sworn Police Officers including the Chief, one Deputy Chief, a Commander, five Sergeants and twenty Police Officers.

The Police Department also employs a Community Service Officer and Records Clerk to handle non-patrol service functions and administrative functions.

The Department is a member of the Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS), the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS), the West Suburban Directed Gang Enforcement Task Force (WEDGE), and the West Suburban Major Crimes Task Force (WESTAF) through intergovernmental agreements with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies.

Police services include uniformed patrol operations, investigations, youth services, senior services, traffic accident investigation and enforcement, bicycle patrol and supplementary services which include disaster preparedness and response, vacation watch program, participation with community action groups, crime prevention, home security assessments, drug abuse intervention, traffic pattern analysis and recommendations, elementary school anti-drug abuse "Too Good For Drugs" program, and Village licensing investigation and enforcement.





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## ***Police Department Overview***

The River Forest Police Department also has a variety of specialized positions aside from patrol to address different needs within the department and to better serve the public.

Officer Ben Ransom is our Crime Prevention/Senior Services/School Resource Officer who handles a variety of assignments which include ISEARCH, Too Good For Drugs, Junior Citizens Police Academy and quarterly crime prevention meetings. Office Ransom also teaches traffic and bicycle safety at various assemblies through out the year at all River Forest schools.

Officer Dan Humphreys is our Traffic officer and handles a variety of different tasks including, **directed patrols, traffic missions, accident reports and accident investigations.** Officer Humphreys also conducts various proactive and aggressive traffic enforcement throughout the year.



Officer Humphreys starting his traffic shift



# ***Village of River Forest Police Department***

## ***Chapter I: Policy and Guidelines***





# Village of River Forest Police Department

## Chapter I: Policy and Guidelines

This Chapter documents River Forest Police Department general orders and guidelines for occupant restraint use and enforcement, speed enforcement, and impaired driving enforcement. Distracted driving falls under our traffic law enforcement general order and it is the policy of this department to enforce traffic laws at a level sufficient to ensure the safe and expeditious movement of traffic.

	RIVER FOREST POLICE DEPARTMENT		No: 62.3
	<b>GENERAL ORDER</b>		
	Effective Date: April 27, 2006	Review Date: Annual	Amended: January 15, 2012
	Subject: Driving Under the Influence Enforcement		
	Reference (s): <i>CALEA 61.1.10 &amp; 61.1.12</i> (Rev. Jul. 2006)		
	Index As: Driving Under the Influence Enforcement		

### 1. PURPOSE

This order establishes police and procedure for driving under the influence enforcement.

### 2. POLICY

- 2.1. This Department supports comprehensive driving under the influence (DUI) enforcement programs and establishes DUI enforcement as one of its highest priorities.
- 2.2. All uniformed police officers assigned to field duties will be trained in DUI detection and enforcement.
- 2.3. Police officers will be alert for signs of alcohol or drug impairment in all contacts with motorists, and make every effort to detect and apprehend them. After conducting an initial examination at the scene of the traffic stop and determining that probable cause for an arrest exists, a police officer will affect an arrest unless unusual circumstances warrant an alternate course of action. Under no circumstances will an officer knowingly allow a motorist under the influence of alcohol or drugs to drive.

	RIVER FOREST POLICE DEPT.		No: 41.14
	<b>GENERAL ORDER</b>		
	Effective Date: April 27, 2006	Review Date: Annual	Amended: January 15, 2012
	Subject: Traffic Law Enforcement		
	Reference (s): <i>CALEA 61.1</i> (Rev. Jul 2006)		
	Index As: Citation Accountability	Selective Traffic Enforcement	
	Decoy Squad Car		

### 1. PURPOSE

This order establishes policy, procedures and guidelines for traffic law enforcement.

### 2. DISCUSSION

Traffic law enforcement is an integral part of the police function. In addition to being a deterrent to potential violators, there is a strong relationship between traffic enforcement and crime prevention. Traffic enforcement on the part of a police department helps to establish a reputation for vigilance and creates a high profile. There is a correlation between a police department's traffic enforcement efforts and the incidence of crime in a community.

### 3. POLICY

- 3.1. It is the policy of this Department to enforce traffic laws at a level sufficient to ensure the safe and expeditious movement of traffic. Violations will be controlled through preventive measures and pro-active enforcement.
- 3.2. Enforcement Discretion and Latitude Guidelines
  - 3.2.1. Police officers have the discretion whether or not to issue citations for traffic law violations based on the circumstances and conditions existing at the time of the violation. However, an officer's use of discretion will not be influenced by malice or vengeance, or because of any prejudice based upon age, sex, race, ethnic background, religious belief, or political affiliation or opinion. Members will refer to General Orders 1.3: *Authority and Discretion* and 56.1: *Impartial Policing* for additional guidance.
  - 3.2.2. In most cases, police officers should issue citations for hazardous violations such as failing to obey stop signs and traffic control signals, excessive speeding, violations causing traffic crashes; and equipment violations which create a safety hazard, such as driving without headlights after dark. Citations will be issued for traffic law violations which are misdemeanors or felonies, unless exigent circumstances exist.

	RIVER FOREST POLICE DEPARTMENT		No: 41.14
	<b>GENERAL ORDER</b>		
	Effective Date: April 27, 2006	Review Date: Bi-Annual	Amended: August 19, 2011
	Subject: Seat Safety Belts		
	Reference (s): <i>CALEA 41.3.3</i> (Rev. Jul. 2006)		
	Index As: Child Restraint Systems		
	Seat Safety Belts		

### 1. PURPOSE

This order establishes policy pertaining to the use of seat safety belts by Department members as well as the enforcement of seat safety belts and child restraint statutes as required by the Illinois Vehicle Code.

### 2. DEFINITIONS

**Child Restraint System:** any device which meets the standards of the United States Department of Transportation designed to restrain, seat or position children, which also includes a booster seat.

**Department Vehicle:** any vehicles owned by, loaned to, or leased to the Police Department, or any vehicle operated by a Department member while on-duty.

**Seat Safety Belts:** lap and shoulder restraints installed by a motor vehicle manufacturer.

### 3. DISCUSSION

The use of seat safety belts can have a significant effect in reducing the number of deaths and injuries resulting from traffic crashes and can assist officers in maintaining proper control of their vehicles during pursuit or emergency driving situations.

### 4. POLICY

- 4.1. It is the policy of this Department to comply with, as well as to strictly enforce the Seat Safety Belt and Child Passenger Protection Acts of the Illinois Vehicle Code.
- 4.2. Officers are strongly encouraged to initiate and take appropriate enforcement actions upon any vehicle in which the occupants are not in compliance with the Seat Safety Belt and Child Protection Acts of the Illinois Vehicle Code.
- 4.3. Department members operating or riding in a Department vehicle will use the seat safety belts installed by the vehicle manufacturer, properly adjusted and securely fastened. Lap belts will be properly secured in those vehicles equipped with automatic safety belt systems that require the lap portion to be manually secured. Exceptions to this policy are:



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Ofc. Zermeno wearing her seat belt at the start of her shift

- ◆ General Order requiring officer safety belt use
- ◆ General Order for Occupant Restraint enforcement



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	<b>GENERAL ORDER</b>		
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	Subject: Traffic Law Enforcement		
Reference (s): CALEA 61.1 (Rev. Jul 2006)			
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### ◆ General Order for speed enforcement G.O. No: 61.1

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Ofc. Spears conducting  
radar enforcement



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## Chapter I: Policy and Guidelines



RIVER FOREST POLICE DEPARTMENT

No: 62.3

### GENERAL ORDER

Effective Date:  
April 27, 2006

Review Date:  
Annual

Amended:  
January 15, 2012

Subject:  
Driving Under the Influence Enforcement

Reference (s): *CALEA 61.1.10 & 61.1.12 (Rev. Jul. 2006)*

Index As: Driving Under the Influence Enforcement



Ofc. Pickens performing field sobriety test on a suspected impaired driver

#### ◆ General Order for DUI enforcement G.O. No: 62.3

This General Order details and outlines our agencies policies and procedures regarding DUI enforcement



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# ***Village of River Forest Police Department***

## ***Chapter II: Training***



The River Forest Police Department is committed to continued training and education for all officers. Throughout the year officers attend in-house training and roll call training for traffic safety related education to keep officers up-to-date with new IVC laws. Officers also get their training through North East Multi-Regional Training (NEMRT) as well as through Suburban Law Enforcement Academy (SLEA). Each month officers must complete online training through Police Law Institute where a variety of topics are addressed including DUI and traffic enforcement matters.



# Village of River Forest Police Department

## Chapter II: Training

### Online Training

#### Police Law Institute 2018 Topics:

Use of Force- Stopping a driver to prevent escape

Legal Basis- Arrest or Search

New Laws- Driving Under the influence

Officers are required to complete a test at the end of each session. Each month the topics change and most topics apply to issues regarding traffic enforcement.

ILLINOIS DECEMBER 2018	New Laws - Alternative to Opioids Act of 2018 - Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Pilot Program.	12/12/2018 1:20:16 PM
ILLINOIS NOVEMBER 2018	Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training; Mental Health Awareness and Response; De-Escalation	11/10/2018 11:11:13 AM
ILLINOIS OCTOBER 2018	Firearm Concealed Carry Act	10/17/2018 12:58:30 PM
ILLINOIS SEPTEMBER 2018	Implicit Bias; Racial Profiling; Unbiased Evidence-Based Policing; New Laws	9/12/2018 5:30:18 PM
ILLINOIS AUGUST 2018	Federal CLOUD Act; U.S. Supreme Court Decisions; Illinois TRUST Act	9/12/2018 5:15:29 PM
ILLINOIS JULY 2018	Interview and Interrogation	7/29/2018 12:28:49 PM
ILLINOIS JUNE 2018	Landlord-Tenant Disputes - Investigating Complaints; Entering and Searching Hotel and Motel Rooms	6/14/2018 2:03:32 PM
ILLINOIS MAY 2018	Use of Force - Stopping Driver to Prevent Escape, Pointing Firearm at Suspect, Qualified Immunity; Arrest - Prompt Judicial Determination	5/24/2018 6:26:13 PM
ILLINOIS APRIL 2018	Officer-Worn Body Cameras; Citizen Recordings of Police	4/15/2018 12:53:02 PM
ILLINOIS MARCH 2018	Legal Basis - Arrest or Search	3/9/2018 5:57:24 PM
ILLINOIS FEBRUARY 2018	Autism and Autism Spectrum Disorder Awareness	2/22/2018 9:54:43 AM
ILLINOIS JANUARY 2018	New Laws; Driving Under the Influence	1/14/2018 2:03:45 PM

A screenshot showing completed training on Police Law Institute's web-based training portal



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### **Online Training**

Annually, each officer receives an electronic copy of law updates from the Illinois Secretary of State. Officers either print out the law updates or save them to their MDT for field use. This year the law update included the change in age for rear-facing child restraint. Any child under the age of 2 years is required to be in a rear facing child restraint.

**2018/2019 Law U**

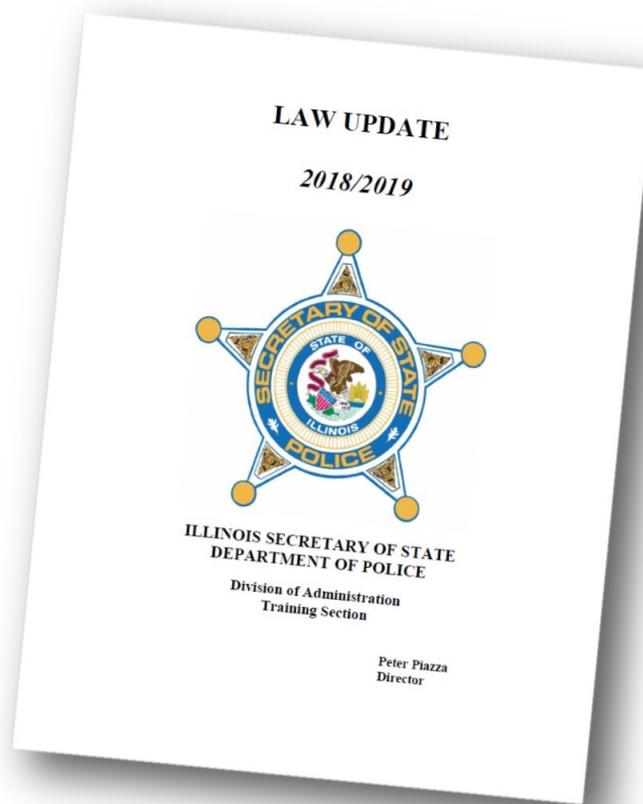
### **"Rear-Facing Child Restraint" 625 ILCS 25/4**

**Effective Date: 01/01/2019**

**Public Act: [100-0672](#)**

#### **Synopsis:**

Amends the Child Passenger Protection Act. Provides that when any person is transporting a child in this State who is under the age of 2 years in a motor vehicle of the first division or motor vehicle of the second division weighing 9,000 pounds or less, he or she shall be responsible for properly securing the child in a rear-facing child restraint system, unless the child weighs 40 or more pounds or is 40 or more inches tall.





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## Chapter II: Training

### 2019 Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge

Child Passenger Safety  
Technician:

Ofc. Balaguer

Ofc. Casey

Ofc. Carroll

Ofc. Cassidy

Cmdr. Greenwood

Ofc. Landini



### Occupant Protection Training

The River Forest Police Department has **(6) six certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians** who are trained with the proper installation of a child safety seat. These officers all received their training in 2017 and continue to use their certification throughout the year to assist drivers in ensuring that their child safety seat is properly installed and that the child is properly secured in the seat. Each technician ensures that the driver is fully capable of installing the safety seat properly and on their own.



Officer Casey performing a child safety seat  
inspection for a resident



# **River Forest Police Department Child Safety Seat Inspection Program**



## **Did you know?**

- Illinois state law requires that children under the age of 8 be secured in an appropriate child safety seat, whether that be a car seat or booster seat.
- Children under age 8 but weighing more than 40 pounds may ride in the back seat with a lap belt only if there are not lap/shoulder belts available in the vehicle to be used with a booster seat.
- Illinois law also requires children ages 8 to 16 be buckled in a seat belt or appropriate child car seat.
- Effective Jan. 1, 2019, Illinois law will require children under age 2 to be properly secured in a rear-facing child restraint system unless they weigh more than 40 pounds or are more than 40 inches tall. Children must remain rear-facing until age 2.

**JAMES O'SHEA**  
Chief of Police

**Child Passenger  
Safety Technicians**

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**Officer Jennifer Casey**  
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**Officer Matthew Landini**  
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**Officer William Cassidy**  
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**Officer Liliana Balaguer**  
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**Please call or E-mail  
for an  
Appointment  
(708) 366-7125**

## **Child Safety Seat Questions:**

- Is your child safety seat safe?
- Has it been installed in your car properly?
- Is it defective?
- Has it been recalled by the manufacturer?

## **We are here to help:**

Police Officers from the River Forest Police Department, who are trained Child Safety Seat Technicians, will assist you with the proper installation of your child safety seat.

The Technicians will look for improperly installed, broken or recalled safety seats, and will inspect your child safety seat FREE of charge.

To schedule a check of your child safety seat or if you have any questions regarding child safety seats, just call (708) 366-7125.

## **More Helpful Tips**

- Select a car seat based on your child's age, height, and weight.
- Keep your child in the car seat for as long as possible, as long as your child fits the seat's height and weight requirements.
- All children under 13 should ride in the back seat.
- Follow your car seat manufacturer's instructions and your vehicle owner's manual.



# ***Village of River Forest Police Department***

## ***Chapter II: Training***

### **Traffic Safety Training – Other**



The Illinois Truck Enforcement Association is an association designed for Police Officers who are specialized in Truck Enforcement and acts as a central resource point for the trucking industry and resources that are needed to practice truck enforcement in the most professional way possible. ITEA offers continued resources and updates to truck enforcement laws and regulations specifically designed to address weight, dimension, safety and equipment related issues and enforcement on second division vehicles operating on Illinois highways.

The River Forest Police Department has a total of **6 certified Truck Enforcement Officers** and are members of ITEA. Each officer has attended Truck Enforcement I and II which are both 40 hour certification courses through North East Multi-Regional Training (NEMERT). The River Forest Police Department utilizes (4) portable truck scales during their all year round overweight truck enforcement and actively pursue overweight, over dimension, and unsafe trucks from the public highways. Each year at the beginning of July our Certified Truck Enforcement officers conduct a truck overweight enforcement detail and strictly

#### **ILTEA Truck Officers:**

**Cmdr. Greenwood**

**Sgt. Swierczynski**

**Cpl. Bowman**

**Det. Fries**

**Ofc. Humphreys**

**Ofc. Landini**





# Village of River Forest Police Department

## Chapter II: Training

### Traffic Safety Training— Other

In 2018 Officer Humphreys and Landini also completed a 40 hour NEMERT Commercial Vehicle Safety Inspection certification training.





# Village of River Forest Police Department

## Chapter II: Training

### Traffic Safety Training— Other

In 2018, (2) of our officers attended John Reid Interviews and Interrogations certification course which will assist in the investigations of traffic crashes which can result in reckless homicide charges.



State of Illinois

## CERTIFICATE

Awarded to *Michael Fries*

by the ILLINOIS LAW ENFORCEMENT  
TRAINING AND STANDARDS BOARD

In recognition of the successful completion of the 21.00 hour course in

*John Reid Interviews And Interrogations*

at Burr Ridge Police Department

from 8/14/18 to 8/16/18

The course complies with the guidelines of the fol  
Lead Homicide

*Thomas M. Reasoner*

School Director

*W. Patrick Hartman*

Chairman of the Board



State of Illinois

## CERTIFICATE

Awarded to *Daniel Szczesny*

by the ILLINOIS LAW ENFORCEMENT  
TRAINING AND STANDARDS BOARD

In recognition of the successful completion of the 21.00 hour course in

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School Director

*W. Patrick Hartman*

Chairman of the Board

*T. B. J. J.*

Executive Director



# **Village of River Forest Police Department**

## **Chapter II: Training**

### **Traffic Safety Training— Other**

In 2018, One of our officers completed a (40) hour Basic Evidence Technician Program. The River Forest Police Department has a total now of (19) certified Evidence Technicians who handle the processing and photographing of traffic crashes.





# ***Village of River Forest Police Department***

## ***Chapter II: Training***

### **Traffic Safety Training– Other**

Officer Humphreys and Officer Landini attended a 40 Hour NEMERT basic traffic crash investigation course in 2017 and since then Officer Humphreys has joined a new multi jurisdictional Major Crash Unit that formed in 2018 to investigate and reconstruct serious and fatal accidents for surrounding jurisdictions which include, Berwyn, Cicero, Elmwood Park, Melrose Park, Forest Park, Broadview, North Riverside, Riverside, Stone Park, Oak Park, Franklin Park, Westchester, Hillside and Berkeley.

Officer Humphreys is part of an on call team to assist accident reconstructionist with the processing of scenes which include photograph, vehicle inspection, and mapping of the crime scene. Officers Humphreys attended monthly in-service training in 2018 for WESTAF Major Crash Unit (MCU) which covered a variety of training in the use of Bosch Crash Data Retrieval (CDR), TruPulse 200X Total Station, accelerometer VC4000PC. This training allowed investigators the opportunity to utilize that knowledge at traffic crash investigations in River Forest and surrounding suburbs.



#### **Traffic Crash Investigators:**

**Ofc. Humphreys**

**Ofc. Landini**

#### **MCU Investigator: 2018**

**Ofc. Humphreys**





# Village of River Forest Police Department

## Chapter II: Training

### Impaired Driver Training

In 2018, two additional officers became certified as Breath Analysis Operators. The department now has a total of 11 current certified Breath Analysis Operators.



State of Illinois

## CERTIFICATE

Awarded to *Matthew Sheehan*

by the ILLINOIS LAW ENFORCEMENT  
TRAINING AND STANDARDS BOARD

In recognition of the successful completion of the 16.00 hour course in  
*Breath Analysis For Alcohol Training*

at Orland Park Police Department

from 10/2/18 to 10/3/18

The course complies with the guideline  
Law Updates; C

School Director

Chairman of I



State of Illinois

## CERTIFICATE

Awarded to *Maxwell Ostrowski*

by the ILLINOIS LAW ENFORCEMENT  
TRAINING AND STANDARDS BOARD

In recognition of the successful completion of the 16.00 hour course in  
*Breath Analysis For Alcohol Training*

at Aurora Police Department

from 8/21/18 to 8/22/18

The course complies with the guidelines of the following mandates(s):  
Law Updates; Civil Rights

School Director

Chairman of the Board

Executive Director





# ***Village of River Forest Police Department***

## ***Chapter II: Training***

### **Alcohol Compliance Check Training**



In 2018, 12 officers from Oak Park and River Forest attended a 2 day training class to learn about Compliance checks and other strategies to reduce underage drinking. Compliance checks are conducted to service as a way to enforce state and local laws as well as to warn and educate establishments that serve or sell alcohol to persons under the age of 21.





# ***Village of River Forest Police Department***

## ***Chapter III: Incentives and Recognition***





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## Chapter III: Incentives and Recognition

### Occupant Protection Awards

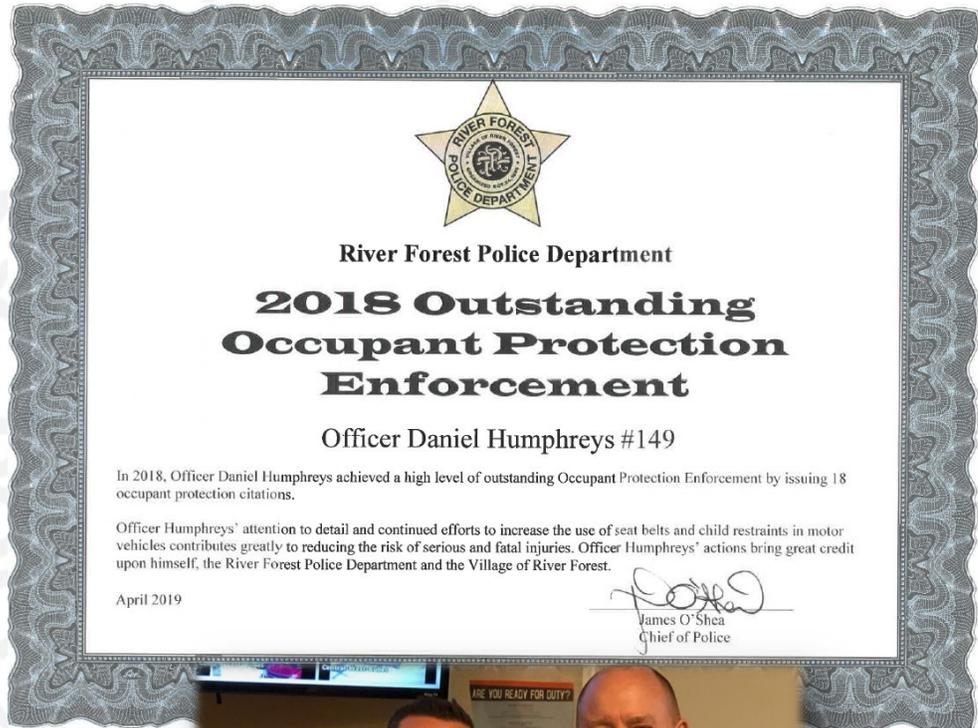
2018

Occupant Protection  
Award Recipients:

1. Ofc. Tagle-46
2. Ofc. Szczesny- 36
3. Ofc. Ostrowski- 27
4. Ofc. Sheehan- 25
5. Ofc. Humphreys-17
6. Ofc. Murillo- 14



The Chief of Police **awarded 6 officers** for their outstanding occupant protection performance for 2018. The officers were awarded a certificate during a shift change roll call.



Officer Humphreys receiving his Outstanding Occupant Protection Enforcement award



# Village of River Forest Police Department

## Chapter III: Incentives and Recognition

### Impaired Driving Awards

2018

DUI ARRESTS: 76

1. Ofc. Ostrowski -29
2. Ofc. Szczesny- 23
3. Ofc. Sheehan- 11

In September 2018, Ofc. Daniel Szczesny went to Springfield to accept a Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Hero Award for outstanding impaired driving enforcement.





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## Chapter III: Incentives and Recognition

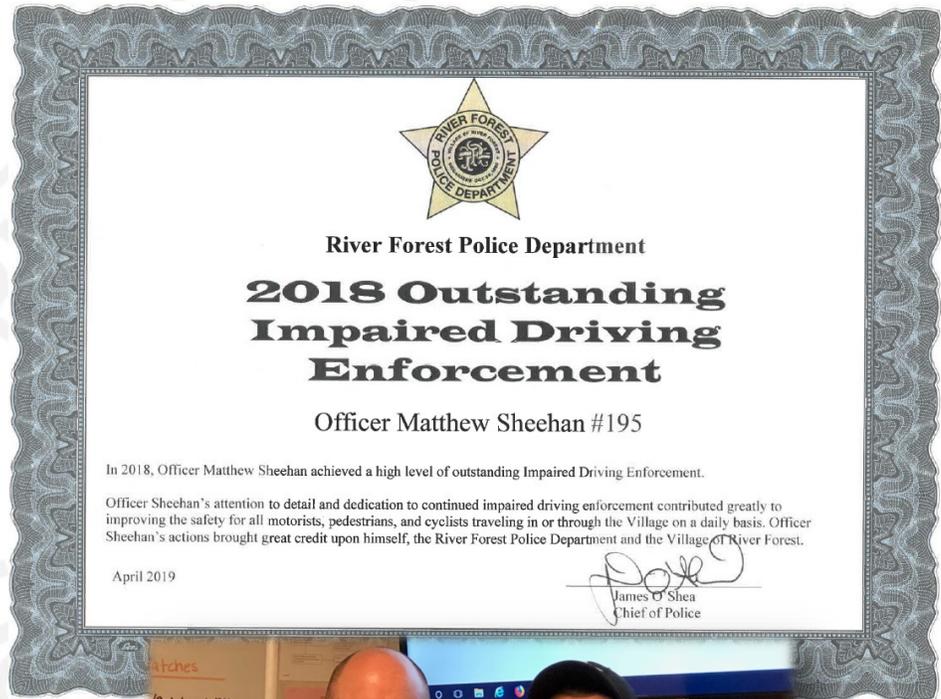
### Impaired Driving Awards

2018

Impaired Driving  
Award Recipients:

1. Ofc. Ostrowski - 29
2. Ofc. Szczesny- 23
3. Ofc. Sheehan- 11

The Chief of Police **awarded 3 officers** for their outstanding impaired driving performance for 2018. The officers were awarded a certificate during a shift change roll call.



Officer Sheehan receiving his Outstanding Impaired Driving Enforcement award for 2018





# ***Village of River Forest Police Department***

## ***Chapter III: Incentives and Recognition***

### **Officer of the Year**



#### **Village of River Forest**

March 14, 2018 · 🌐

The Village of River Forest Police Department has named Officer Dan Szczesny as the 2017 Officer of the Year. Officer Szczesny has been with the Department since 2013 and was the recipient of the same award in 2016. Additionally, he has been recognized by Mothers Against Drunk Driving the last three years for his enforcement efforts against drunk and impaired drivers. Officer Szczesny was recognized at the March 12, 2018 Village Board of Trustees meeting.





# ***Village of River Forest Police Department***

## ***Chapter III: Incentives and Recognition***

### **AAIM Award Recipients**



**Village of River Forest**

August 2, 2018 · 🌐

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River Forest Police Officers Recognized by Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM)

Each year during July, the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM) recognizes specific law enforcement officers as Top Cops in exceptional DUI enforcement. This year, River Forest police officers Daniel Szczesny, Max Ostrowski, and Corporal Peter Eberling were awarded a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of these life-saving efforts. Their continued educational and enforcement are significant deterrents to impaired driving.

The Mission of the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM) is to prevent deaths and injuries caused by intoxicated or distracted motorists and to assist impaired driving crash victims and their families in Illinois. AAIM is an Illinois-only citizen activist group founded in 1982 by victims of drunk driving. Prevention, victim advocacy, and legislation encompass the mission of AAIM, a recognized Illinois expert on these issues.

According to Chief James O'Shea, "traffic safety and community safety go hand-in-hand, the Village and police department are honored to have our officers' efforts recognized by AAIM. Officers Szczesny, Ostrowski, and Corporal Eberling are valued members of the organization and are known by the community as dedicated and well-rounded public servants."

Driving is a privilege, not a right, granted by society to those members who comply with the rules established for the good of all. The River Forest Police Department works in collaboration with the community to improve safety for all motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists who travel in or through the Village on a daily basis.

**Ofc. Szczesny**

**Ofc. Ostrowski**

**Cpl. Eberling**



# ***Village of River Forest Police Department***

## ***Chapter IV: Public Information & Education***



# Village of River Forest



## River Forest Police Department

# Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Award





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## Chapter IV: Public Information & Education

### E-NEWS RELEASE

To view current and past e-newsletters, please visit the Village website at [www.vrf.us](http://www.vrf.us)



The River Forest Police Department utilizes The Village of River Forest Facebook page as well as monthly E-Newsletters to notify residents of any IDOT traffic enforcement efforts that are going on in the Village as well as traffic and pedestrian safety tips.



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# Village of River Forest Police Department

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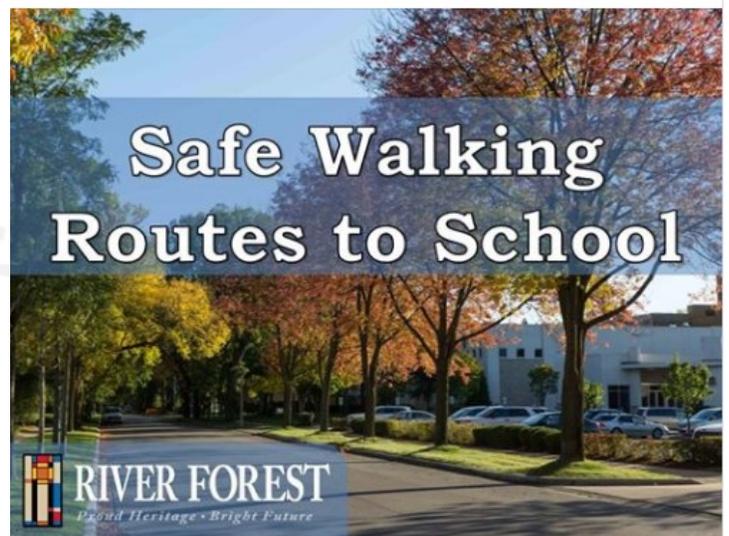
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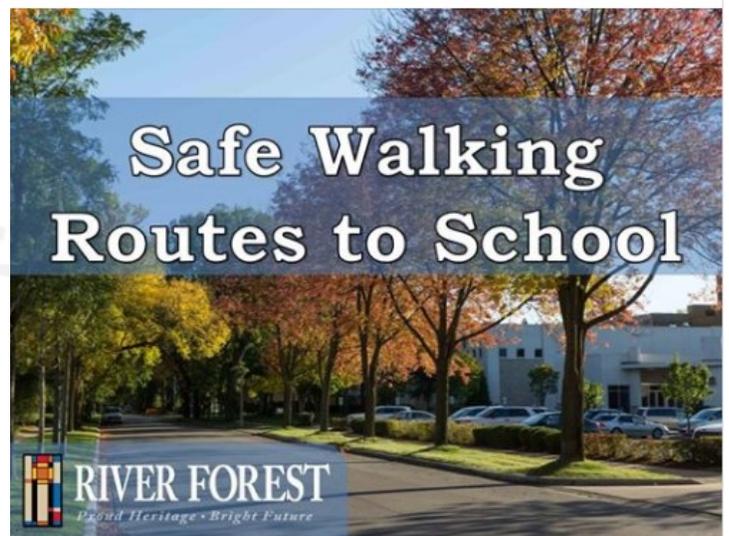
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## ***Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Award***

**REVISED DRAFT FOR DISCUSSION**

# Safe Walking Routes to School Plan

River Forest, Illinois

Kenig, Lindgren, O'Hara, Aboona, Inc, (KLOA, Inc) was retained by the Village of River Forest and River Forest Public school District 90 to recommend a system of safe walking routes to the six public and parochial primary schools in the Village of River Forest. The study also developed a street map exhibit illustrating the recommended routes to the schools.

As part of this study families who attend the public and private schools in River Forest were asked to fill out a survey addressing their concerns over safe walking routes to schools.

The study had identified several measures that can be implemented by the Village of River Forest to enhance safety at the recommended street crossings along the school walking routes, including traffic control modifications, crosswalk marking installing's and pedestrian crossing signage.

## **SCHOOLS STUDIED**

### **District 90 Public Schools**

- Roosevelt Middle School
- Lincoln Elementary School
- Willard Elementary School

### **Parochial Schools**

- Grace Lutheran School
- St. Luke Parish School
- St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Elementary School



# ***Village of River Forest Police Department***

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### **Recommendations**

The study made several recommendations to enhance the safety on the routes, including upgraded traffic control and increased visibility of the street crossings. Traffic control upgrades include installing stop signs where no traffic control signs exist or where yield signs exist, reversing the directionality of the two-way stop control, converting one-way or two-way stop control to all-way stop control, and implementing measures to increase the visibility of existing signs. The street crossing improvements include installing high visibility (ladder-style) crosswalks where no crosswalks exist, replacing transverse (parallel-line) crosswalks with more visible ladder-style markings, and installing school or pedestrian crossing signage. Many of these recommendations address comments and concerns expressed by survey respondents.

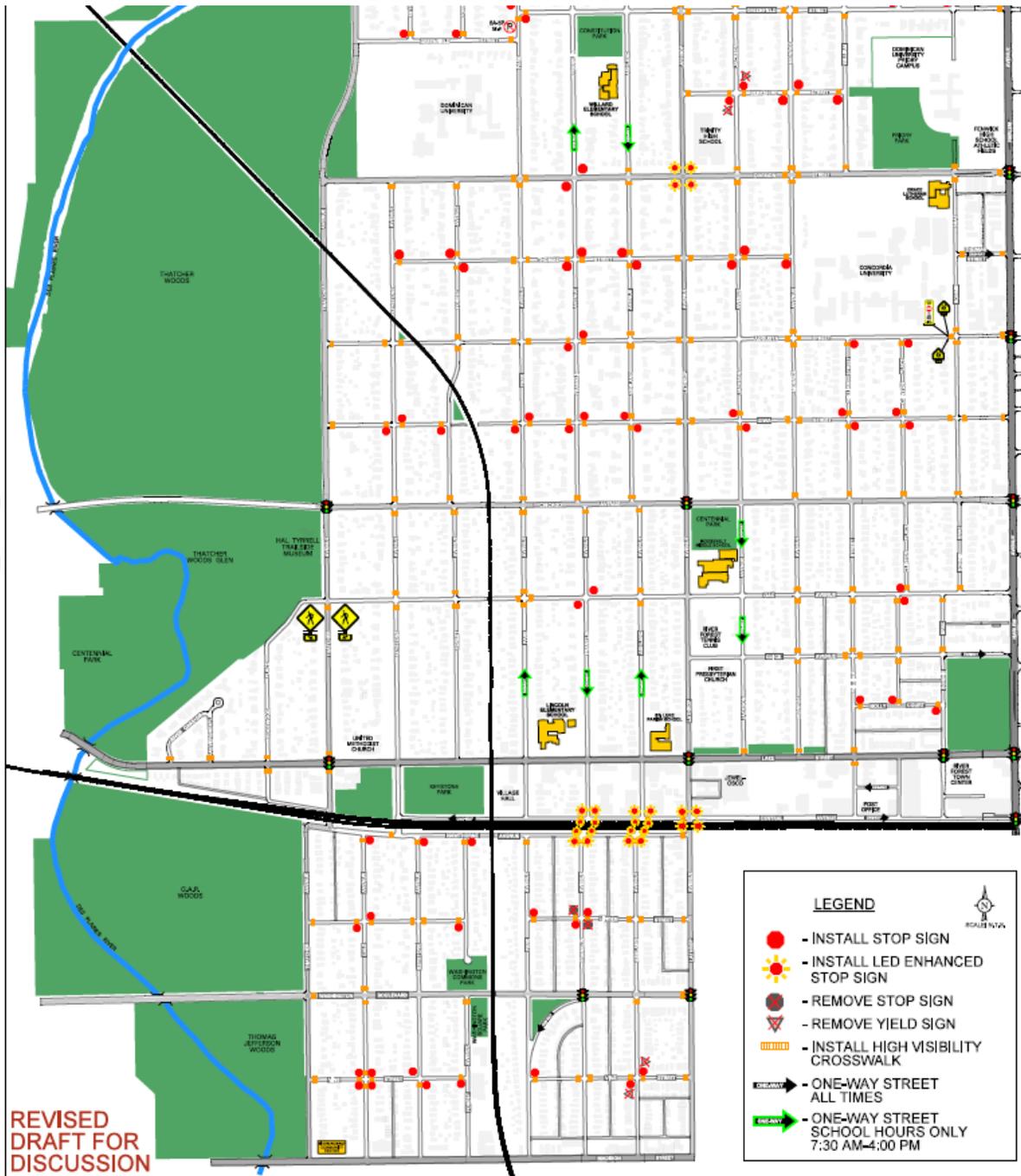
- ◆ **61 intersections** throughout River Forest were recommended to replace existing transverse crosswalks with high-visibility crosswalk
- ◆ **164 unmarked intersections** were recommended to have the installation of new high visibility (ladder-Style) crosswalks

The study also identified three locations where crossing guards could be removed in place of other alternatives to address student safety and two new locations for posting of a crossing guard.



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### RIVER FOREST SCHOOLS – RECOMMENDED STREET IMPROVEMENTS

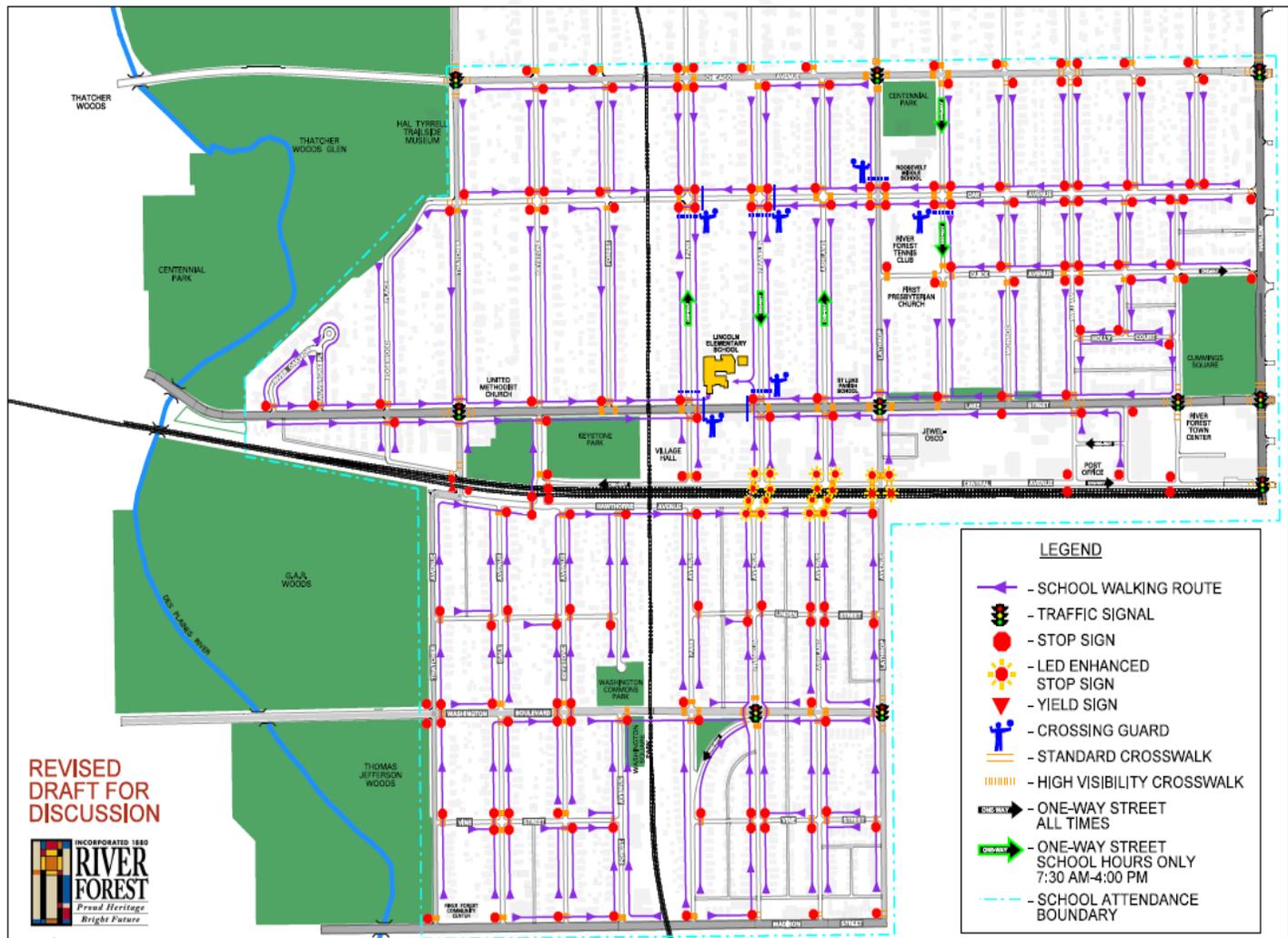


# Village of River Forest Police Department

## Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Award

### Lincoln Elementary School

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**LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - SAFE WALKING ROUTES TO SCHOOL**

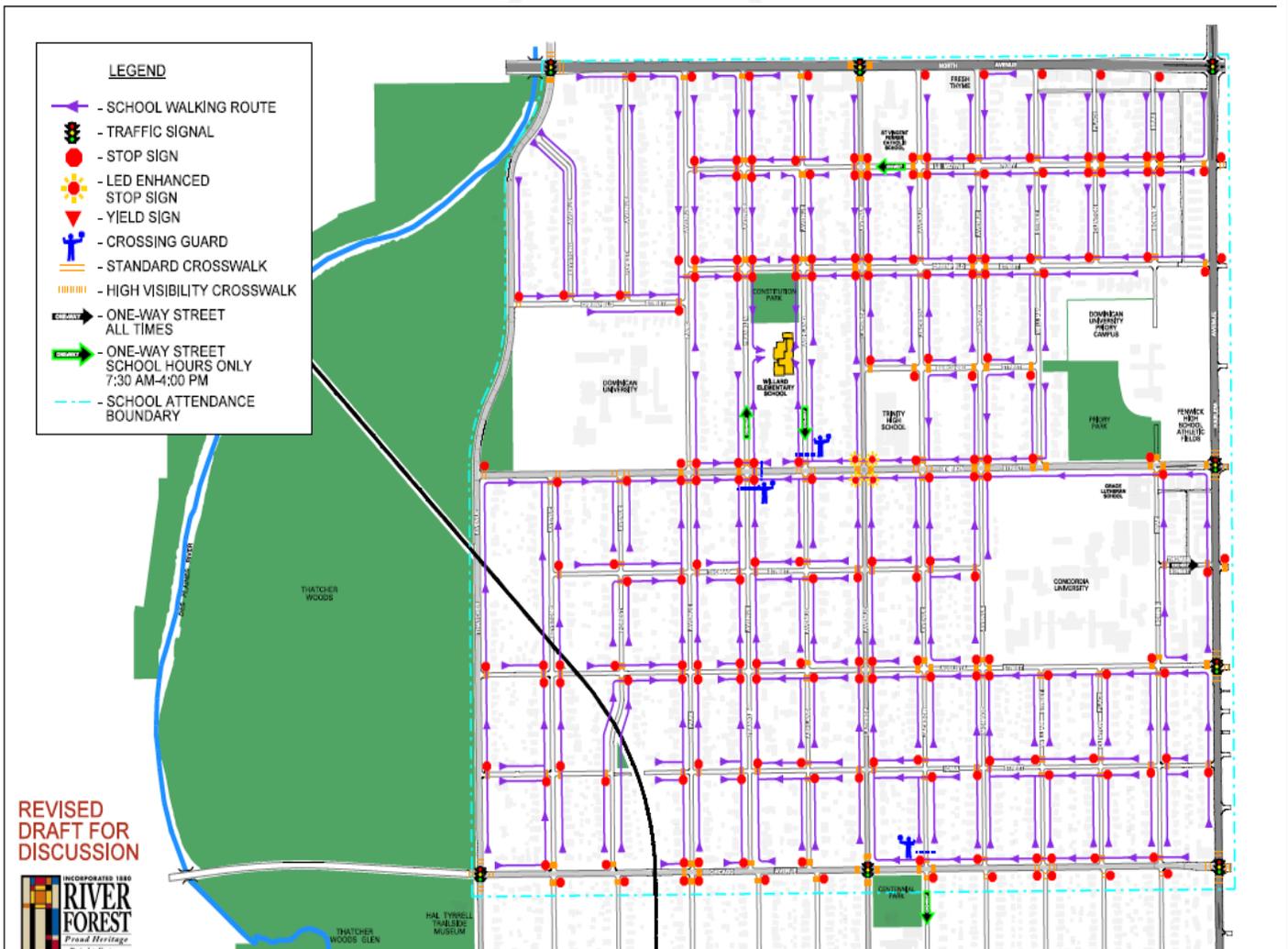


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### Willard Elementary School

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**WILLARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - SAFE WALKING ROUTES TO SCHOOL**

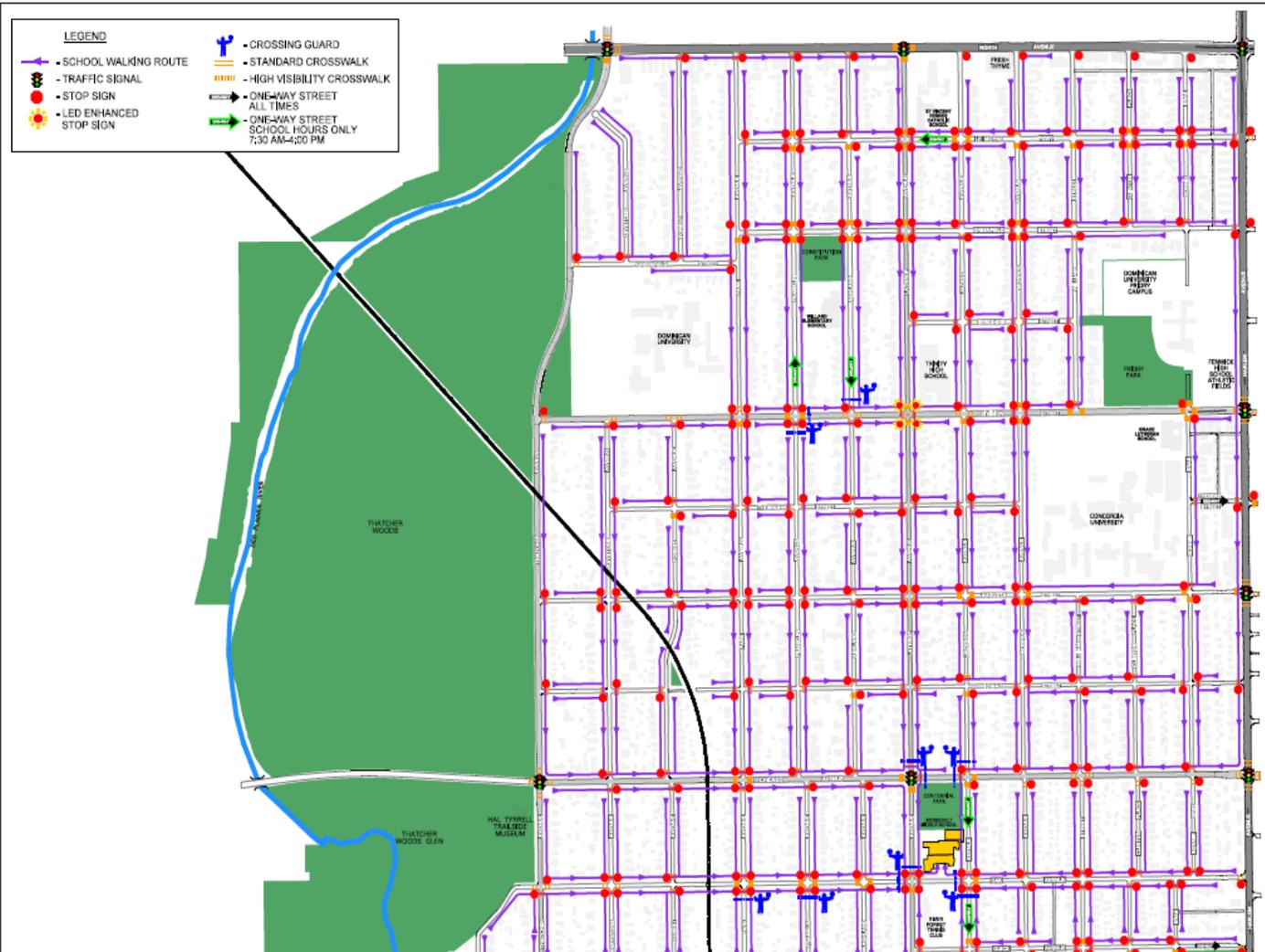


# Village of River Forest Police Department

## Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Award

### Roosevelt Middle School (North)

A comprehensive street map showing the safe routes to each public school is shown below with changes and recommendations at each intersection where traffic control devices and crosswalks be installed.



**ROOSEVELT MIDDLE SCHOOL (NORTH) – SAFE WALKING ROUTES TO**



# Village of River Forest Police Department

## Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Award

### Roosevelt Middle School (South)

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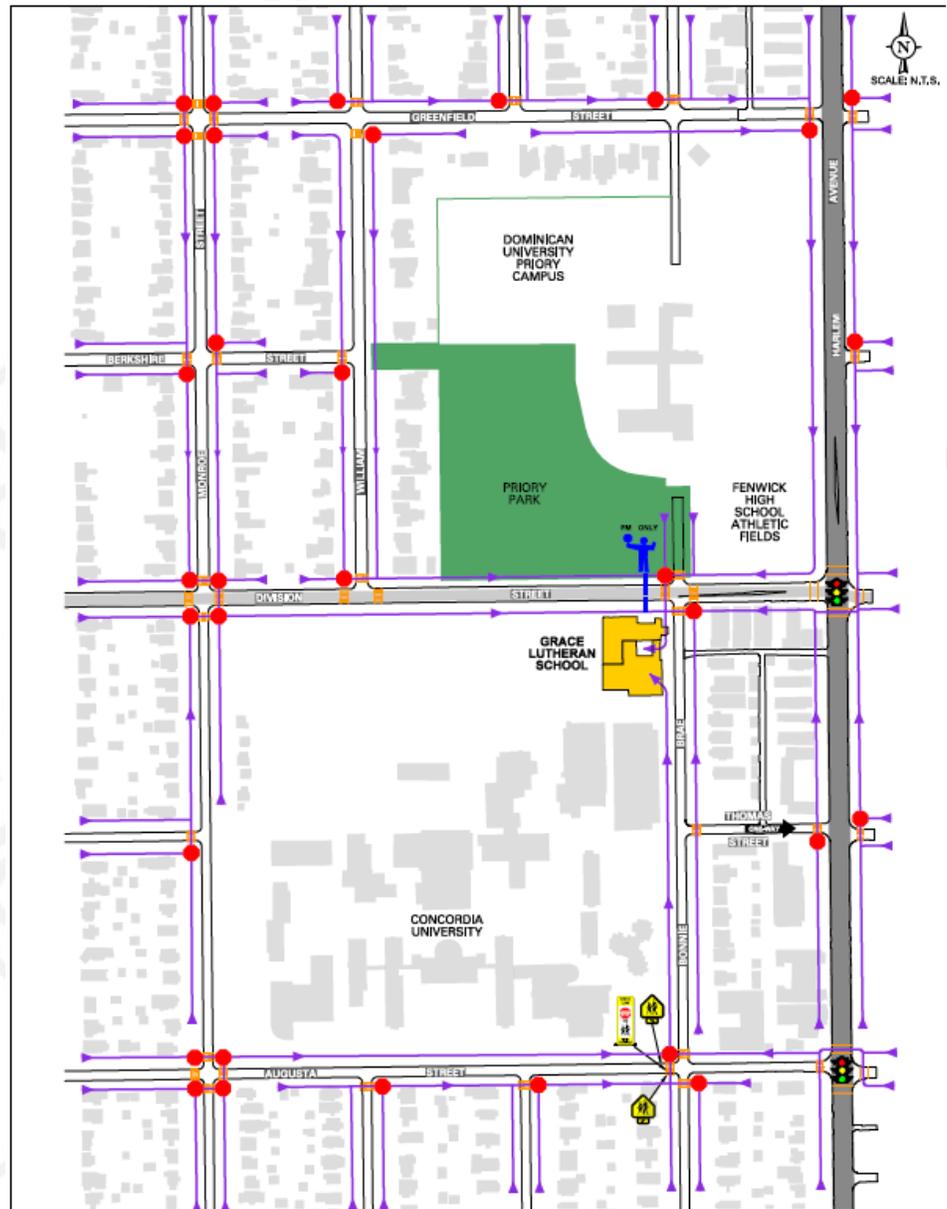


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### Grace Lutheran School

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	STOP SIGN
	CROSSING GUARD
	STANDARD CROSSWALK
	HIGH VISIBILITY CROSSWALK
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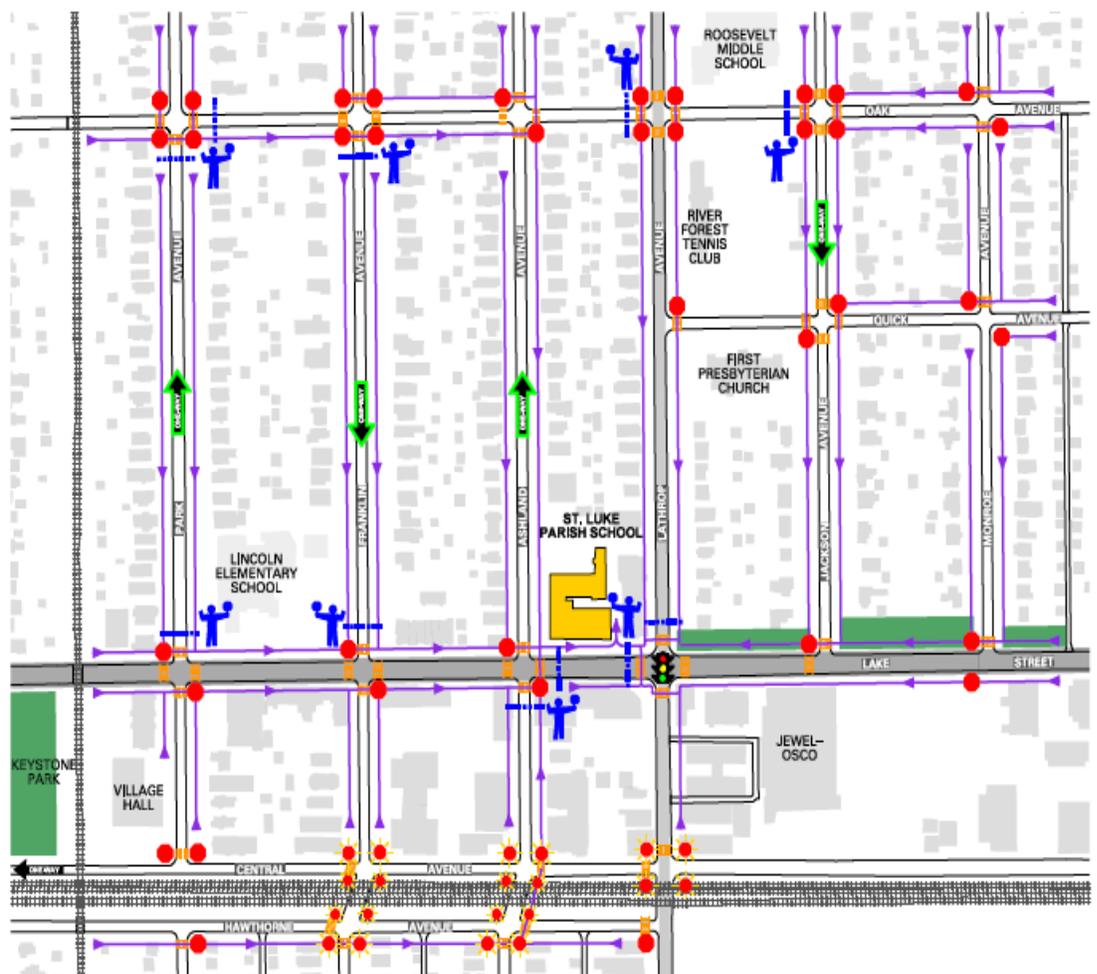
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## Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Award

### St. Luke Parish School

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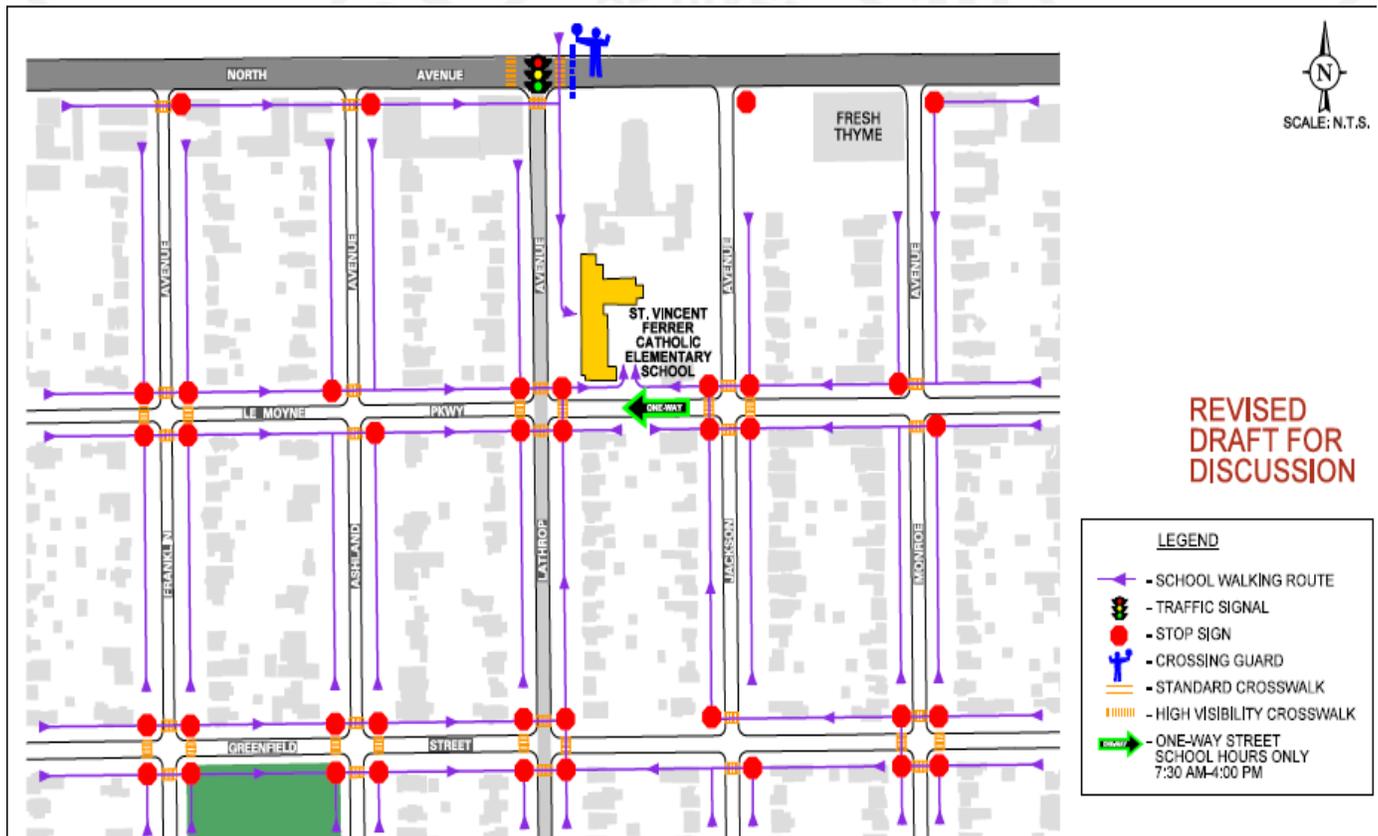
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## St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Elementary School

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# ***Village of River Forest Police Department***

## ***Chapter IV: Public Information & Education***

In October of 2018, Ofc. Czernik went to our local schools and taught students best habits in areas such as car safety, bicycle safety, and crossing the street safely. Students are taught where and when to cross streets using crosswalks and that Crossing guards are advising students to walk their bikes across streets. They are reminded to always wear their helmets for safety, because it's a local ordinance, and because they can be rewarded through Operation Chill whenever a Police Officer observes them wearing their helmet.





# Village of River Forest Police Department

## Chapter IV: Public Information & Education

### Rail Safety Week September 23–29, 2018

The River Forest Police Department took part in Rail Safety Week and educated commuters on safety around the tracks and trains by handing out brochures and pamphlets at the train station.

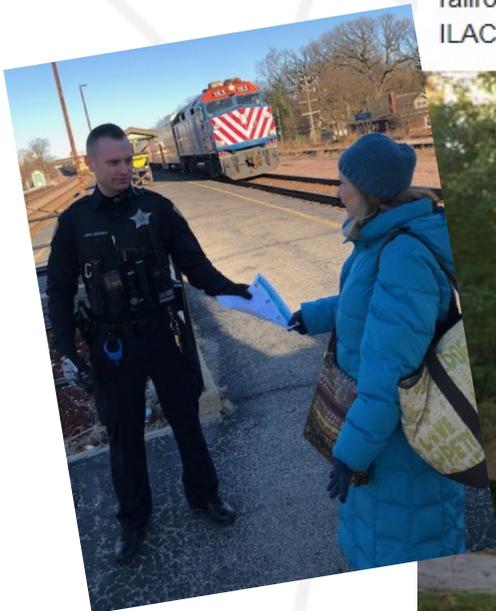


Village of River Forest

September 24, 2018 · 🌐

Rail Safety Week - The Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, Partnering with Metra, is Coordinating the 5th Annual Illinois Rail Safety Week

The Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police (ILACP) has asked the Governor of the State of Illinois to declare September 23rd to 29th as Illinois Rail Safety Week in order to promote vehicle and pedestrian safety around railroad tracks and trains. Governor Rauner issued a proclamation and the ILACP is coordinating the fifth, statew... See More





# ***Village of River Forest Police Department***

## ***Chapter IV: Public Information & Education***

Each year during the start of the school year the Village and Police Department sent out reminders to residents and motorists traveling through the Village that the school year is back in session. We remind them to pay attention by obeying school speed zones and be alert for an increase in pedestrian traffic around the schools. The River Forest Police Department also increases their presences around the schools and conducts special School Enforcement during this time.



**Village of River Forest**

August 21, 2018 · 🌐

Back to School Reminders from the River Forest Police Department

School is back in session in River Forest! Please help keep our community safe by obeying school zone speed limits, never texting and driving, obeying crossing guards, yielding to pedestrians in crosswalks, remembering one-way streets on school days, and checking parking restrictions near schools.

Click here for details: <https://www.vrf.us/news/item/141>

The Village wishes everyone a great school year!





# Village of River Forest Police Department

## Chapter IV: Public Information & Education



In 2018, The Police Department sent out a notice via Facebook educating the public about the dangers of speeding and that officers would be out during speed awareness week aggressively enforcing speed limit violations.



Village of River Forest

July 19, 2018 · 🌐

River Forest Police Join Forces with Agencies Statewide for 2018 Illinois Speed Awareness Day Campaign

During Illinois Speed Awareness Day this July 25th, the River Forest Police Department is taking a proactive approach to promote safety for motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists through both education and enforcement. In Illinois during 2016, speed was the reason for 34.2% of all fatal crashes. That's 369 deaths for the year, or one life every 23.7 hours. These lives can be easily saved by being aware of our speed and understanding how speeding impacts a crash.

In residential areas, speeding can have the following consequences:

- When a pedestrian is hit by a car at 20 MPH there is a 10% likelihood of being killed, at a speed of 30 MPH the percentage increases to a 50% likelihood of being killed.
- The higher the speed at impact, the more severe the injuries sustained.
- 37% of the speed-related crashes result in injuries.
- When speeding there is a greater chance that other road users will misjudge how fast you are traveling.
- Speeding extends the distance required to stop a vehicle in emergency situations.
- Speeding reduces a driver's ability to navigate safely around curves or objects in the roadway.

Let's all do our part by taking a proactive approach to prevent fatalities and reduce injuries on the roadways by being aware of our speed and obeying the speed limit signs ALL the time. If you would like more information about Illinois Speed Awareness Day, please visit [www.illinoisspeedawarenessday.org](http://www.illinoisspeedawarenessday.org).

Click here for the press release:

[https://www.vrf.us/uploa.../documents/news/press\\_release.pdf](https://www.vrf.us/uploa.../documents/news/press_release.pdf)





# ***Village of River Forest Police Department***

## ***Chapter IV: Public Information & Education***

### **Junior Citizens Police Academy 7/16/18 - 7/20/18**

Each year the River Forest Police Department puts on a Junior Citizens Police Academy which is a free program for River Forest and surrounding area kids between the ages of 10-15. During the academy, kids participate in a variety of different education based activities. One of these activities involves kids putting on the “drunk goggles” to demonstrate the difficulties of performing tasks while under the influence of alcohol and the dangers of getting behind the wheel of vehicle. The academy also covers pedestrian and bicycle safety tips while traveling throughout the Village.





# Village of River Forest Police Department

## Chapter IV: Public Information & Education



Village of River Forest

June 8, 2018 · 🌐

Operation Chill is in effect

The River Forest Police Department has again partnered with 7-11 to reward good citizenship by youth in River Forest through the Operation Chill program. Now in its 23rd year, Operation Chill is a program in which police throughout the US are provided with coupons for free Slurpees from 7-11, to be given to youth in the community. RFPD has been a part of the program for over a decade, and primarily uses coupons to reward kids wearing helmets while riding their bicycles in the village. During bike safety assemblies, kids are taught that they should always wear their helmets for safety and to comply with village ordinance, but that they may receive a free Slurpee as an added bonus. At their discretion, RFPD officers may also use the coupons to reward kids for other good deeds.

According to 7-11, Operation Chill has grown to include more than 1,000 local law enforcement agencies in the United States and Canada. Nearly 21 million coupons have been distributed to officers on the beat in cities and towns where 7 Eleven does business. #OperationChill 7-Eleven Slurpee



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# **Village of River Forest Police Department**

## **Chapter IV: Public Information & Education**

In 2018, the River Forest Police Department makes every effort to ensure safe driving during road detours and street closures by notifying the General Public and providing alternative routes. We also remind motorists to slow down in construction zones.



**Village of River Forest**

April 16, 2018 · 🌐

Road Detour – Union Pacific Railroad

The Union Pacific Railroad will be continuing construction near the Des Plaines River for at least the next two months. During this time, Union Pacific has closed 1st Avenue between Lake Street and Washington Boulevard. Due to this closure, IDOT has rerouted 1st Avenue north and southbound traffic along Roosevelt Road and North Avenue to Harlem Avenue. While these detour routes were intended to direct traffic to other IDOT maintained roads... [See More](#)





# Village of River Forest Police Department

## Chapter IV: Public Information & Education



### VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST E-NEWS

#### WINTER DRIVING TIPS

Posted in the December 2018 E-newsletter



#### Tips for driving in snowy or cold conditions

- **Slow down.** Even if you have all-wheel drive, slippery conditions will reduce your ability to stop, and the faster you are traveling the longer it will take you to stop.
- **Beware of black ice.** Black ice is so dangerous because it can be hard to see, but you can anticipate it on bridges, in the shadows of tall buildings, and near intersections. In bad weather, give yourself even more time and distance to stop for intersections.
- **Avoid tailgating.** Leave as much room as you can between yourself and the car in front of you to stop in case that person brakes suddenly.
- **Don't brake during a turn.** Slow down ahead of time and take your foot off the brake in order to coast through the turn.
- **Turn into a skid.** Remain calm, take your foot off the brake and the gas pedals, and turn the car in the direction the car is skidding. For example, if sliding to the left, gently turn the steering wheel to the left. This cancels out the skid. The car corrects itself and goes straight.
- **Accident reporting.** If you are involved in an accident on a public way, you may call 911 to report the accident. If there are no injuries and all cars involved are drivable, you may be instructed to drive to the nearest police station in the jurisdiction to complete the report. Remember that if weather conditions contributed to your accident, there is a chance that those same conditions may contribute to additional accidents nearby. If safe to do so, you may move your car out of a dangerous location. If you are unable to move your vehicle, remain inside with your seatbelt on.
- **Just don't drive.** The best way to be safe during inclement weather is to simply avoid driving if possible. Be aware of weather advisories and alerts and plan ahead in order to ensure you are not on the road.



# Village of River Forest Police Department

## Chapter IV: Public Information & Education



### VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST E-NEWS

Village E-newsletter  
October 2018

#### Message from the River Forest Police Department

Safety for pedestrian and cyclist traffic on Village streets and sidewalks is important. Please keep these tips in mind:

- When walking or riding a bicycle on a sidewalk or along a crosswalk, the bicyclist should obey all pedestrian signs and signals
- Bicyclists must yield the right of way to pedestrians on sidewalks or crosswalks. They should slow down and go around pedestrians when possible.
- When approaching a pedestrian from behind, the bicyclist should slow down and give an audible signal to alert the pedestrian of his/her presence before passing.
- It's always best to walk on sidewalks or paths and cross at street corners using crosswalks.
- When cycling in the roadway, ride to the RIGHT (with traffic).
- Cyclists in the roadway must obey the same "rules of the road" as motor vehicles, such as signaling turns, obeying traffic control devices, and right of way.
- Avoid wearing dark clothing when cycling, skating or jogging at night. Wear bright clothing, with reflective elements if possible.
- When cycling at night, state law requires bikes have a front light (white, visible at 500 feet) and a red reflector in the rear. River Forest Police Department recommends also using a red light attached to the rear.

- When cycling, always wear a helmet!
- Please notify the River Forest Police Department of any suspicious behavior or circumstances you may see. If you are being followed or harassed, move to a safe location and call 911.

Please contact Officer Czernik with questions at (708) 714-3543 or by email.





# Village of River Forest Police Department

## Chapter IV: Public Information & Education



### VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST E-NEWS

Village E-newsletter  
July 2018

## Summer Safety from the River Forest Police Department

### Bike Safety

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Children may be awarded a coupon for a free Slurpee® by an RFPD officer if they are observed wearing a helmet while riding their bike. This is made possible by a partnership with 7-11 called "Operation Chill"—one which RFPD has participated in for over 10 years.

### Driving Safety

RFPD will be partnering this summer with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to reduce injuries and deaths due to traffic collisions. Throughout the summer, RFPD will conduct several traffic safety missions by increasing enforcement and specifically focusing on violations most likely lead to accidents or injuries. In order to stay safe remember the following:

- Always wear your seatbelt while driving—"Click It or Ticket".
- All use of electronic devices must be "hands free" while driving—"Drop It and Drive".
- Do not drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs – "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over".





# Village of River Forest Police Department

## Chapter IV: Public Information & Education



### VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST E-NEWS

Village E-newsletter

May 2018



### Bike Helmets

All children under the age of 16 must wear a helmet while riding a bike in River Forest. Per village ordinance 9-4-8, "Every person under the age of sixteen years shall wear a properly fitted and fastened protective helmet that meets the standards promulgated by the American National Standards Institute, the American Society for Testing Materials and/or the Snell Memorial Foundation, Inc., whenever that person is: 1) riding or being carried on any bicycle or any carrier attached to or pulled by a bicycle upon any public street, sidewalk or bicycle path; and 2) riding a motorized scooter or motorized skateboard (neither of which are eligible to be licensed under the Illinois vehicle code) upon any public sidewalk."

During annual assemblies and classes at the elementary and middle schools, students are reminded of the ordinance and also the physical dangers of riding without a helmet. Finally, as an added incentive, students are told that they may be awarded a coupon for a free Slurpee® by an RFPD officer if they are observed wearing a helmet while riding their bike. RFPD has partnered with 7-11 for "Operation Chill" for over 10 years and are pleased to announce that we have again partnered together to provide the free Slurpee® coupons to children wearing their helmets while riding their bikes in 2018.





# **Village of River Forest Police Department**

## **Chapter IV: Public Information & Education**



### VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST E-NEWS

Village E-newsletter  
May 2018



### **Railroad Property**

Per Illinois State law (625 ILCS 5/18c-7503), it is illegal for anyone to be upon railroad property (which includes the rails, embankments, bridges and access roads) unless using it for a legitimate purpose such as fare-paying passengers waiting on a platform or crossing it at a designated location like sidewalks and

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public streets. River Forest has two railways that intersect our town; Union Pacific which runs East-West south of Central Ave, and Canadian National which runs North-South from the 7800 Block of Madison to the 1100 Block of Thatcher. Not only is it unlawful to be upon either of these railways but it is also very dangerous. Due to the sporadic, low-volume of traffic on the Canadian National tracks, some people mistakenly believe that they are "abandoned" or not in use but they are.



# ***Village of River Forest Police Department***

## ***Chapter IV: Public Information & Education***



### **VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST E-NEWS**

Village E-newsletter  
April 2018

## **Message from the River Forest Police Department**

With spring here and summer approaching, there will be an increase of pedestrian and cyclist traffic on our streets and sidewalks. Please keep these tips in mind:

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- Please notify the River Forest Police Department of any suspicious behavior or circumstances you may see. If you are being followed or harassed, move to a safe location and call 911.



With these tips, we hope everyone will be able to have a safe and enjoyable summer! Please contact Officer Czernik with questions at (708) 714-3543 or [by email](#).



# ***Village of River Forest Police Department***

## ***Chapter V: Enforcement Activity***





# Village of River Forest Police Department

## Chapter V: Enforcement Activity

### Speed Enforcement

The River Forest Police Department utilizes a variety of different devices to assist with traffic enforcement. Each squad is equipped with a multi-directional moving and stationary radar device. Each officer also has access to (2) Stalker II handheld radar devices for optimal speed enforcement. The department also utilizes and deploys (2) message/speed trailers which are placed in areas throughout the Village where there has been increases in traffic complaints and/or accidents. These speed trailers have the capability to collect data which is then analyzed by the traffic unit. Based upon the data officers then concentrate their efforts during those days and times where high rates of speed are observed.





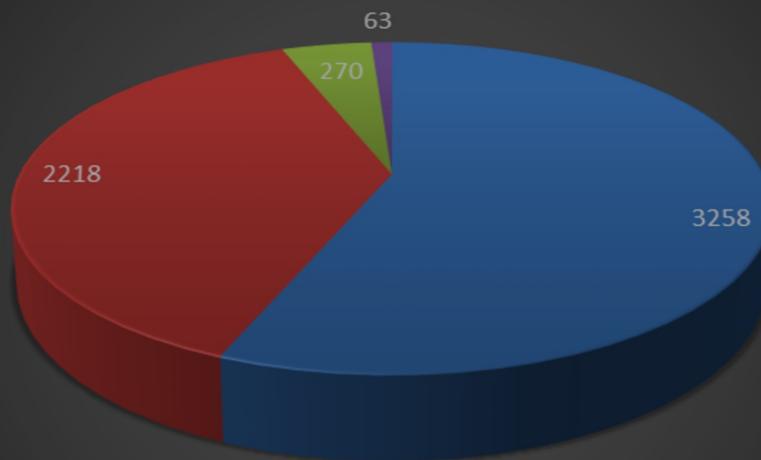
# Village of River Forest Police Department

## Chapter V: Enforcement Activity

### Traffic Stops- 2018

The River Forest Police Department Patrol Division and Traffic Unit made a total of **5,809** traffic stops. **270** of the stops resulted in a **traffic arrest**, **63** resulted in a **DUI arrest**. Of the 5,809 traffic stops, **3,258 warnings** were given while **2,218** of the traffic stops **resulted in a citation**.

2018 Traffic Stops



■ Warnings ■ Citations ■ Traffic arrest ■ DUI



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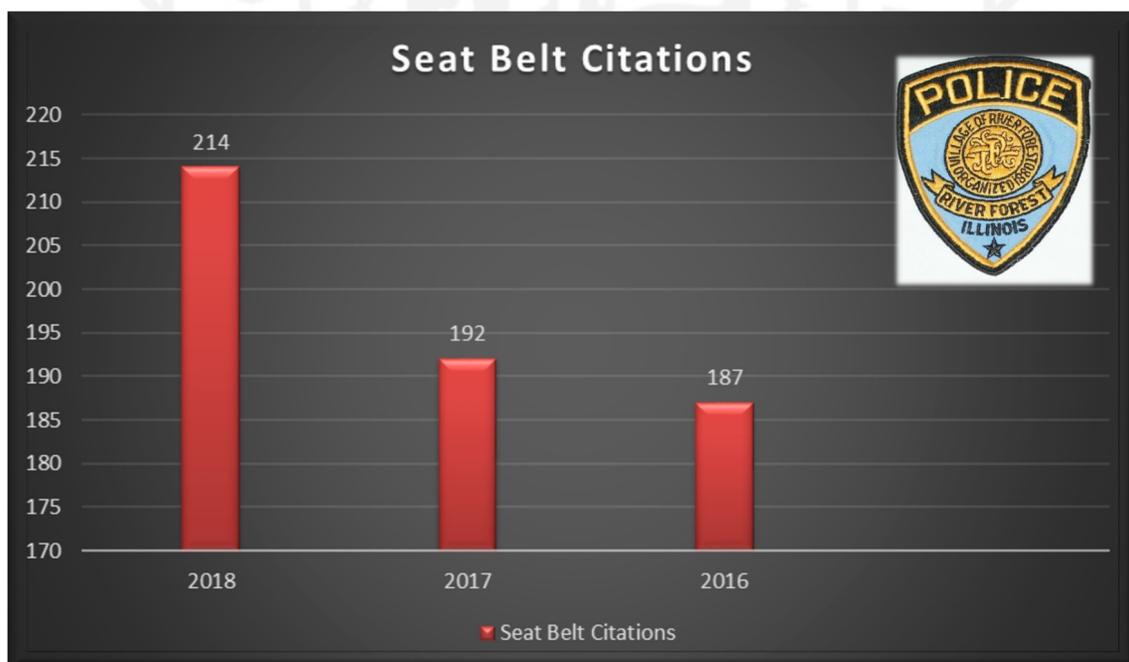
## Chapter V: Enforcement Activity

### Occupant Protection

The River Forest Police Department participates in the IDOT STEP grant that focuses on occupant protection and Impaired driving. Officers run details throughout the Village and in **2018 our officers issued a total of 214** occupant protection citations for seat belt/child restraint violations.



- ◆ In 2017 officers issued 192 safety seat belt citations
- ◆ In 2016 officers issued 187 safety seat belt citations





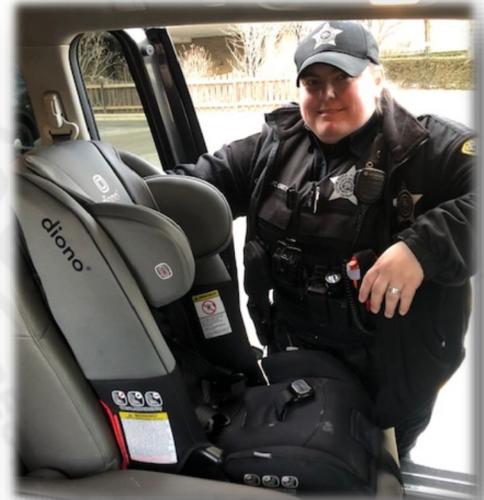
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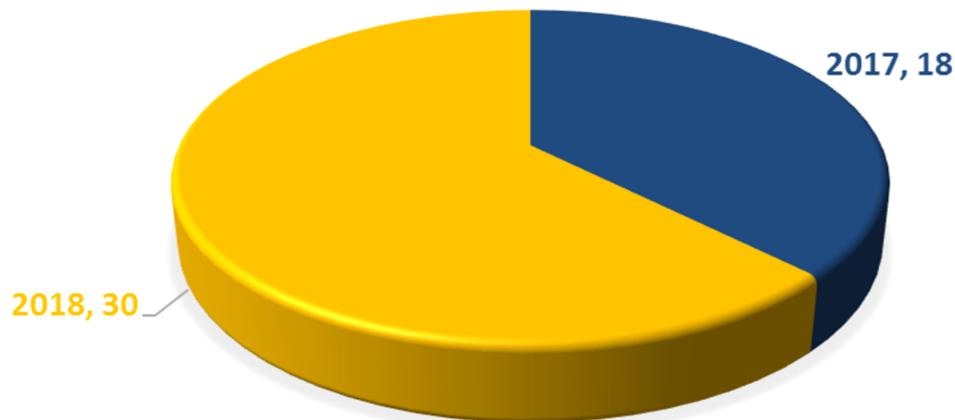
### Occupant Protection—Child Safety Seat

- ◆ In **2017** our certified Child Safety Seat officers installed **18** child safety seats
- ◆ In **2018** our officers installed **30** child safety seats

Our (6) certified child safety seat officers handle all appointments for any resident who wishes to have their child safety seat inspected and installed. Not only do our officers ensure proper fit but they also educate the resident on proper installation and ensure they are comfortable installing by themselves.



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### Speed Awareness Day

The River Forest Police Department participated in the 2018 Speed Awareness day . The effort was successful with a total of 44 Tickets being issued. Also during the 24 hour event, an officer arrested a driver for speeding more than 35 MPH over the limit as the driver was tracked on radar traveling 70 MPH in a 30 MPH zone on North Ave.

Event Summary	Midnights	Days	3-11	Total
Speeding	5	11	3	19
Speeding Warning	0	1	5	6
Speeding 26+	0	1	0	1
Speeding 35+	1	0	0	1
Seatbelt	0	0	1	1
DWLS	0	0	1	1
Other	6	7	8	21
Other Warning	4	1	10	15
Flyers	14	20	21	55
<b>Total Tickets</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Total Warnings</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>21</b>

Midnight Shift	Speeding	Speed Warn.	Speeding 26+	Speeding 35+	Seatbelt	DWLS	Other	Other Warning	Flyers
Buckner	1						2	1	3
Ostrowski	2			1			3	2	7
Carroll	2						1	1	4
<b>Shift Totals</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>14</b>

Day Shift	Speeding	Speed Warn.	Speeding 26+	Speeding 35+	Seatbelt	DWLS	Other	Other Warning	Flyers
Pluto ½	2	1							3
Carroll ½	1						3	1	4
Murillo	1						2		3
Cromley							1		1
Humphreys	7		1				1		9
<b>Shift Totals</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>20</b>

3-11 Shift	Speeding	Speed Warn.	Speeding 26+	Speeding 35+	Seatbelt	DWLS	Other	Other Warning	Flyers
Pluto		1					2	2	4
Heneghan/Eberling	1	2					1	5	9
Tagle	1				1		2	3	4
Cassidy	1	2				1	3		4
<b>Shift Totals</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>21</b>



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### Rail Safety Week

The River Forest Police Department took part in Rail Safety Week which took place **September 23rd through the 29th 2018**. The purpose of Rail safety week is to educate the public and motorists about rail crossings both as pedestrians and motorists. During this week, the River Forest Police Department **posted 25 rail safety posters** in public places throughout the Village as well as handed out **100 posters** to commuters at our Metra Station, promoting safety around the Station and at all railroad crossings.

Ofc. Czernik also conducted **16 presentations** at the local schools talking about the railroad crossing gates and the dangers of playing on the railroad tracks.



Ofc. Cassidy handing out posters to Metra commuters on the platform



One of many posters that were posted and handed out



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### IDOT Grant Enforcement

The River Forest Police Department takes part in numerous IDOT funding enforcement efforts throughout the year which focus on reducing fatalities and serious injuries on Illinois roadways. The enforcement efforts are held around holidays and address impaired driving, occupant protection and speed violations. In 2018, The River Forest Police Department participated in (6) different campaigns including, St. Patrick's Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor day, Thanksgiving and Christmas/New Years.

Campaign	DUI	DUI	DUI SAT	Day OP	Day OP	Night OP	Night OP	Day	Night
	Hrs	Act Hrs	# Stop	Act Hrs	# Stop	Act Hrs	# stop	Tot Cit	Tot Cit
Halloween								0	0
Thanksgiving				12.00	13	8.00	8	15	9
Christmas/New Years				8.75	7	8.00	8	6	14
Super Bowl								0	0
St. Patrick's Day	5.50	3.50	12	12.00	15			17	17
Memorial Day				12.00	25	4.00	7	26	7
4th of July	5.00	5.00	5	12.00	13	6.50	5	16	12
Labor Day						12.00	12	0	14
Total Campaign	10.50	8.50	17	56.75	73	38.50	40	80	73
Total Additional	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0
Grant Total	10.50	8.50	17	56.75	73	38.50	40	80	73

2018 Campaign Totals



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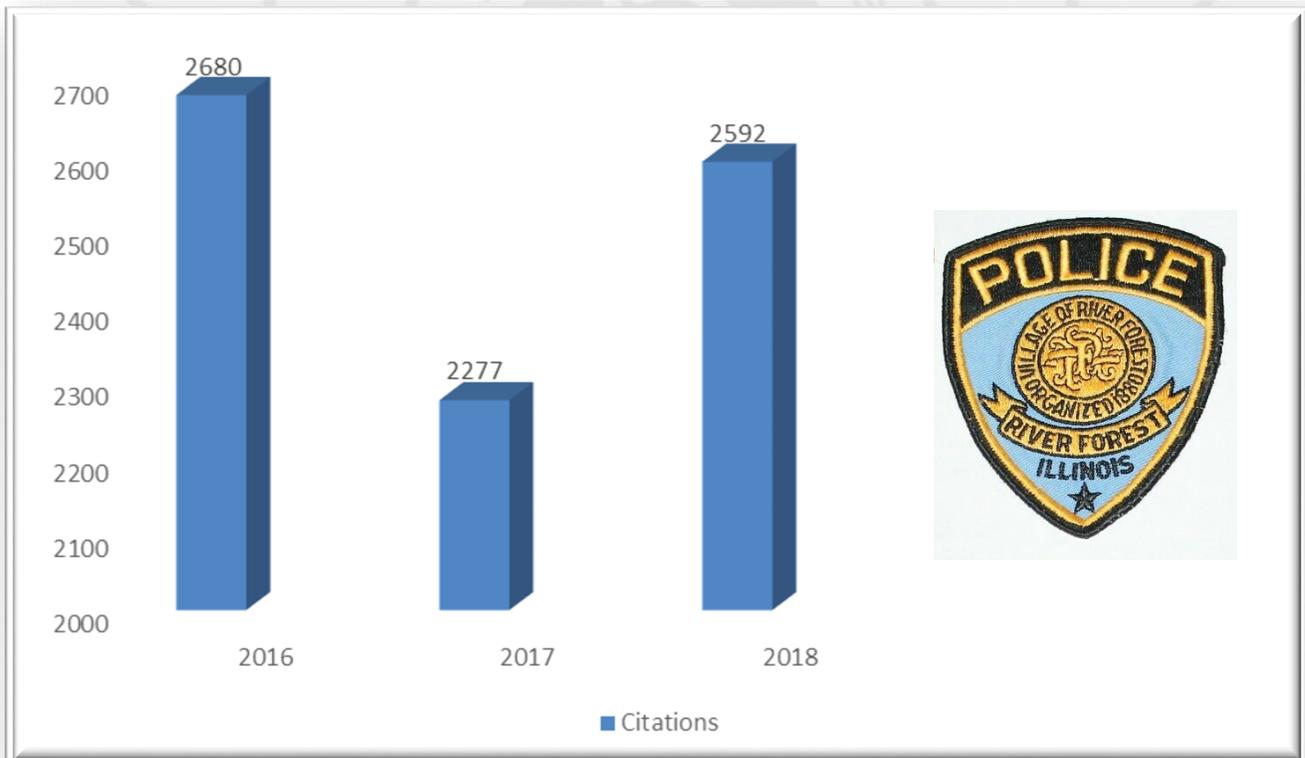
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### Overall Citations

The River Forest Police Department tracks and records overall citations issued for the year and not always into specific categories. The Police Department is looking to track citations issued in the categories of Speed and distracted driving in the future.

- ◆ **12.94% increase in citations issued from 2017 to 2018**





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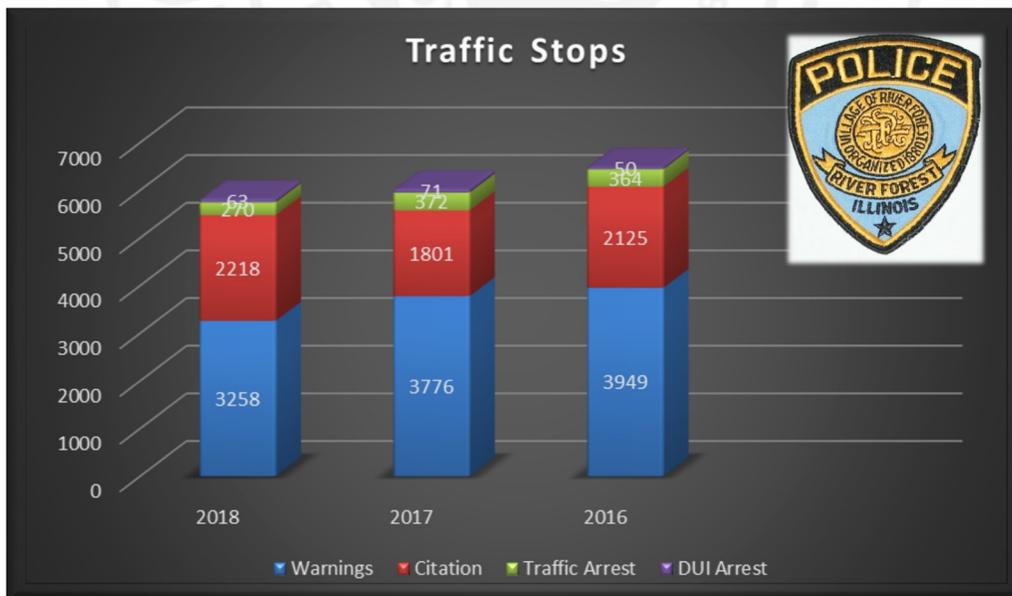
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### Traffic Stops (Last 3 Years)

This data shows there has been a slight decrease in the amount of traffic stops over the past 3 years but the overall number of **warnings** has **decreased** and the amount of **citations** has **increased** in 2018. The Police Department began taking a more aggressive approach focused on enforcing various IVC violations including speed and seat belt violations which contributed to officers issuing more citations and less warnings.

- ◆ 13.7% decrease in warnings issued from 2017 to 2018
- ◆ 23% increase in traffic stops resulting in citation(s) being issued from 2017 to 2018
- ◆ 3.5% decrease in overall traffic stops from 2017 to 2018

	<u>Warnings</u>	<u>Citation</u>	<u>Traffic Arrest</u>	<u>DUI Arrest</u>	<u>Total Traffic Stops</u>
<b>2018</b>	<b>3258</b>	<b>2218</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>5809</b>
<b>2017</b>	<b>3776</b>	<b>1801</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>6020</b>
<b>2016</b>	<b>3949</b>	<b>2125</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>6488</b>





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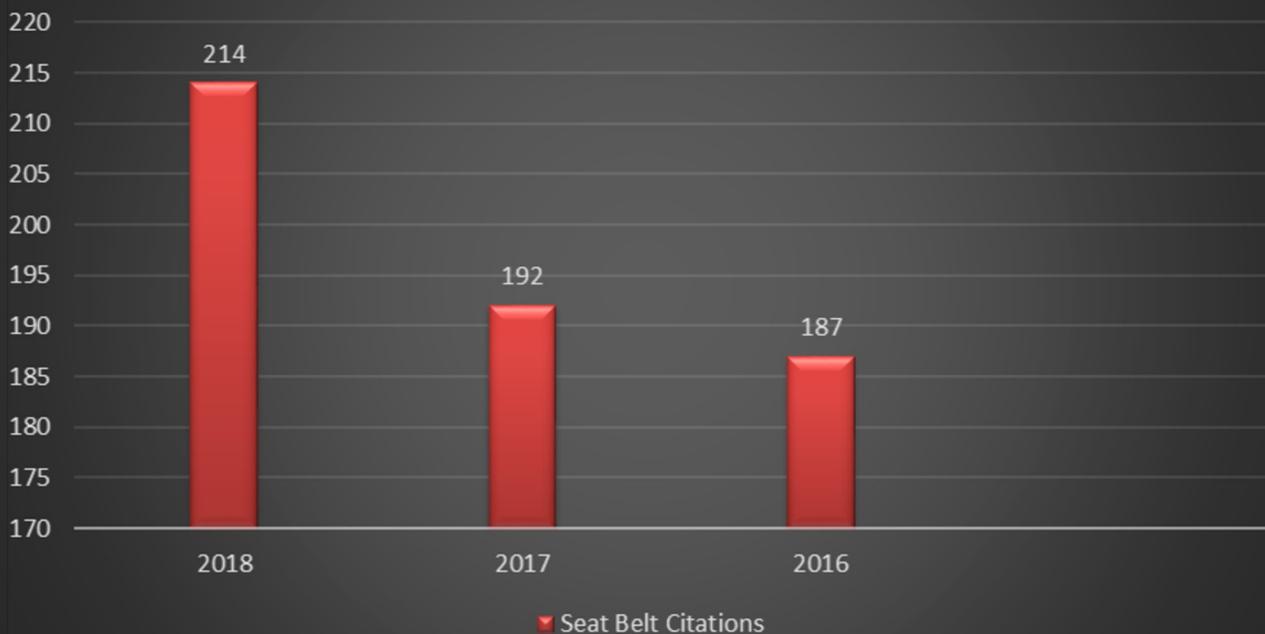
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### Occupant Protection



There was a **10.8%** increase in seat belt citations issued from 2017 to 2018 which was in part due to our continued commitment to participating in occupant protection traffic enforcement grant details and aggressive seat belt enforcement checkpoints.

### Seat Belt Citations





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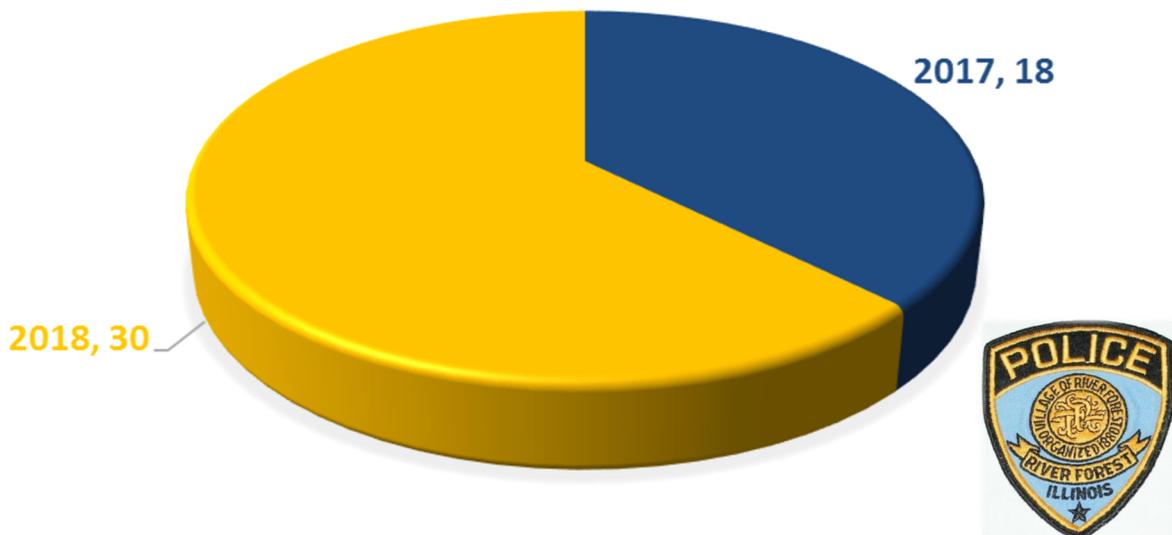
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### **Occupant Protection – Child Safety Seat Inspections**

- ◆ In **2017** our certified Child Safety Seat officers installed **18** child safety seats
- ◆ In **2018** our officers installed **30** child safety seats

There has been an increase in child seat installations over the years as we continue to send more officers to become certified child safety seat inspectors. We also continue to promote the child safety seat program on the Village's Facebook page and monthly e-newsletter.

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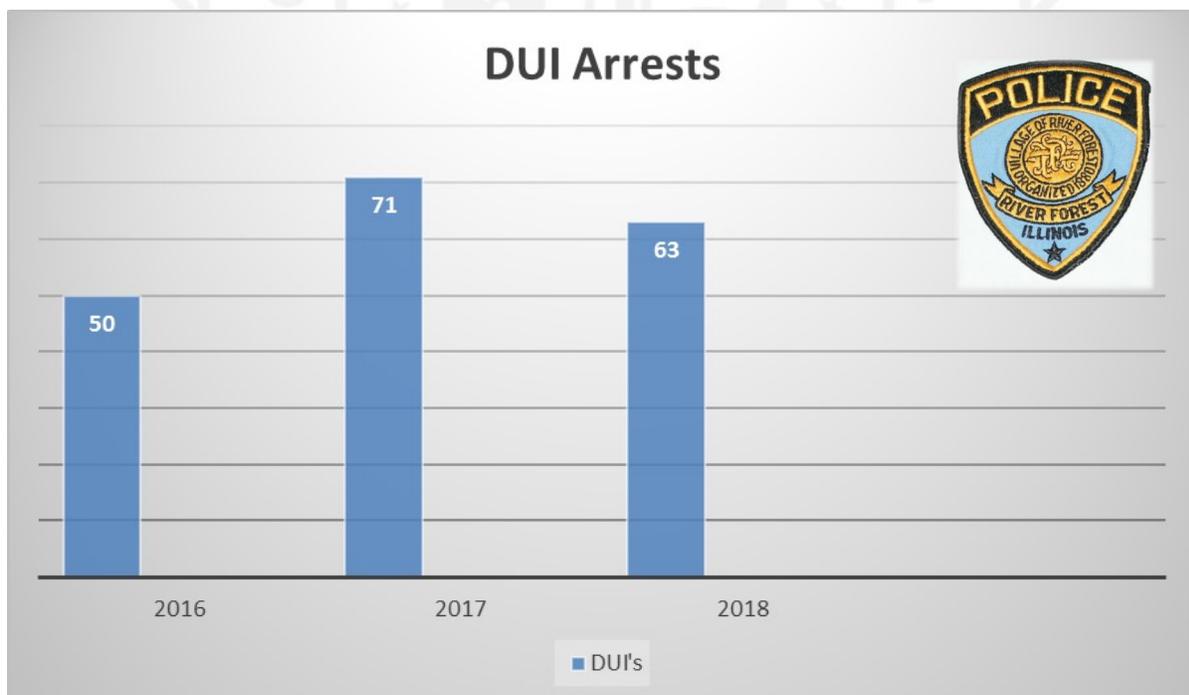
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### Impaired Driver (DUI) Arrests

- ◆ 63 Total DUI arrests in 2018
- ◆ 71 total DUI arrests in 2017
- ◆ 11.% decrease from 2017 to 2018



We attribute the overall decrease in DUI arrests to our aggressive traffic enforcement and zero tolerance approach to impaired driving. This enforcement led to a more educated public and reduced the number of impaired drivers in River Forest.





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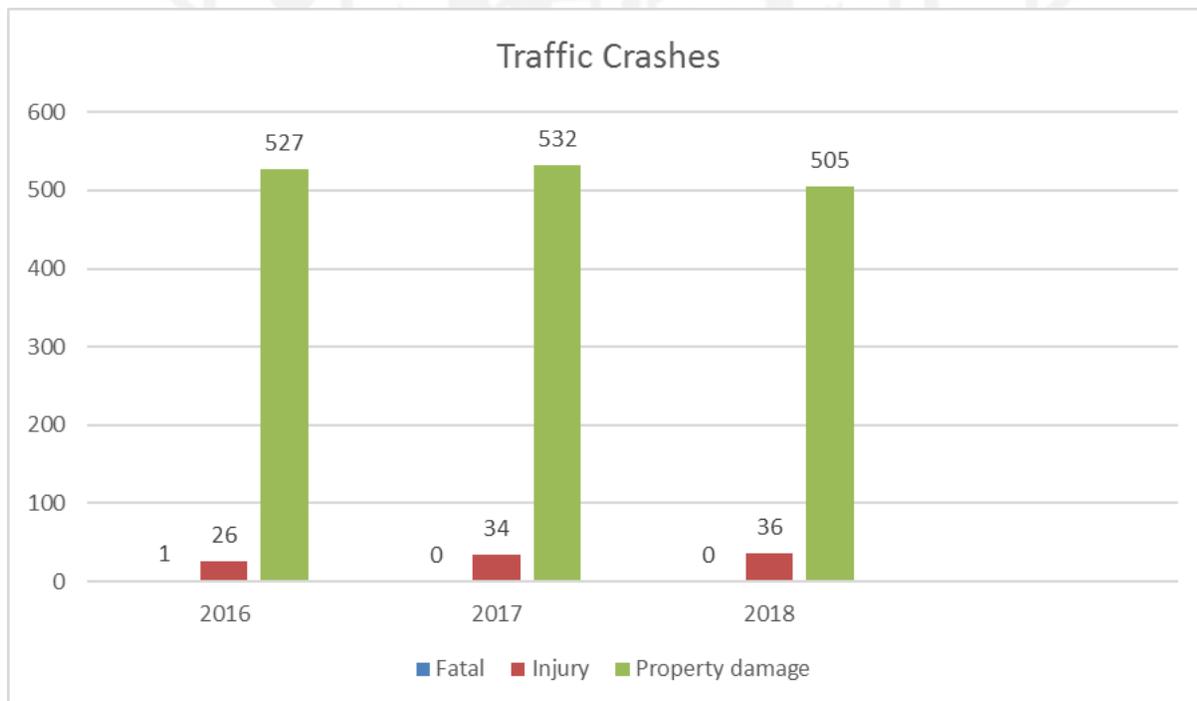
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### Traffic Crashes

- ◆ 5.2% decrease in property damage accidents from 2017 to 2018
- ◆ 4.5% decrease in total accidents from 2017 to 2018

\*\*\*For this data the injury accidents were only classified as "Injury" if the person(s) were transported to the Hospital\*\*\*

	2018	2017	2016
Fatal	0	0	1
Injury	36	34	26
Property Damage	505	532	527
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>566</b>	<b>554</b>





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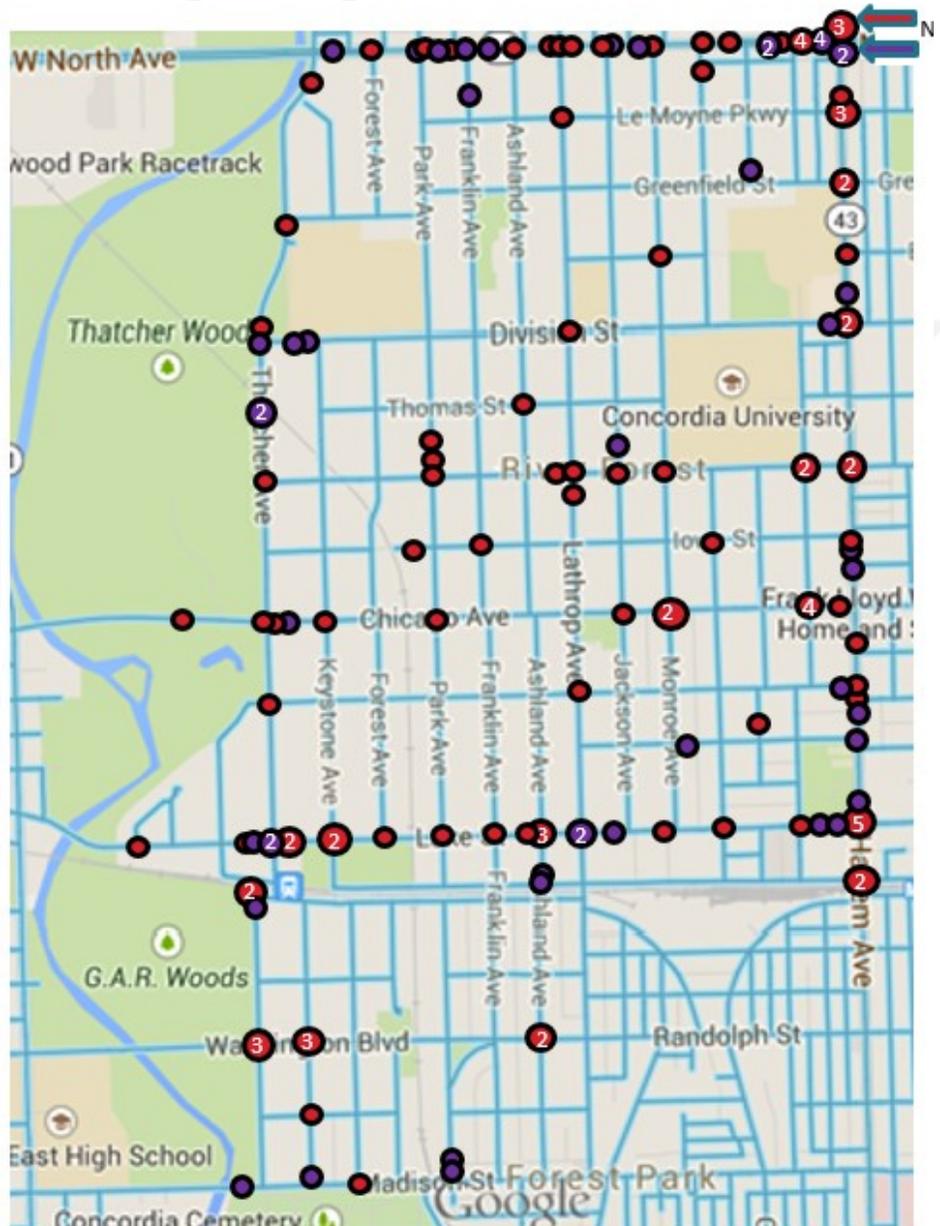
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### Traffic Crashes – 2018 Map

#### Hot Spots for Hit and Run and Injury Accidents:

- 1) North & Harlem
- 2) Lake & Harlem
- 3) Chicago & Bonnie Brae
- 4) Washington & Thatcher
- 5) Lake & Thatcher

The River Forest Police Department utilizes these traffic crash maps to choose the locations for our IDOT STEP grant enforcement zones.







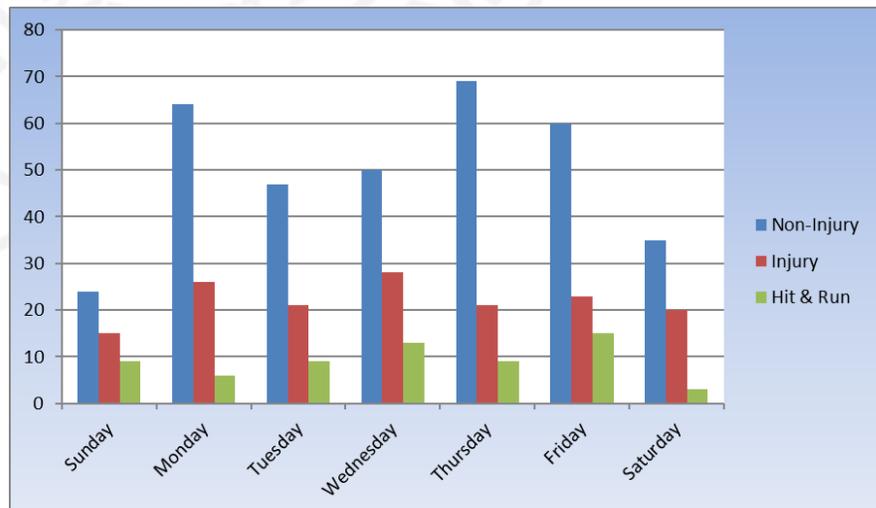
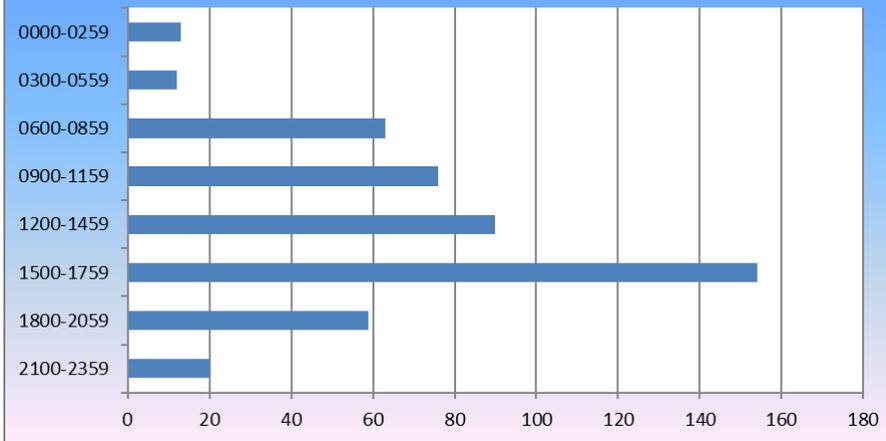
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### Traffic Crashes – 2018 Data

Overall accidents were down 4.5% from 2017 to 2018. By analyzing when accidents are occurring and on which day of the week, we adjust enforcement efforts accordingly around the hot spots. Also, by deploying our speed and message trailers to the targeted “Hot Spots” we were able to see the effectiveness they had for that area by reduced speeds.

**All Accidents By Time Frame:**





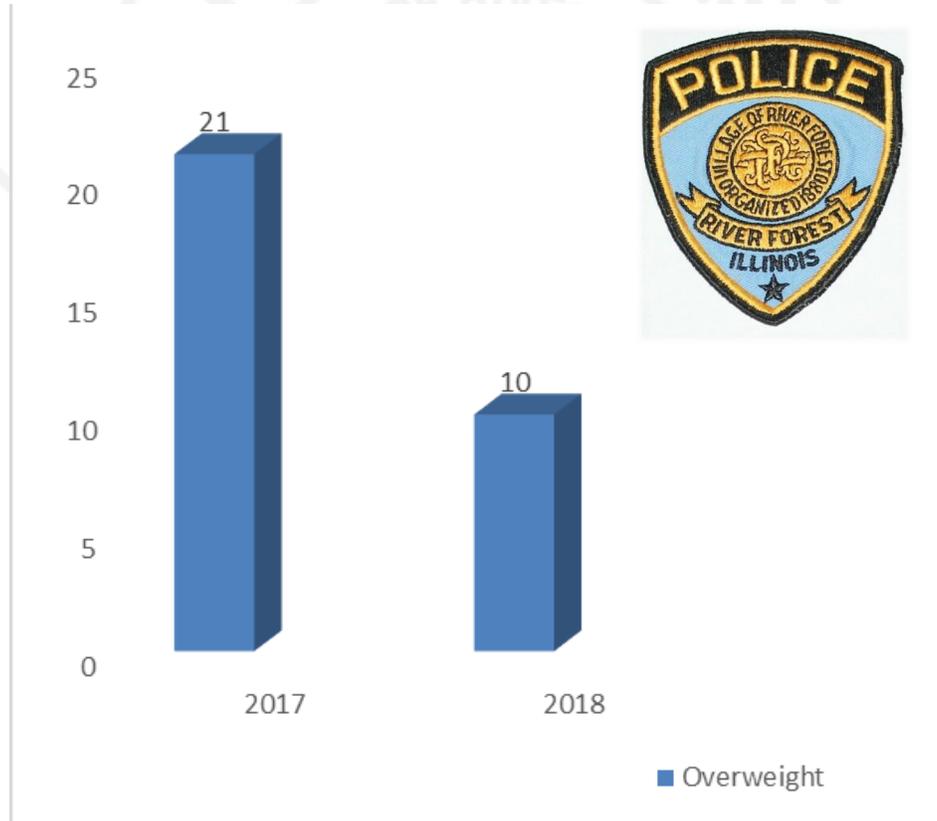
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### Truck Overweights

Commercial Motor vehicle enforcement leads to safer roads by educating compliance to Commercial Motor vehicle operations.

- ◆ In **2017** our certified truck enforcement officers cited **21 trucks** for **Commercial Motor vehicle** violations and collected \$22,615 in fines.
- ◆ In **2018** our officers our certified truck enforcement officers cited **10 Commercial Motor vehicles** for being overweight and collected \$8,204 in fines.



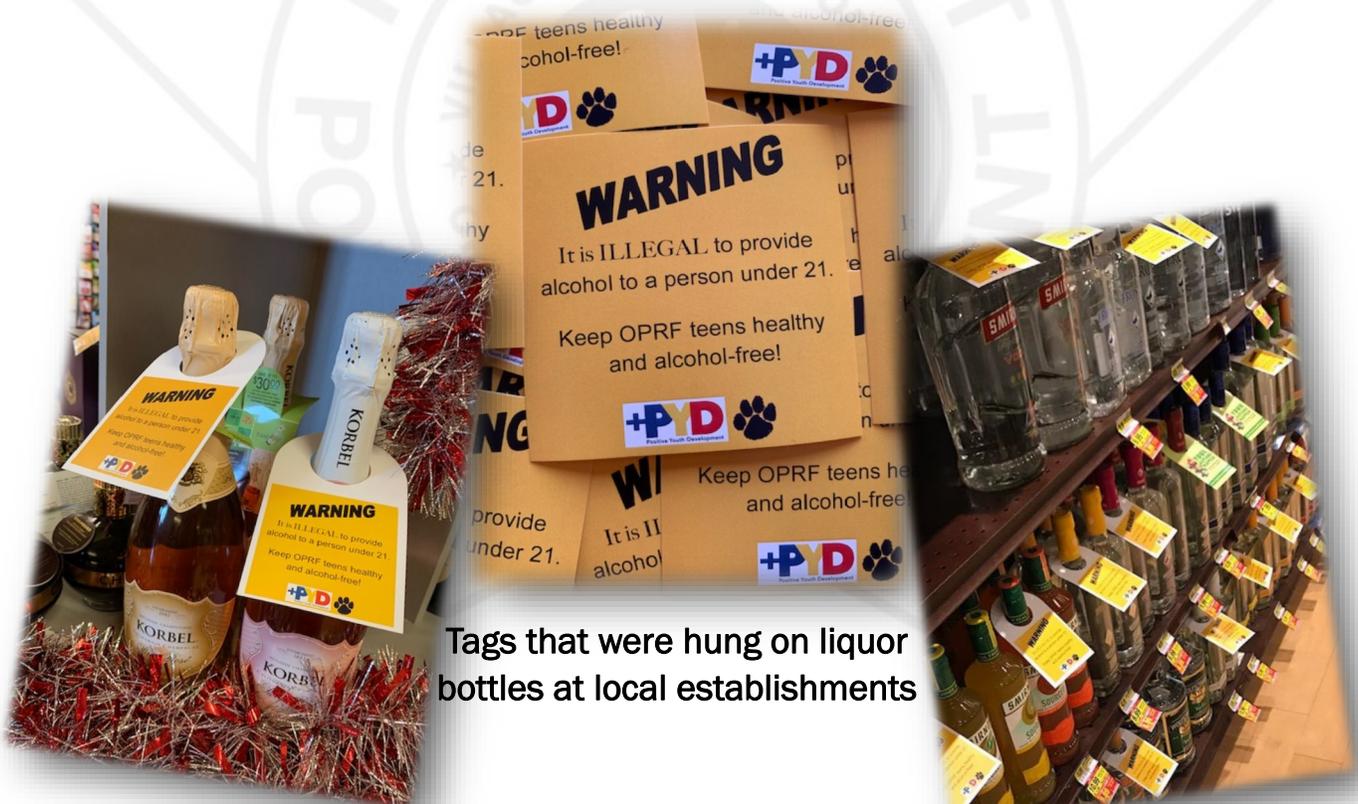


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### Alcohol Compliance Checks

On July 28th The River Forest Police Department initiated an “alcohol compliance mission” within River Forest at (5) establishments that have liquor licenses. The compliance checks were performed at CVS, Fresh Thyme, Whole Foods, Walgreens and Jewel Osco. For each compliance check a person under the age of 21 would enter each establishment and attempt to purchase alcohol under the close observation of a Police Officer who is working in a covert capacity. At all establishments the underage participant was denied the purchase. The mission was successful and had **100% compliance**. These compliance checks are crucial to the prevention of drinking and driving.



Tags that were hung on liquor bottles at local establishments