

# FRANKLIN PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

Year in Review 2023



**Michael Witz**  
**Director of Police**

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## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Franklin Park Police Department:

- Is to provide professional, knowledgeable, and thorough law enforcement service to ensure the safety and well-being of all people, with constant awareness of the diverse needs of individuals and the community.
- Our officers will work in partnership with its citizens to achieve a spirit of cooperation and mutual respect for the betterment of the community.
- We will embrace a foundation of integrity and a code of ethics to provide the highest standard of quality of life.



### **From the Desk of the Director of Police...**

On behalf of the men and women of the Franklin Park Police Department I am pleased to present the 2023 Year in Review.

The primary purpose in publishing this report is to provide our community with an awareness of the challenges that law enforcement faces and how we utilize our resources to meet those challenges. This report summarizes crime and accident trends along with police programs within the police department so as to familiarize our community and those interested in our community with our law enforcement agency.

**On The Cover** – This is the 10 year anniversary, since we moved into our new headquarters.

In 2023 the department received \$80,792.85 in grants from various sources.

#### **Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program - \$12,060.00**

The Bulletproof Vest Partnership initiative provides critical resources to state, local, and tribal jurisdictions for the sole purpose of purchasing body armor for sworn law enforcement officers.

#### **Tobacco Enforcement Program - \$3,048.00**

Through this appropriation, grants are awarded to communities to conduct retail education and enforcement programs. Each year, \$1 million is appropriated enabling the Commission to support community-based efforts through the distribution of 10,000 tobacco retailer kits and the completion of 17,000 compliance checks. In 2022, Franklin Park was allocated \$3,048.00 to conduct compliance checks throughout the Village.

#### **Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) \$45,763.20**

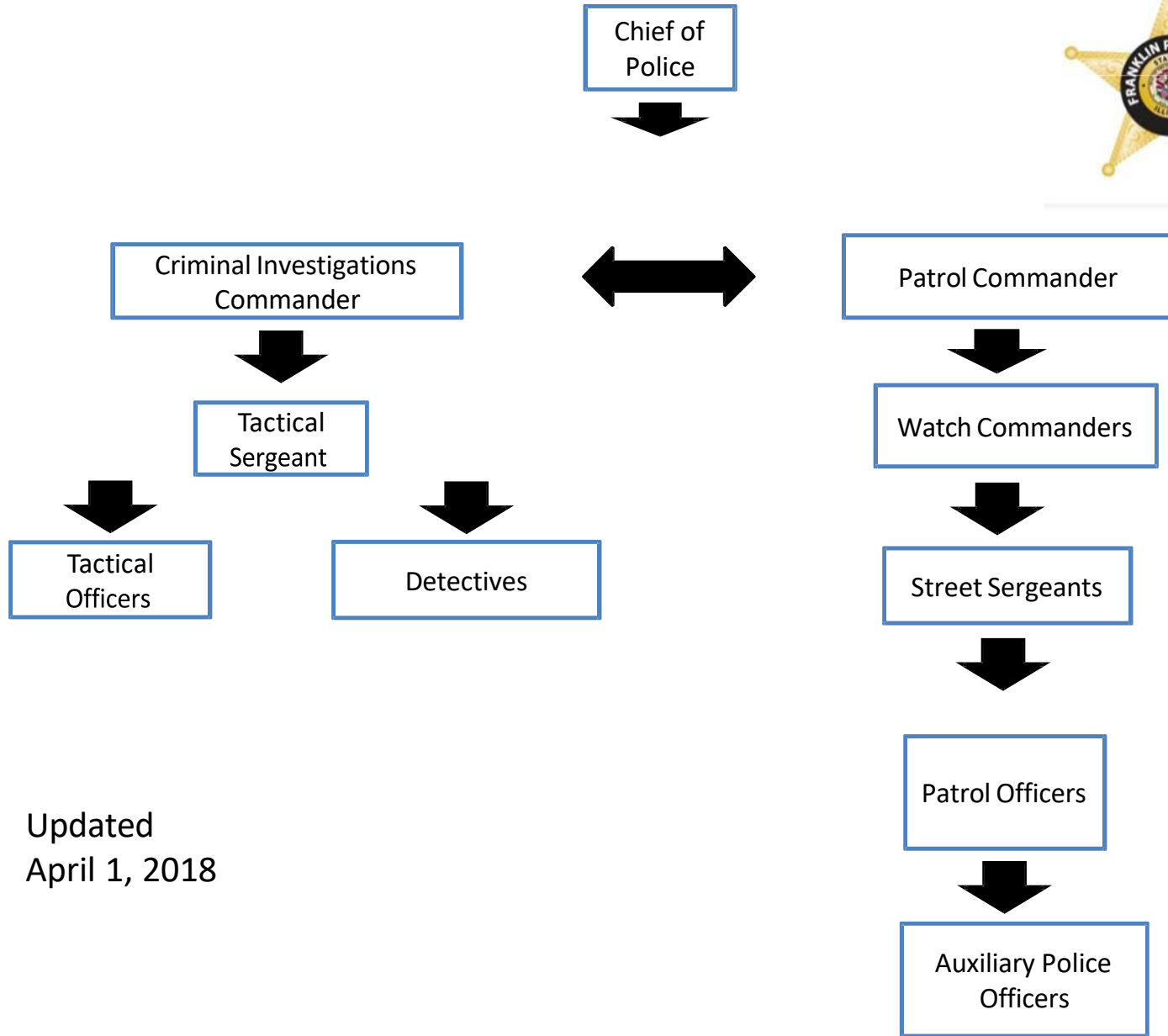
The Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) allows for increased traffic enforcement and funds for purchase of equipment.

## Police Department Staff

Director Michael Witz 40 Years of Service  
Sergeant Michael Jones 24 Years of Service  
Officer Rob Emmett 24 Years of Service  
Tac Sgt. Vito Busse 23 Years of Service  
Officer Nicholas Yracheta 20 Years of Service  
Commander Tom Ferris 19 Years of Service  
Officer Don Giuliano 16 Years of Service  
Detective Dan Velazquez 16 Years of Service  
Sergeant Todd Morin 16 Years of Service  
Officer Dan Vega 12 Years of Service  
Officer Matt Bowes 10 Years of Service  
Officer Richard Adamski 10 Years of Service  
Officer Michael Iagulli 8 Years of Service  
Officer Matthew Tomaso 8 Years of Service  
Tac Officer Nicholas Pellikan 6 Years of Service  
Tactical Officer Nicholas Padilla 6 Years of Service  
Officer Ivan Robles 4 years of service  
Officer Ivan Ives 4 years of service  
Officer Christopher De Lara 3 Years of Service  
Officer Timothy Geller 2 Years of Service  
Officer Alex Gountanis 2 Years of Service  
Officer Daniel Delapaz 2 Years of Service  
Officer Antonio Diaz 1 Year of Service  
Officer Rayhan Shaikat hired April 28, 2023  
Administrative Assistant Lucy Benigno 8 Years of Service  
Evidence Sergeant Fred Dede (Retired) 29 Years of Service

Commander Robert Jensen 29 Years of Service  
Sergeant Steve Witnik 21 Years of Service  
Officer Brian Dziejewski 24 Years of Service  
Sergeant Dan Morys 23 Years of Service  
Sergeant Russ Klug 20 Years of Service  
Officer Melissa Jones 18 Years of Service  
Officer Tomas Klos 16 Years of Service  
Detective Carlos Lazcano 16 Years of Service  
Officer Joe Gulino 16 Years of Service  
Detective Nicolas Tomaso 10 Years of Service  
Detective Rose Rutkowski 10 Years of Service  
K9 Officer Michael Leone 10 Years of Service  
Officer Zachary Romano 8 Years of Service  
Officer James McCroary 7 Years of Service  
Tactical Officer Manuel Quinones 6 Years of Service  
Officer Brandon Bieze 5 Years of Service  
Officer Samuel Hernandez 4 years of service  
Officer Alfredo Quinones 3 Years of Service  
Officer Elizabeth Szymonik 2 Years of Service  
Officer Emanuele Bucaro 2 Years of Service  
Officer David Vega 2 Years of Service  
Officer Randy-Benji Cuyugan 1 Year of Service  
Officer Marek Gorzkowicz 1 Year of Service  
Officer Melissa Figueroa hired December 28, 2023

# Franklin Park Police Department Organizational Chart



Updated  
April 1, 2018

## Auxiliary Police

**Auxiliary Officer** Means part-time, at will, volunteer employees of the Department, regardless of title, however, are not members of the regular department (65 ILCS 5/3 1-30-20).

(a) Auxiliary officers may be assigned the following duties within the department:

1. Aiding or directing traffic.
2. Aiding in control of natural or manmade disasters.
3. Aiding in case of civil disorders as directed by the Chief of Police or his/her designee.
4. Normal and regular police duties only when assigned by the Chief of Police or his/her designee when it is impractical for regular sworn members of the department to perform such duties.

(b) Auxiliary officers will not supplement regular sworn members of the police department in the performance of their assigned duties, except as provided for in the Illinois Compiled Statutes.

(c) Auxiliary officers do not have conservator of the peace powers as recognized by statute as such powers are withheld by the Village of Franklin Park Code of Ordinances, Title 5, and Section 213.

Conservators of the Peace Powers ' " The statutory authority granting auxiliary officers the authority to arrest or cause to be arrested, with or without process, all persons who break the peace and are found violating any municipal ordinance or any criminal law of the state.

Auxiliary officers are appointed annually by the village mayor. Newly appointed auxiliary officers must complete and attend a state certified 40 hour firearms training class, handcuffing, baton, OC spray training, and a 40 hour modified field training program with a state certified field training officer.

### Auxiliary Police Staff

Reserve Officer Charles Jedlink 29 Years of Service  
Reserve Officer Jorge Higareda 10 Years of Service  
Reserve Officer Ezequiel Valdovinos 10 Years of Service  
Reserve Officer Matthew Uliveri 6 Years of Service  
Reserve Officer Luisa Perez-Gomez 4 Years of Service  
Reserve Officer Pawel Zachwieja hired in 2022  
Reserve Officer Luis Pliego hired in 2022  
Reserve Officer Allen Salkic hired in 2023

Reserve Officer Jose Cabral 25 Years of Service  
Reserve Officer James Flak 10 Years of Service  
Reserve Officer Eilisa Boyas 9 Years of Service  
Reserve Officer Francisco Correa 5 Years of Service  
Reserve Officer Oscar Giron 3 Years of Service  
Reserve Officer Anthony Brown hired in 2022  
Reserve Officer Brittney Schiyer hired in 2023  
Reserve Officer Anthony Salgado hired in 2023

## 2023 OFFICER OF THE YEAR

In 2023 police department recognized the police department recognized Commander Robert Jensen as this year's Officer of the Year.

Commander Jensen has been with the police department for 29 years and currently serves as Commander of the Criminal Investigations Division



## Life Saving Award

On June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 Officer Guiliano to Mr. Gargano's residence where he was found inside the home unresponsive.

Officer Guiliano immediately began administering CPR to Mr. Gargano until paramedics arrived.

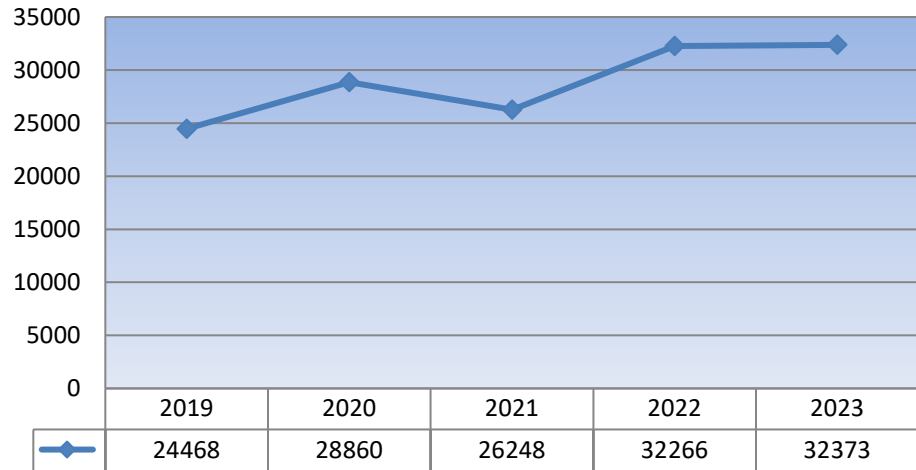
Mr. Gargano was transported to the hospital for further treatment. It was later learned by our department that according to hospital personnel, Officer Guiliano's administering of CPR was what saved Mr. Gargano's life.

Pictured to the right is Mr. Gargano and Officer Donald Guiliano who was presented at the village board meeting with the police department's Life Saving Award.

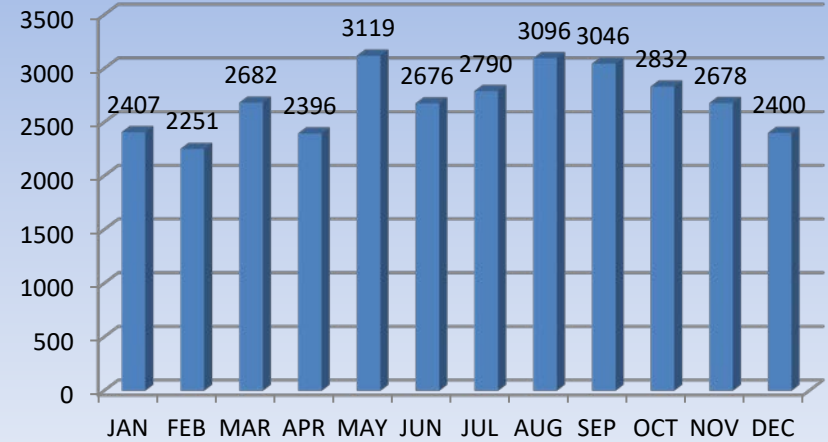


## Calls for Service

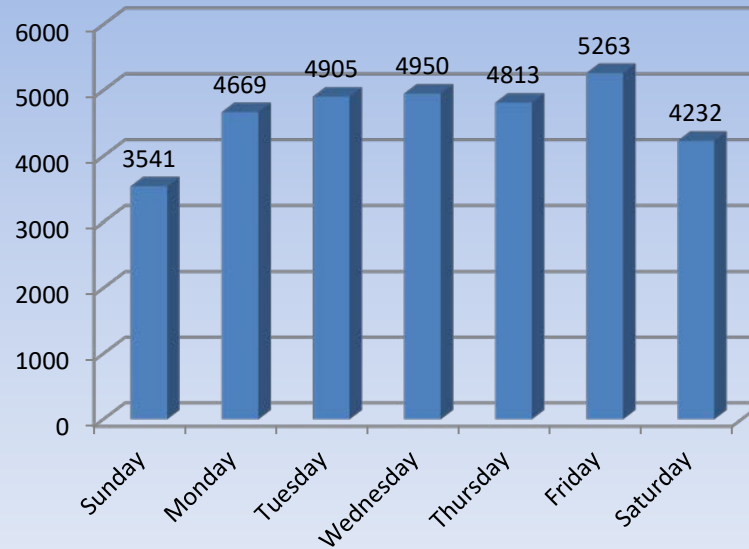
### Total Calls for Service



### Calls for Service by Month



### Calls for Service by Day of Week

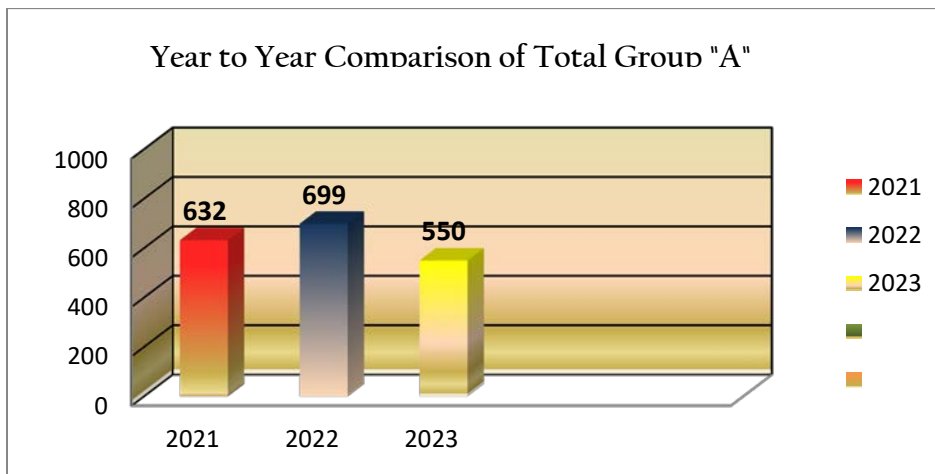


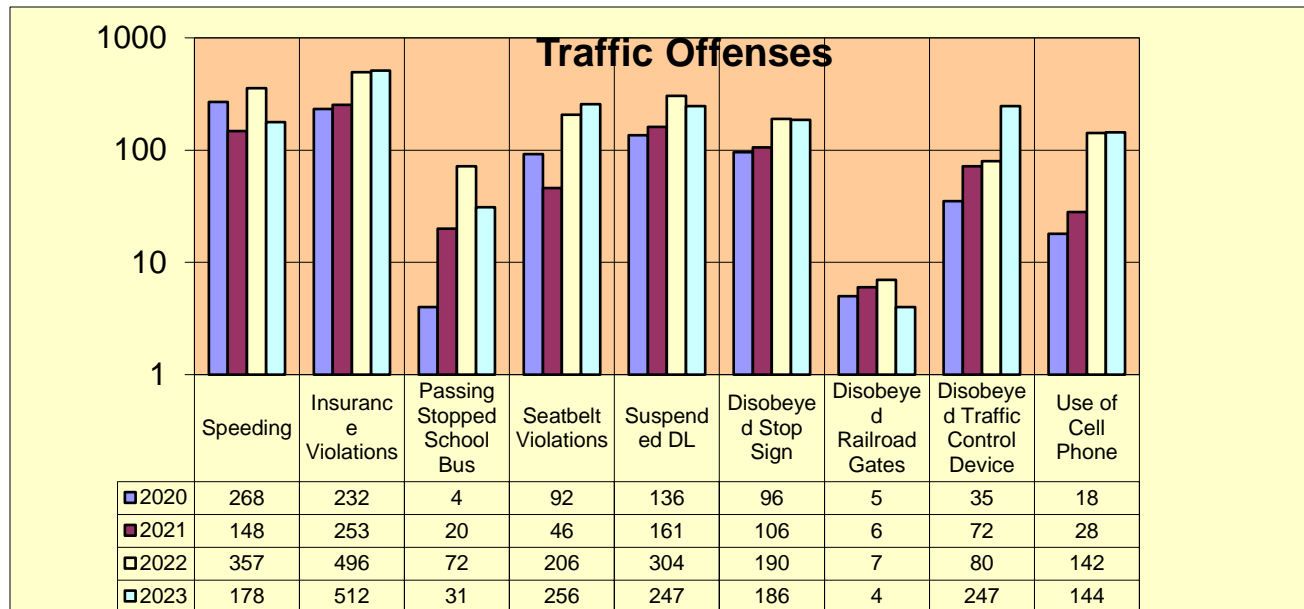


# Incident-Based Crime Report Statistics

Since the 1930s, law enforcement agencies have reported monthly aggregate counts of crime and arrests to the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Summary Program. The Franklin Park Police Department has historically submitted this data to the FBI through the Illinois State Police I-UCR program. Effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, the FBI transitioned to a National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) and the Franklin Park Police Department successfully converted to NIBRS for data submission to the Illinois State Police and the FBI. In comparison to the traditional UCR program, NIBRS produces more detailed, accurate, and meaningful data.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Homicide	1	0	0	0	1
Criminal Sexual Assault	6	13	13	6	9
Robbery	4	9	8	8	3
Aggravated Assault/Battery	32	22	12	21	12
Burglary	50	62	26	38	23
Theft	121	123	162	155	146
Motor Vehicle Theft	14	15	37	48	40
Arson	1	0	1	3	4





### TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

The tables above depict the number of citations issued for each respective offense:

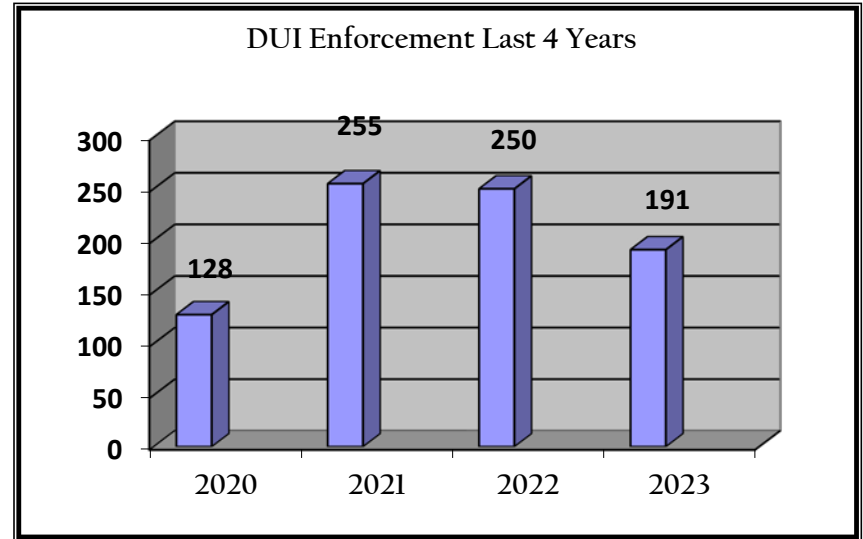
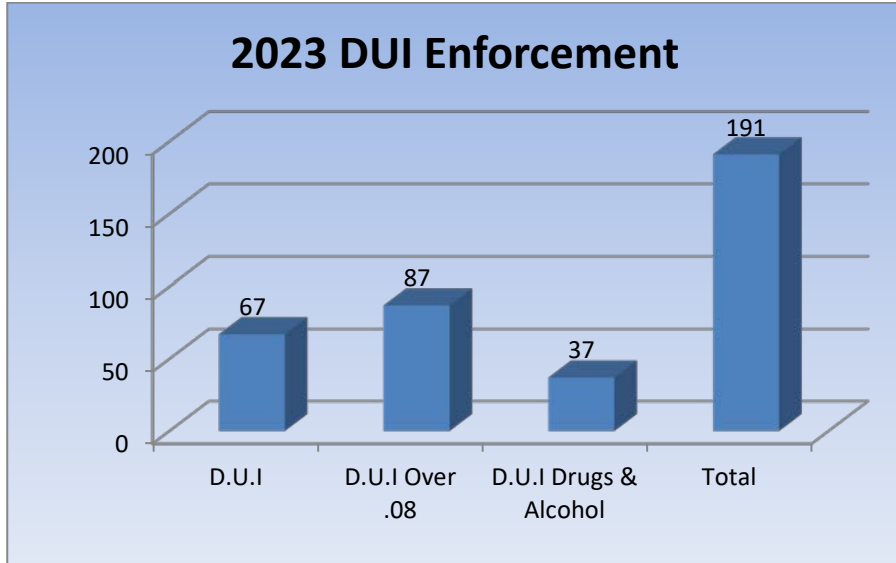
The above table depicts the most commonly issued citations known as “moving violations”. These citations are issued when an officer makes a self-initiated traffic stop, an investigatory stop or during an accident investigation. Unless a complainant or witness wishes to sign a traffic citation, officers have the discretion when to issue a traffic citation.

Motorist who are issued a citation are given two options to resolve the citation:

- A Diversion option which could be issued for minor violations. This type of citation allows the violator to pay the ticket in advance of the court date and receive supervision.
- A mandatory court appearance where the violator must appear in court before a judge and have their case heard.

Monies generated from tickets are dispersed between state, county and local funds.

## DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE ENFORCEMENT



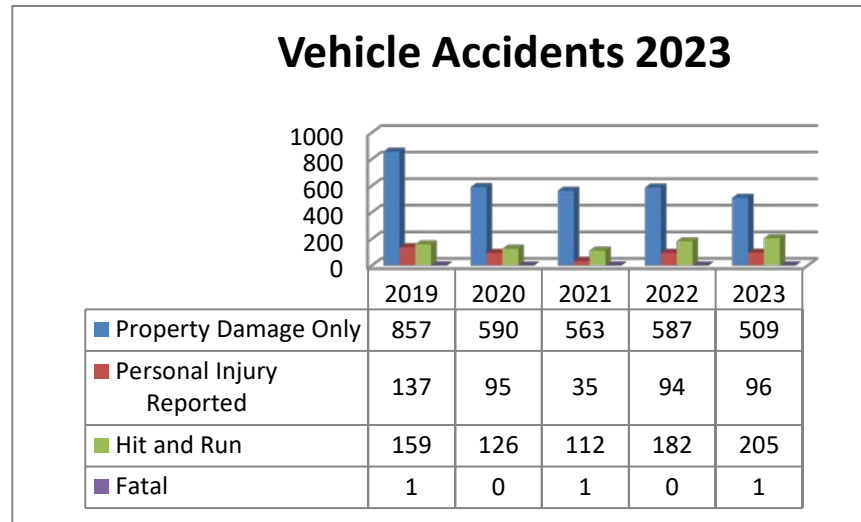
DUI Enforcement Last 4 Years

2020	2021	2022	2023
128	255	250	191

DUI Offenses	2023
DUI	67
DUI - Over .08	87
DUI Drugs & Alcohol	37
Zero Tolerance	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>191</b>

Impaired driving, which means driving while your ability is affected by alcohol or drugs, is a crime under the Illinois Vehicle Code. Driving while intoxicated is dangerous and drivers with high blood alcohol content are at greatly increased risk of car accidents, highway injuries, and vehicular deaths. There has been a public outcry for aggressive enforcement of drunken driving laws. Unfortunately, in spite of great progress, DUI remain a serious national and local concern.

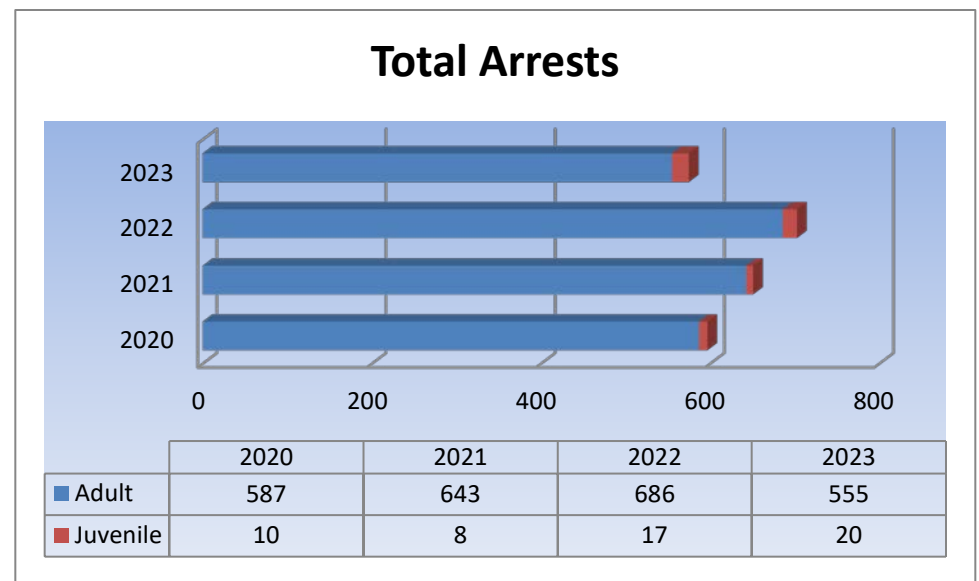
The Franklin Park Police Department has remained committed to the enforcement of drunken driving laws. Taking a proactive approach, the department participates in the Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP). STEP is designed to reduce the incident of motor vehicle crashes and their resulting injuries and fatalities through increased enforcement of safety belt restraint and impaired driving laws. Such enforcement has proven very successful resulting in numerous DUI, drug and traffic violations. Franklin Park ranked 16<sup>th</sup> in the entire state in DUI arrests in 2021 according to a survey conducted by AAIM (Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorist)



### TOTAL ARRESTS

The above table depicts the total number of adult and juvenile arrest our officers made during the year.

These arrests range from village ordinance offenses such as possession of marijuana to felony charges such as possession of a firearm.



## Department of Justice Speed Camera Grant

In 2023 the police department received a grant in the amount of \$24,331.65 from the Department of Justice to purchase speed cameras that were placed in our community by schools and parks.



## Code Enforcement

- In 2019** the police department responded to 1083 complaints, issued 404 warning notices and 168 complaints for failing to comply.
- In 2020** the police department responded to 226 complaints, issued 143 warning notices and 65 complaints for failing to comply.
- In 2021** the police department responded to 159 complaints, issued 44 warning notices and 40 complaints for failing to comply.
- In 2022** the police department responded to 73 complaints, issued 42 warning notices and 36 complaints for failing to comply.
- In 2023** the police department responded to 200 complaints, issued 162 warning notices and 55 complaints for failing to comply.

## NO SHAVE NOVEMBER

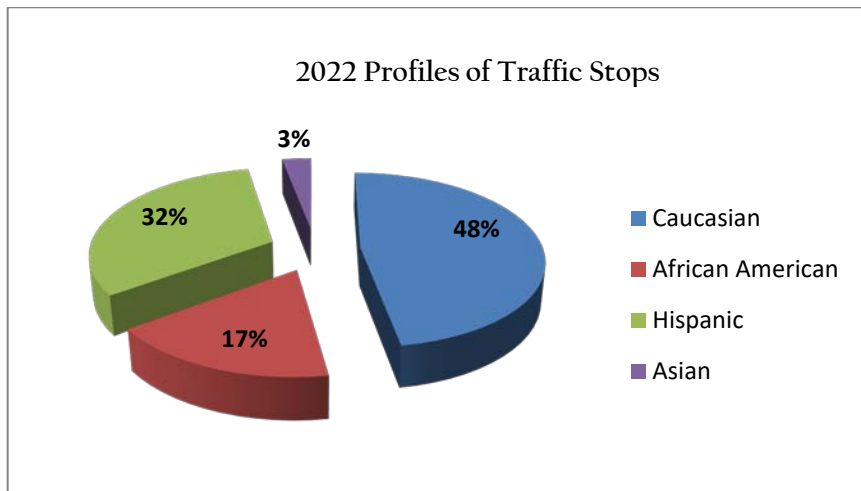
For several years our officers have participated in what is known as No Shave November, where our officers are permitted to grow beards during the month of November and donate money to cancer research charities they choose. Our officers have raised over \$5,000 since we began this fund raiser.



## TRAFFIC STOP DATA AND COLLECTION ANALYSIS

On July 18, 2003, Senate Bill 30 was signed into law to establish a four-year statewide study of data from traffic stops to identify racial bias. The study began on January 1, 2004 and was originally scheduled to end December 31, 2007. However, the legislature extended the data collection several times, and also expanded the study to include data on pedestrian stops. Public Act 101-0024, which took effect on June 21, 2019, eliminated the study's scheduled end date of July 1, 2019 and extended the data collection.

Below are the results of this study for the Franklin Park Police Department for the years 2017 to 2021, 2022 data will not be available until July.



<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Number of Stops</u>	<u>Caucasian Driver</u>	<u>Minority Driver</u>
2018	4,622	2,941 (63.6%)	1,681 (36.4%)
2019	4,437	2,731 (61.6%)	1,706 (38.4%)
2020	3,579	1,592 (44.5%)	1,987 (55.5%)
2021	2,903	1,296 (44.7%)	1,607 (55.3%)
2022	5,194	2,481 (47.8%)	2,713 (52.2%)

<u>Reason for Stop:</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Moving Violation	3,026	2,833	2,403	2,050	3,477
Equipment Violation	1,215	1,280	892	636	845
License / Registration Violation	377	324	284	213	872

<u>Outcome of Stop:</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Citation	1,465	1,462	763	668	1,343
Verbal Warning	3,151	2,967	2,806	2,228	3,843
Number of Consent Vehicle Searches	76	91	91	58	205



# K-9 Activity Report 2023



January 2023 Canine VooDoo performed a controlled narcotic sniff and alerted on \$3,530.00 USC that had been recovered during a traffic stop made by a patrol unit.

March 2023 Canine VooDoo assisted the Tactical Unit on a search warrant recovering 1.8 grams of Cocaine and \$672.00 USC. Canine VooDoo also assisted Melrose Park PD on a search warrant recovering 32 grams of Cocaine, 903 grams of Cannabis, a handgun, and \$1,091.00 USC.

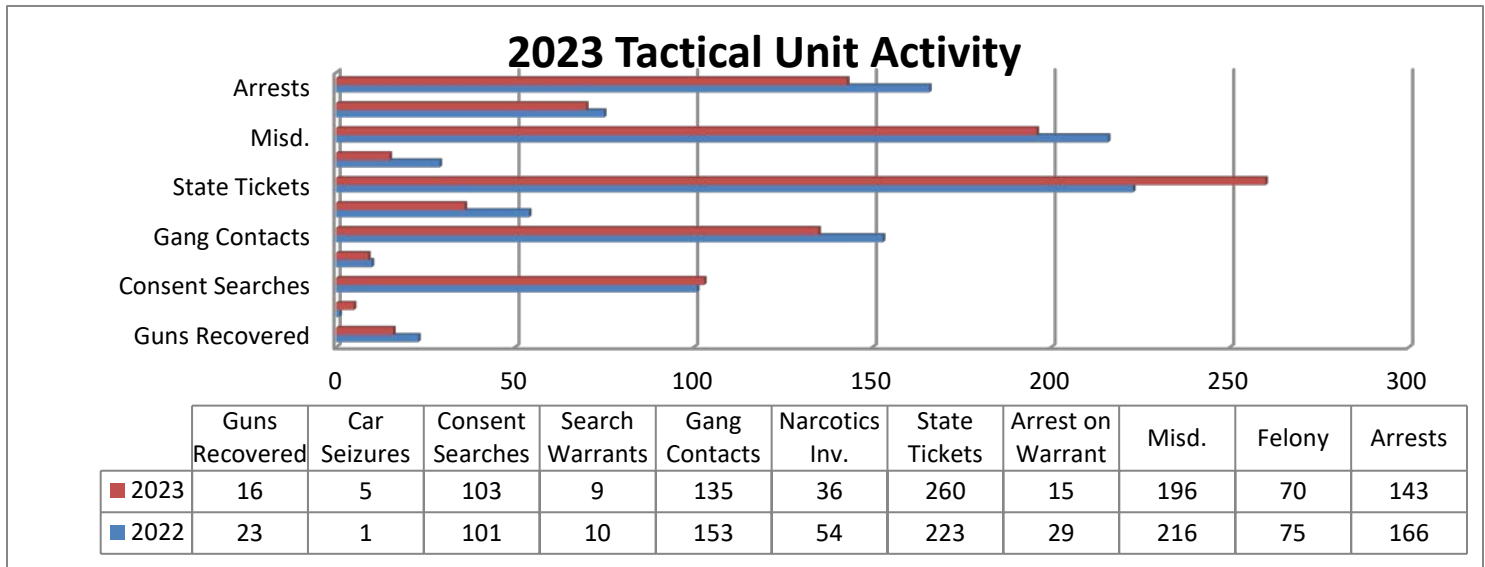
April 2023 Canine VooDoo assisted Melrose Park PD on a search warrant recovering 293 grams of Cannabis, 1.2 grams of Cocaine, 3 handguns, and \$520.00 USC.

May 2023 Canine VooDoo performed a free air sniff and alerted on a vehicle that had been stopped by the Tactical Unit. Officers recovered 314 grams of cannabis from the vehicle. Canine VooDoo also assisted the Tactical Unit on a search warrant recovering 1518 grams of Cannabis, 56.8 grams of Cocaine, a handgun, body armor, and \$2,233.00 USC.

June 2023 Canine VooDoo assisted in the search for offenders that had fled from police after crashing their vehicle. Canine VooDoo located one of the subjects hiding underneath a blanket in a nearby wooded area.

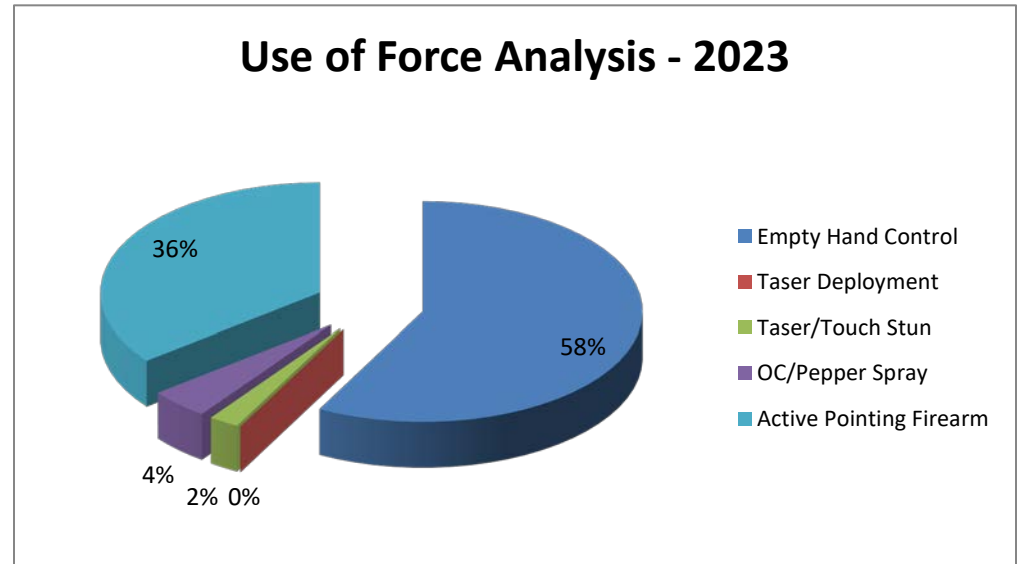
August 2023 Canine VooDoo performed a free air sniff and alerted on a vehicle that had been stopped by a patrol unit. Officers recovered a loaded handgun that had been concealed within the vehicle. Canine VooDoo assisted in the search and apprehension of an armed robbery offender in a neighboring jurisdiction.

Total Amount of Cash Seized = \$9,228.00 USC  
Street Value of Narcotics Seized = \$19,673.08 USC  
Marijuana = 3074.2 grams  
Cocaine = 93.8 grams  
Firearms = 9



# Use of Force Analysis – 2023

The Franklin Park Police Department recognizes and respects the value and special integrity of each human life, without prejudice to anyone. The use of force by law enforcement personnel is a matter of critical concern, both to the public and to the law enforcement community. It is the policy of this department that police officers shall use only that force which is reasonably necessary to effectively bring an incident under control, while protecting the lives of the officer and/or another. Vesting police officers with the lawful authority to use force to protect the public welfare requires monitoring, evaluation and a careful balancing of all human interests. It is in the interest of complete transparency that every event involving any use-of-force, no matter how seemingly inconsequential, be documented and accounted for; and, all of those police personnel involved are evaluated and objectively critiqued as to both the appropriateness of the deployment of force as well as their decision-making process. Per Policy 300.9 I am submitting the 2023 Use of Force Analysis for review.

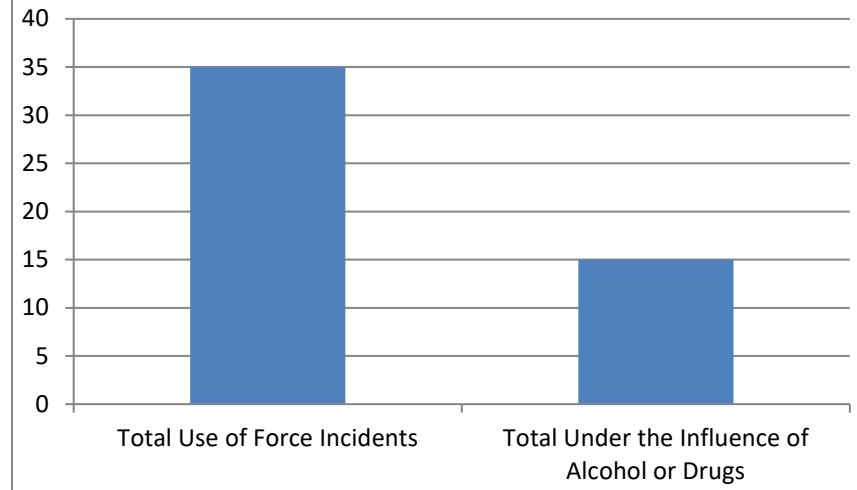
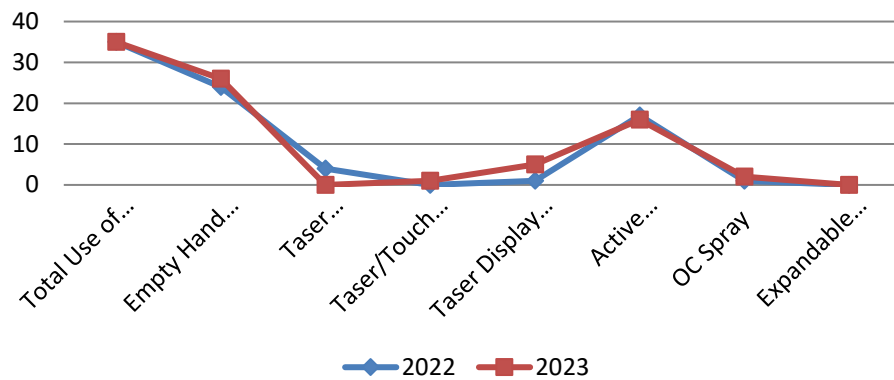


In 2023, the Franklin Park Police Department reported thirty-five (35) use-of-force incidents by its personnel. A total of thirty-six (36) different Officers were identified as having applied some measure of force during the course of their duties. The White Watch (2200-0600 hours) reported nine (9) use-of-force incidents while the Red Watch (1400-2200 hours) reported nineteen (19) and the Blue Watch (0600-1400 hours) reported three (3). A TASER device was displayed in six (6) of the instances where force was necessary. Out of these six (6) events, a TASER cartridge was deployed one (1) times. All six (6) events involving a TASER were reviewed and determined to be judicious and appropriate.

Many of these use-of-force events involve individuals taking flight upon either being approached, or during an interaction with police personnel, and they were ultimately taken into custody. These events are still documented as use-of-force incidents, while not necessarily being dynamic events between members of the public and our officers. It should also be noted, that of the thirty-five (35) reported use-of-force incidents, fifteen (15) of the individuals involved were either under or suspected of being under the influence of alcohol or drugs.



## 2022 and 2023 Comparison of UOF

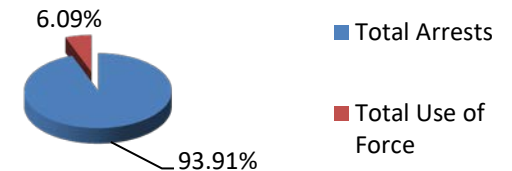


The Franklin Park Police Department reported a total of 575 arrests made during the 2023 calendar year. Having thirty-five (35) reported instances of use-of-force during this same time period indicates that over 93% of the total arrests made by Officers in 2023 were done so without the use-of-force.

The Franklin Park Police Department holds its personnel to the standards set forth in 720 ILCS 5/7-5 titled Peace Officer's use of force in making arrest and Policy 300 titled Use of Force. It is this objective standard against which all instances of the use-of-force are gauged to determine the reasonableness of force.

Every reported use-of-force incident is reviewed both by the Shift Supervisor and by a Division Commander. These reviews are conducted to make certain the application of force was done within the strictest and most reasonable parameters of law, administrative rule, and department standard operating procedures. Of the thirty-five (35) times Officers applied force to effect an arrest and/or bring an incident under control during the 2022 calendar year, all were deemed an appropriate and judicious use-of-force.

## Percentage of Use of Force Incidents



## CRIME SCENE EVIDENCE TECHNICIANS

A crime scene evidence technician collects, identifies, and processes crime scene evidence. Evidence Technicians are employees who specialize in collecting and analyzing physical evidence from crime scenes.

They work alongside investigators to uncover telling evidence at the scenes of accidents and crimes, such as fingerprints, blood spatter, weapons, and footprints.

An Evidence tech follows careful protocols to collect and transport physical items back to the police department where they can scrutinize the evidence to look for clues.

Evidence is also sent to the State Crime Lab for further examination and processing.

If a criminal trial is held, the technician may be called upon as an expert witness to explain the importance of the findings.

The Crime Scene Evidence Technician is responsible for the following at a crime scene:

Photograph the scene

Collect Physical Evidence

Process Fingerprints

Take Measurements

During each patrol shift there is at least one certified evidence technician who is assigned to utilize a specially equipped vehicle that is equipped with cameras, tools and chemicals needed to process a crime scene.

All department crime scene evidence technicians receive basic evidence training through a state certified course.

They also receive additional training each year either by request or assigned by the department.

In 2015 the police department used monies from the asset forfeiture fund purchased a mobile drug incinerator produced by the Elastec Corporation. The incinerator allows the department to destroy illicit drugs and prescription drugs in a clean and environmentally safe on site.

Items to be destroyed are fed into a 55 gallon incinerator drum using a special Easy-Fed Cartridge. A wood fire is built up inside the drum an intense whirlwind of fire is created by the high velocity air blowers, rendering drugs and non-retrievable state.



## WEST SUBURBAN TASK FORCE

Several years ago a major Crimes Task Force was created by surrounding communities to assist those agencies in the event of a major crime, such as murder, kidnapping aggravated battery to name a few. Currently that task force is made up of our police department and 21 other local agencies, the cook county sheriff's police and the Illinois State police.

In 2018 the task force expanded its operations to include major traffic crashes where great bodily harm or death has occurred.

Each participating agency assigns officers to the unit and responds to a scene upon request from a predetermined protocol.

The task force is divided into three units:

- Investigators
- Forensics
- Traffic Crash

In 2017 Director Witz was named Chairperson of the task force.

## NIPAS / EMERGENCY SERVICES TEAM / MOBILE FIELD FORCE

The Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS) was created in 1983 and currently has 93 different cities, villages and towns from 5 different counties supporting the unit with personnel and funding. NIPAS is divided into two specialized units:

Emergency Services Team – this team responds to hostage situations, barricaded subjects, high warrants and other request that require a special tactical squad.

Mobile Field Force – this unit's primary responsibility is crowd control.

### Activating the System

Whether faced with a natural disaster of the unexpected or the unexpected results of a special event, a member agency may request assistance for any situation its command staff believes the agency cannot handle with its own resources.

The requesting agency contacts the designated dispatch center and determines the level of response needed. Each level brings to the requesting agency five units from outside participating agency, through a predetermined alarm plan.





On-The-Job Training (OJT) Program offers veterans or current members of the guard or reserve an alternative way to use your VA (GI Bill) education and training benefits.

Veterans or reservists can receive monthly training benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in addition to your regular salary when being trained for a new job. In our case, veterans or reservists hired by the police department will receive benefits while attending the training academy and while completing the FTO program.

In Illinois, the VA pays veteran GI Bill participants on a scale depending on the amount of time they are enrolled in the program. For example the program pays 75% of the full time college rate per month for the first six months of OJT training, 55% of the full time rate for the second six months of training and 33 % of the full time rate for the remainder of training program.

## **TOBACCO COMPLIANCE**

Illinois' tobacco laws regulate the distribution, sale and taxation of tobacco products and include penalties for violations. Within these laws are provisions prohibiting the sale and purchase of tobacco products, tobacco accessories and smoking herbs to persons under the age of eighteen.

In addition to state laws, many municipal governments, including Franklin Park, have also established similar laws or ordinances including licensure, display of signs and include penalties as well.

Beginning in fiscal year 2001, the Illinois General Assembly began making yearly appropriations from the Tobacco Settlement Fund to the Commission's Tobacco Enforcement Program (TEP). Through this appropriation, grants are awarded to communities to conduct retail education enforcement programs. Each year, the \$1 million appropriation has enabled the Commission to support community-based efforts through the distribution of 10,000 tobacco retailer kits and the completion of 17,000 compliance checks.

Each year Franklin Park and approximately 300 communities, representing over 70 percent of the state's population participate in this program. Since 2005, participating communities have consistently achieved non-compliance rates below 10 percent. In past years Franklin Park has issued

citations to businesses that did not comply with village ordinances. Franklin Park will continue to participate in this program to ensure that all businesses comply with state laws and village ordinances.

## LIQUOR COMPLIANCE

Each year the police department conducts a joint operation with the Illinois State Police and checks local establishments that hold state and local liquor licenses. Violators are issued a state criminal complaint for contributing to a minor and the establishment is issued a village complaint and mandatory appearance before the village liquor commissioner.

## TOYS FOR TOTS

This year the police department participated in a local toy for tot's program run by the Marines.

The mission of the Police Departments participating in this program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during November and December and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in communities in and around Franklin Park.

For additional information contact the Franklin Park Police Department at 847-6718200 Monday thru Friday 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.

(Pictured our representative of Ex-Cell Kiser a local company along with Mayor Pedersen and Director of Police Witz)



## COPS on a ROOF

Our agency supported the COPS on a ROOF event sponsored by Dunkin Donuts. All monies raised are donated to the Illinois Special Olympics.

Thanks to the generosity of our community, we took in over \$3,633.83 in donations.



## DEPARTMENT TRAINING

The policy of the Franklin Park Police Department is to develop, support and advance the skills, knowledge and abilities of all employees during training. The department acknowledges the importance of a well-developed and efficient training support system for both new employees and in-service employees. The ultimate goal of training is to equip employees with the tools necessary to act decisively and correctly over a wide range of situations to create a more productive and efficient employee. Training plays an important role in career development, advancement and employee morale. Undoubtedly, a well-equipped and well-trained officer provides a much higher quality of service to our community.



The department currently ensures each year that all officers annually receive training in:

Use of Force	Firearms	Handcuffing	OC Spray	Baton
Taser	Blood Borne Pathogens		Sexual Harassment	Hazardous Material
Bias Enforcement	CPR		Excited Delirium Training	Incident Command
D.U.I. Training	Child Safety Seat		Autism Training	Crisis Intervention
Stop The Bleed				

Most training of personnel is hosted through North East Multi Regional Training Institute. However the department also utilizes the Cook County Sheriffs Police Academy, Northwestern University, Suburban Law Enforcement Academy, Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Bureau of Investigations and the Illinois State Training Board for Law Enforcement.

In order to reduce training cost the department has sent many officers to become state certified trainers.

**The Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board dictates the curriculum and hours required for law enforcement training. The following positions at the police department require specialized officer training.**

Field Training Officers	Firearms Instructors	Crime Scene Evidence Technicians	Certified Breath Operators
Juvenile Officers	Detectives	Taser Instructors	Rapid Deployment
OC Instructors	Handcuffing / Baton	Motorcycle Instructor	Homicide Investigator

## SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

The School Resource Officer (SRO) serves as a liaison between the Franklin Park Police Department, relevant school officials such as Dean of Students, Principal and their associated assistants, along with the student-faculty population at East Leyden.



Issues most typically range from juvenile delinquency to truancy. Interaction with patrol and investigations stem from routine incidents such as missing/runaway juveniles, truant minors, electronic/cyber harassment and thefts, either on, off or adjacent to school property, to critical matters, such as assault and battery, gang activity, domestic violence and sexual assaults. Interaction may also involve other police agencies, D.C.F.S. and the Assistant States Attorney's Office.

Depending upon the incident, a SRO will tactfully yet impartially, inform students and their guardians/parents of their legal rights, responsibilities and legal procedure pursuant to state and local law, while maintaining confidentiality when feasible-especially when involving school social workers and counselors. Participation in Parent-Student-Dean-Social Services and Counselor meetings help maintain and improve the image between the Franklin Park Police Department, Leyden School District administrators and the citizens who, when taken together, collectively makeup and reside within the Leyden Township community.

Additionally, the SRO may be invited to participate in campus activities, from classroom visits and presentations to student organizations and clubs. Through participation, you provoke dialogue and promote trust in a non-policing capacity. Other times, providing resources to assist the school administrators in addressing issues of concern on campus is also the added responsibility of the SRO. The SRO will keep statistics on thefts, trancies and similarly related incidents throughout the school year and present such information to the Dean of Students Office upon the official end of the school year.

Lastly, a SRO must be prepared to respond in a controlled yet professional fashion to any type of school threat. A crisis in a school can result in hysterical students and staff, panicked and frightened parents and, depending upon the incident, a media hoard wanting explanations and answers.

It is imperative that local agencies adjacent to East Leyden prevent, prepare, and respond efficiently to all types of emergencies and crisis situations.

From practicing effective perimeter control strategies, staging response plans for Fire, Paramedic and assisting PD's, evacuation protocol, to minor details, such as traffic diversion, media relations and crowd control...all are in an effort to expedite first response-bypassing safe areas initially and moving quickly to where there is an indication of trouble. The mission is to anticipate and keep people from fumbling or becoming confused under stress. Tactics need to be rehearsed thoroughly and regularly before they're required for reality.

In 2021 a New School Resource Officer Law went into effect requiring all School Resource Officers in Illinois to become certified. Officer Matt Bowes was certified and assigned to the High School beginning in January 2022.

## SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS

The police department provides crossing guard staffing at 9 different locations.

Grand and Calwagner  
CP Railroad and Calwagner  
Edgington and Chestnut  
Atlantic and Chestnut  
Gage Scott and Fullerton

Franklin and Calwagner  
Pacific and Calwagner  
Rose and Chestnut  
Rose and



Crossing guards are utilized by the department to cross students safely at pre-designated locations in our community. These locations were determined by both the school districts and the police department.

Crossing guards receive annual training at the beginning of each school year.

Crossing Guards are governed by Illinois Law and a failure to obey a crossing guard is a violation of the law which could result in a large fine.

## NORCOMM PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS

Since 1998 NORCOMM has provided the Village of Franklin Park with both police and fire dispatch services and in 2009 obtained NORCOMM to provide personnel for the Records Division to reduce cost. The dispatch center is a 24/7 operation responsible for monitoring 15 radio frequencies, 20 city surveillance cameras, 16 station cameras, answer emergency and non-emergency phone calls, communicate with public works and monitor all statewide emergency communications.



On July 1, 2017 the village of Bellwood, Melrose Park, Franklin Park, Westchester, and River Grove created the Proviso – Leyden Joint 911 Authority, for the purpose of a consolidated public safety dispatch center. In 2018 the authority added the village of Stone Park. Director Witz has been the chairperson of this authority since its inception.

NORCOMM currently serves the following public safety agencies with dispatching out of the Leyden Fire Station:

Bellwood Police Department  
River Grove Police Department  
Bellwood Fire Department  
Northlake Fire Protection District  
Stone Park Fire Department

Franklin Park Police Department  
Stone Park Police Department  
Franklin Park Fire Department  
Melrose Park Fire Department  
Elmwood Park Police Department

Melrose Park Police Department  
Elmwood Park Fire Department  
Leyden Fire Protection District  
River Grove Fire Department  
River Grove Police Department