

RIGHTON PARK POLICE
2018
Annual Report



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Richton Park Police Department



The Richton Park Police Department continues to take pride in working with our community to provide professional, compassionate and effective law enforcement service while respecting the constitutional rights of all people. During 2018 we worked in partnership with our community members to ensure crime and conditions that might lead to crime, were thoroughly addressed. I am pleased to report a 12% decrease in our crime rate. This report provides a snapshot of our 2018 policing efforts.

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RICHTON PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Richton Park Police Department to provide professional and ethical law enforcement services, working in cooperation with the community to enhance the quality of life, while preserving a safe environment for all to enjoy.

Adopted November, 2008

VALUES STATEMENT

In achieving the mission, the men and women of the Richton Park Police department value the diversity of our community and are dedicated to the professional and ethical standards we are sworn to uphold. We promote and advocate:

Respect: We respect human life. We hold the preservations of life as our sacred duty. Our value of human life sets our priorities.

Integrity: We recognize that our behavior must reflect honesty, sincerity and accountability through ethical and moral standards. We do not tolerate the abuse of police authority.

Commitment: We are proactive members of our organization and community. We are self-directed and self-motivated. We identify problems, develop and implement solutions to improve our quality of life.

Honor: We honor the principles of the United States Constitution and the laws of Illinois. If the law is to be honored, those who enforce it must first honor it.

Tolerance: We uphold good will, understanding and equal treatment of everyone.

Organization: We are an organization in which each employee embraces integrity as the cornerstone upon which public trust is built.

Nurture: We support training, promote career development and methods that continuously and objectively leads to the evaluation our own performance as well as being receptive to new ideas and constructive change.

Professionalism: We value professionalism by having a clear sense of commitment, perspective and direction.

Accountability: We value the need for effective use of our resources and to provide a spirit of openness in communication with our community. We will be responsible for our actions, willing to admit our mistakes and ensure that our behavior earns the support and trust of all segments of the public.

Responsiveness: We value the opportunity to provide service in a manner that is fair, courteous, responsive and efficient.

Knowledge: We value employees that are professional, knowledgeable, dedicated public servants committed to providing services of the highest quality.

POLICE FUNCTIONS

The Chief of Police is responsible for administering and managing the Richton Park Police Department. There are four divisions in the Police Department as follows:

- Administration Division
- Operations Division
- Investigations Division
- Records Division

ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

The Administration Division is commanded by the Chief of Police whose primary responsibility is to provide general management direction and control for the Administration Division. The Administrative Division consists of Technical and Administrative Services.

OPERATIONS DIVISION

The Operations Division is commanded by the Deputy Chief of Police whose primary responsibility is to provide general management direction and control for that division. The Operations Division consists of Uniformed Patrol and Special Operations, which includes Traffic and Community Service Officers.

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

The Investigations Division is commanded by the Deputy Chief of Police whose primary responsibility is to provide general management direction and control for the Investigations Division. The Investigations Division consists of the Investigations Unit, Property/Evidence Inventory, Evidence Technicians and Forensic Services.

RECORDS DIVISION

The Records Division is managed by the Records Commander whose primary responsibility is to provide general management direction and control for the Records Division. The Records Division consists of General Clerical/Records Staff, Parking and Compliance Ticket Services, Alarm Permits & Billing, LEADS Services and Court Services & Liaison.



ADMINISTRATION
CALENDAR YEAR 2018 – POLICE STAFFING

<u>Position</u>	<u>Authorized Strength</u>	<u>Vacancy</u>
<i>Full-time</i>		
Chief of Police	1.....	0
Deputy Police Chief	1.....	0
Commander.....	1.....	0
Sergeant.....	5.....	0
Corporal	5.....	0
Police Officer	18.....	2
Records Clerk.....	3.....	0
Community Service Officer	1.....	0
Administrative Assistant.....	1.....	0
	36.....	2
<i>Part-time</i>		
Records Clerk.....	6.....	0
Community Service Officer	3.....	0
Part-time Police Officer	3.....	2
Cumulative Total	48	4

Personnel Actions

During the calendar year 2018, the following personnel actions took place:

Hired

- Two Police Officers
- One Full-time Records Clerk
- One Part-time Records Clerk
- One Part-time Community Service Officer

Resignations/Terminations

- One Part-time Records Clerk

Retirement

- One Deputy Chief

Promotions

- One Deputy Chief

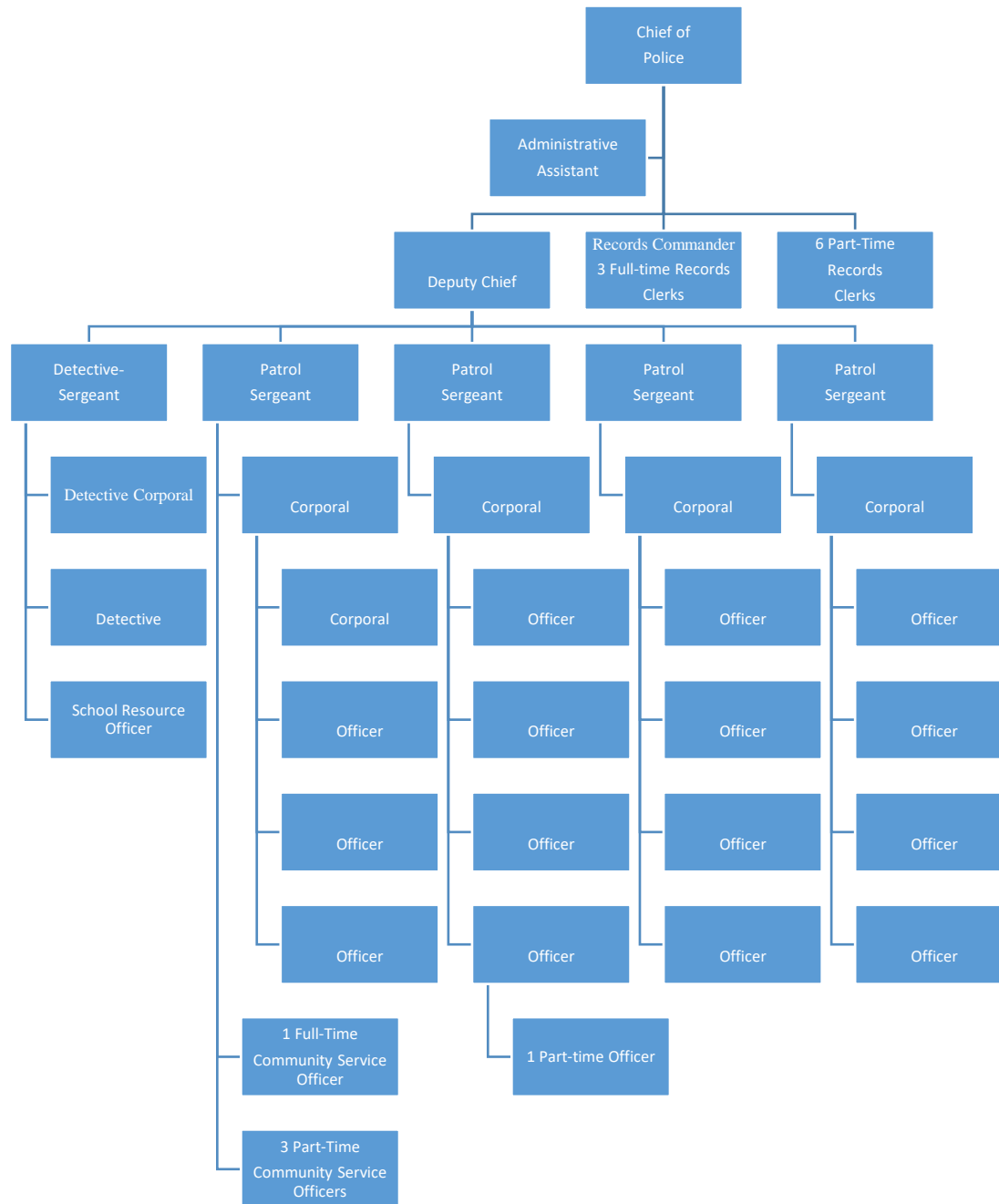


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ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

The Police Chief is responsible for the leadership, management and supervision of the police department. The Administrative Division consists of the Chief of Police and Administrative Assistant. The Deputy Chief of Operations and the Commander report directly to the Police Chief. The Administrative Division handles all administrative processes for the Fire & Police Commission and the Liquor Commission.



In addition to her official Richton Park Police duties, the Police Chief serves as the Chair of the Northeast Multi-Regional Training (NEMRT) Training Committee and serves on the Board of Directors for the South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force (SSMCTF), NEMRT and South Suburban Association of Chiefs of Police.

RECORDS DIVISION



The Police Records Division consists of a Commander, three full-time and six part-time records clerks. This division maintains and manages the computerized database of all law enforcement records for the police department. Their duties include the entry and retrieval of police reports and citations, performing statistical analysis of this data and handling dissemination of any requests for copies of reports. The Records Division processes all the departments' police reports, accident reports, parking citations, traffic citations, warning citations, local ordinance citations as well as the entire department's local and state arrest reports.

Additional duties include processing court summonses, arrest documents, preparing the monthly Uniform Crime Reports for the state and federal agencies and other miscellaneous records functions. They handle Freedom of Information Act inquiries along with all alarm permits and alarm billings for false alarms. Records Clerks also are responsible for and conduct our monthly hearings for both parking violations as well as local ordinance violations.

In 2013, the police department began participating in the State of Illinois Comptroller's Local Debt Recovery Program. This program assists local jurisdictions in the collection of debt owed to them from parking and local ordinance violations. The Local Debt Recovery Program provides a mechanism for municipalities, counties and other units of government to bring in much needed revenue without raising taxes or increasing fees. The management of this program is conducted by an additional records clerk and the Deputy Chief of Operations. The Village of Richton Park received \$87,875 in collections for calendar year 2018, from the Illinois Comptroller's Local Debt Recovery program.

POLICE OPERATIONS



The Deputy Chief of Operations is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Patrol and Investigations Divisions and reports directly to the Chief of Police. The Deputy Chief manages all major patrol and investigative events, policy and procedure, administrative hearings on impounded vehicles and a host of other operational duties. All patrol and investigations sergeants report directly to the deputy chief.

PATROL DIVISION

Throughout 2018, the Patrol Division continued to perform the daily tasks requested by the citizens of Richton Park and perform related traffic accident investigation and traffic enforcement. The patrol function of the department is the backbone of the agency. This function provides daily contact with residents and non-residents alike, dealing with problems in the community and assisting those in need. Officers handle simple requests such as assisting a stranded motorist to pursuing armed suspects. During the course of the year, unmanned police vehicles were placed at different locations in the Village to deter motorists from speeding or violating stop signs. The cars were placed in areas of citizen concern or where officers felt a need. Due to numerous complaints in various neighborhoods about speed and other safety issues, a number of solutions were devised. Through the use of directed patrols, placement of the speed enforcement trailer and other efforts we were able to slow vehicular traffic down in a number of residential neighborhoods.

The Richton Park Police Department participated in the Illinois Department of Transportation Division of Traffic Safety's 2018 Memorial Day "**Click it or Ticket**" campaign. The campaign's goal is to save lives and prevent severe injuries on Illinois roadways and to achieve a higher percentage of safety belt compliance through aggressive safety belt enforcement. From May 18, 2018 through May 29, 2018, our agency issued a total of 111 citations to motorists for seatbelt and child passenger protection violations.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS

The Community Service Officers (CSOs) handle police and other Village department assignments. There is currently one full-time CSO and three part-time CSOs assigned to the Patrol Division. Their attention to non-criminal police related matters allows sworn Police Officers to handle criminal complaints and tactical operations.

The CSOs are responsible for various tasks of the Patrol Division such as handling daily deliveries for the police and other Village departments, enforcing the Village's local ordinance codes which can cover many areas throughout the community from animal complaints, residential overcrowding and parking issues. The CSOs have been successful in locating and removing abandoned and nuisance automobiles in the residential and business areas of the Village.

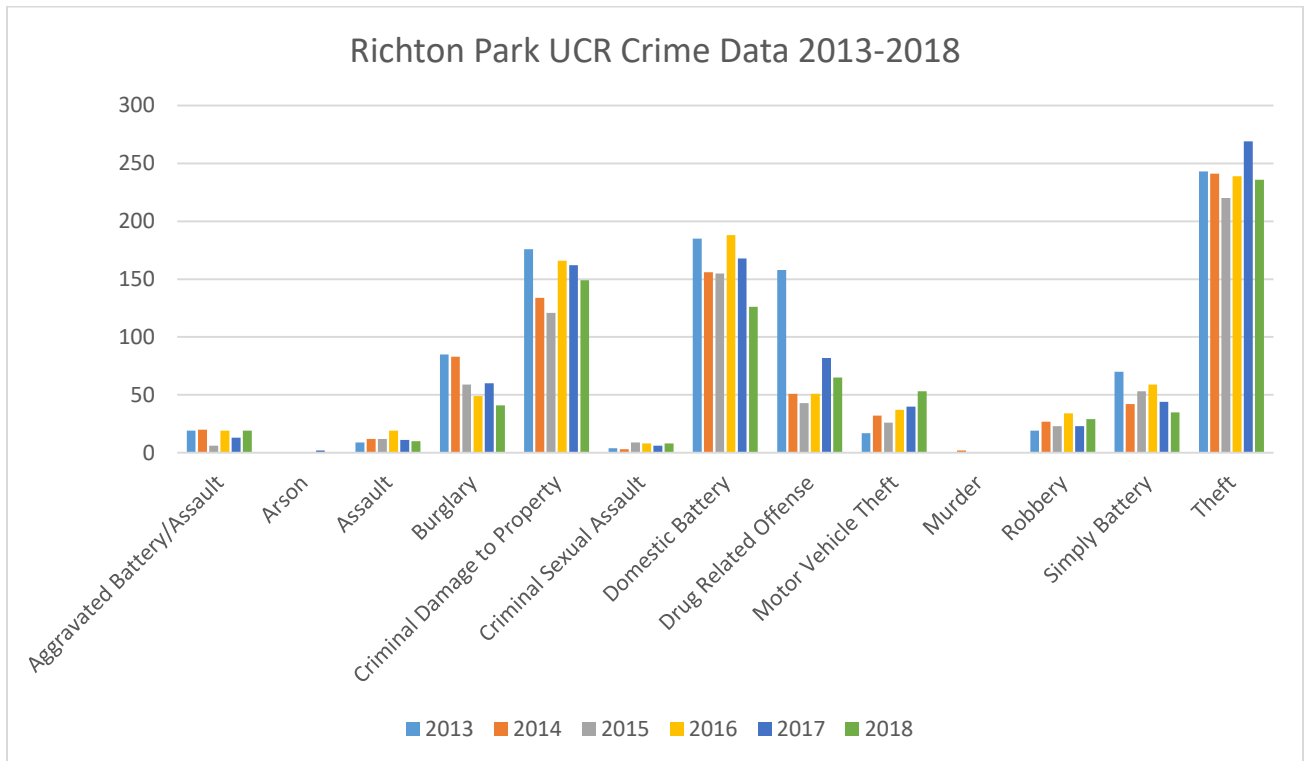
The CSOs are also responsible for monitoring domestic animal issues within the Village. Their responsibilities cover the proper care of domestically kept animals. They are provided with equipment that allows them to handle these issues in a safe and humane manner.

The CSOs assist with traffic control situations brought on by weather, crash related incidents or Village special events, along with booting and towing of motor vehicles.

STATISTICS

Crime Type	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Aggravated Battery/Assault	19	20	6	19	13	19
Arson	0	0	0	0	2	0
Assault	9	12	12	19	11	10
Burglary	85	83	59	49	60	41
Criminal Damage to Property	176	134	121	166	162	149
Criminal Sexual Assault	4	3	9	8	6	8
Domestic Battery	185	156	155	188	168	126
Drug Related Offense	158	51	43	51	82	65
Motor Vehicle Theft	17	32	26	37	40	53
Murder	0	2	0	0	0	0
Robbery	19	27	23	34	23	29
Simply Battery	70	42	53	59	44	35
Theft	243	241	220	239	269	236
Total	985	803	727	869	880	771

2018 REPORTED UCR CRIME DATA



Below you will find the totals broken down by sex, as it pertains to prisoners that have been detained in the lock-up facility of the Police Department during calendar year 2018.

Adult Lock-up Report: Males – 147 Females – 41 **Total – 188**

TRAFFIC AND OTHER CITATION NUMBERS

COMPLIANCE TICKETS	
Seat Belts	222
Equipment Violations	53
Registration	349
No/Expired <u>DL</u>	11
Other	259
TOTAL:	894
PARKING TICKETS	
Village Sticker	1392
Metra Lot	394
Fire Lane	63
Handicapped	61
Left Wheel to Curb	22
Snowfall	425
Fire Hydrant	1
Abandoned/Inoperable Vehicles	24
Other Parking	1395
TOTAL:	3,422
	3,777
LOCAL ORDINANCE TICKETS	
Curfew	19
Breach of Peace	84
Animals	64
Alcohol Related	4
Possession of Cannabis	74
Park hours	4
Other	119
TOTAL:	368
CITATION TOTALS	
Moving	798
Accident Investigations	419
Compliance Tickets	894
Parking Tickets	3,777
Local Ordinance tickets	368
TOTALS:	6,256

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

The Investigations Division consists of three full-time Detectives and a School Resource Officer. Detectives' follow-up on reported crimes and cases originally completed by patrol officers that require more in-depth investigative techniques. Cases are funneled to Detectives through various means and can vary from loss of life to theft of property.

DETECTIVE/JUVENILE DIVISION ACTIVITIES 2018

Total Cases Investigated.....456

Total Cases Closed.....426

Total Cases Active30

CLOSED CASES BREAKDOWN

Arrests46

Unfounded.....3

Referred.....7

Administratively Closed281

No Prosecution.....6

Other83

Total426

<u>Arrests</u>		<u>Charges</u>	
Adult	32	Felony	22
		Misdemeanor	10
		TOTAL	32
Juvenile	19	Felony	8
		Misdemeanor	11
TOTAL	51	TOTAL	19

OTHER INVESTIGATIONS

Background Investigations.....58

Internal Investigations.....1

Total59

JUVENILE

Department Contacts.....	74
Formal Station Adjustments	0
Informal Station Adjustments	0
Petitions Filed	15
Court Diversion Cases	0
Local Ordinance Tickets Issued.....	85
Missing.....	30

DRUG ARREST TOTALS

In 2018, the department investigated a number of drug-related incidents which resulted in subjects being arrested and drug related charges being filed.

Possession of Cannabis:
Under 100 grams
Arrests: 50
L/O: 74

Possession of a Controlled Substance:
Arrests: 0

Possession of Cannabis:
Over 100 grams
Arrests: 0

Possession of Drug Paraphernalia:
Arrests: 0

TEAM PROJECTS

Team Galvan: Metra Project

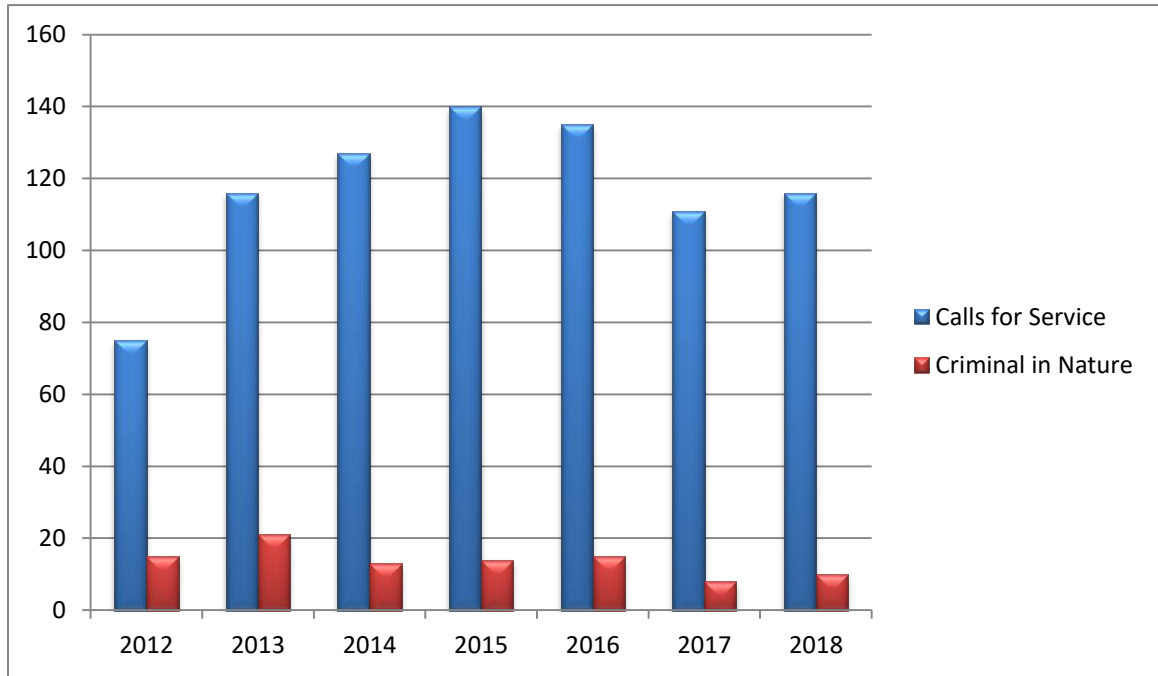
During 2018, Team Galvan, along with some members of other teams, performed a total of one-thousand eight hundred sixteen (1,816) routine patrols and four hundred forty one (441) platform checks at the Metra Lot. There were one hundred sixteen (116) calls for service in 2018; of those calls, ten (10) were criminal in nature. There were no violent felony calls received at the Metra Lot for the third year in a row.

In May and October we saw our most activity that was criminal in nature at the Metra with each month receiving a total of three (3) calls. In May, three (3) vehicles' windows were shattered by a BB gun. The same type of incidents also occurred during this time in the neighboring towns. In October, we answered three (3) calls that were criminal in nature with the most serious offense being a damaged car door handle.



The Metra also played host to the Village wide garage sale in June and the Fall Fest in September. Both events were absent of any criminal in nature occurrences. Lollapoolza was held in Chicago from August 2nd to August 5th. We had no incidents during this event.

Calls for Service versus Criminal in Nature



Team Miramontes: Vacant Property Monitoring

Team Miramontes identified the lack of monitoring of vacant properties, residences and commercial, within the Village of Richton Park as a problem. These vacant properties are an opportunity for youths to have a place to conduct illegal activities and give burglars access to materials to steal. The vacant properties and owners can also be victims of vandals and possible arsons.

We planned, as a team, to identify properties that are vacant. Once the properties were identified, we compiled a list monitored the vacant properties with building checks. If issues were identified relating to hazards or entry points, they were addressed. The list is updated and distributed as needed.

Over the course of the past year our team completed One thousand five hundred forty (1540) checks of identified vacant properties. Twenty five (25) incident numbers were created for properties found to be open or accessible. During the year, six (6) incidents were forwarded to the building department for board up, or further investigation by their department. Copies of the list were given to the Building Department and Community Development to assist them with code violations and property monitoring. At the year end, the list of identified vacant properties totaled one hundred twenty seven (127).



This program has been successful. The community benefited from the increase in visible patrols on their block. We received positive feedback on scene from neighbors of the properties thanking us for the interest in the vacant property. This program promotes positive community policing.

Team Rank: Proactive Enforcement on Juvenile Related Incidents

Team Rank's juvenile project is designed to encourage police and youth partnership as well as to address community concerns.



Traffic Citations – 1

Local Ordinances-85

- 50- Breach of Peace
- 12- Curfew
- 5- Possession of Cannabis
- 14- Retail Theft
- 1- Possession of Look-a-Like Firearm
- 1- Criminal Trespass
- 2- Obstructing a Peace Officer

Petitions –15

- Delivery of Cannabis on School Grounds
- Burglary/Possession of Stolen Motor Vehicle
- Dissemination of Indecent Visual Images
- Possession of Stolen Motor Vehicle/Kidnapping/Vehicular Invasion
- Possession of Stolen Motor Vehicle
- Aggravated Battery
- Possession of Stolen Motor Vehicle
- Battery
- Theft over \$500
- Harassment through Electronic Communications
- Aggravated Battery with a Deadly Weapon
- Retail Theft
- Retail Theft
- Criminal Trespass to Motor Vehicle
- Battery

Other Action -17

Station Adjustments - 0

Parental Responsibility Forms – 98

The numbers above may not accurately reflect all contact that officers may have had with juvenile subjects, not all officers participate in the gathering of this information.

Team Owens: Burglary Problem

In 2018 the detectives division focused on Burglaries as their Community Project. Specifically, the community project tracked all types of burglaries, such as residential, vacant homes, business and motor vehicles. The goal was



to monitor and provide patrol with information to be used to help deter and reduce burglaries from occurring.

During 2018 there were twelve (12) vacant home and business burglaries reported to police. Out of the twelve (12) reported burglary incidents, four (4) were closed by arrests. Evidence obtained during the investigation of the reported incidents were sent to the Illinois State Crime Lab for processing. All possible leads were thoroughly investigated, and information was shared with the patrol division.

Twenty-one (21) residential burglaries were reported. No arrests were made. Detectives followed up on all possible leads for the reported crimes. Evidence obtained was sent to the Illinois State Crime Lab for processing. Information was shared with the patrol division to help reduce or prevent further occurrences.

Seventy-three (73) burglaries from motor vehicle took place in 2018. One arrest was made out of the reported burglaries from motor vehicle reported in 2018. The majority of the vehicles burglarized were left unsecure by their owners. Detectives followed up on all possible leads for the reported crimes. Evidence obtained was sent to the Illinois State Police Crime Lab for Processing. When available, video was obtained and critical reach bulletins were shared with the surrounding communities. It should be noted that multiple communities were terrorized by Car Burglary Crews working in the south suburbs, often times flooding an area with many individuals pulling on vehicle door handles. Also, I worked with the Village's Media Coordinator to add a message to the Village's Marquee and the Village's Facebook page warning residents to secure their vehicles due to the rash of vehicle burglaries in the area. During Homeowner Association Meetings, Officers advised residents to secure their vehicles to reduce the chances of their vehicles being burglarized.

The months of May 2018 and September 2018 had the most reported incidents of burglaries from motor vehicles, with eleven and sixteen respectively. Vehicle burglaries were the most often occurring crimes, with no significant progress towards reducing or stopping the crime.

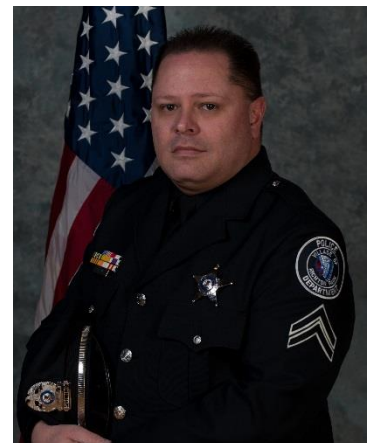
Team Young: Broken Windows

During 2018, Team Young concentrated on street signs and lights that need repairs. The team identified one hundred and twenty four (124) lights and two hundred and forty six (246) signs that need repair. Each location and issue was documented. Each light pole and sign (when available) was marked with blue painter's tape to ensure that double reporting was not made. The list of lights and signs were forwarded to The Department of Public Works for repair.

Other community problems were addressed such as:

- Icy/Unsafe roadways
- Defacement of vacant residences
- Graffiti on roadway
- Broken street lights
- Persons in the park after dark

Overall the project has been progressing as planned. We have addressed many quality of life issues in the community and were able to make a positive impact. Through the project we were able to make many positive community contacts, both private and business. By



paying closer attention to the neighborhood we were also able to identify criminal activity and take action. This resulted in arrests that both improved the quality of life and the safety of the community. During the warmer months, we will do more park checks and foot patrols.

COMMUNITY POLICING ACTIVITIES

The department expects all of its officers to be involved in Community Policing activities throughout the year. Officers are encouraged to identify community problems and address concerns of residents during the course of their daily activities. Officers make suggestions on traffic problems identified in the community and make suggestions of locations where additional signage is needed. Officers perform foot patrols and make frequent checks at businesses and commercial areas to encourage community interaction. We also incorporate Community Policing activities into the personnel evaluation process. Listed below are examples of the many community policing programs provided in 2018.

ABANDONED & INOPERABLE VEHICLES

The identification of nuisance vehicles which are either abandoned or inoperable, creating an eyesore in the community, is in keeping with the community policing philosophies of the department by identifying community problems and quality of life concerns. Officers routinely assist in this endeavor by identification of abandoned or inoperable vehicles and placing warning tickets and tow notices on vehicles parked on Village streets. The vehicles are then followed up by the Community Service Officers who ticket and tow when appropriate. The department's objective has been compliance.

ALARM CALLS

In 2018, the department responded to a total of 860 alarm calls. The breakdown of those calls is as follows: 700 false residential alarms and 160 false commercial/business alarms. When the department receives a report of an alarm, it is required to send two officers for safety reasons. With dwindling resources it is important that we are mindful of how our resources are used. As a result of the false alarms, \$1,220 was collected for false alarm violations and \$2,200 was paid for new alarm permits. As of December 31, 2018, there were 1,356 total paid alarm permits.

BUSINESS CHECKS

Patrol Officers are required to visit all Village businesses during the course of their regular duties. During the visits the officer interacts with employees and addresses crime related issues. Officers conducted 4,833 business checks

CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

The Citizens Police Academy (CPA) is open to area residents and business owners. Classes are held on 10 consecutive Thursdays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Matteson and Richton Park Police Departments. The CPA is designed to expose the public to various aspects of law enforcement training and services.



2018 CPA Class Graduation

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The police department embraces problem-solving and community policing throughout the entire department. Below is a list of some of activities the police department participated in with our partners:

February 9, 2018, we held an Active Shooter Drill at Neil Armstrong Elementary School.

February 24, 2018 we participated in the Lakewood Bowl Community Event.

February 27, 2018 we participated in the SSSRA basketball program.

March 3, 2018, we attended the Crisis for South Suburbia Annual Fundraiser.

March 15, 2018, we gave students from Colin Powell Middle School a tour of the police department.

April 20, 2018, we participated in the “No Guns, No Violence” event at Rich South High School.

April 21, 2018, we participated the Richton Park Community Clean-up Day.

April 26, 2018, we participated in the Bring Your Child to Work event.

May 1, 2018, the Chief met with the new Superintendent for SD227.

May 19 through 30, 2018, we participated with the Memorial Day “Click-it-or-Ticket” campaign sponsored by the Illinois Department of Transportation. Our agency issued a total of 120 citations to motorists for seatbelt and child passenger protection violations.

May 18, 2018, we participated with “Cop-on-Top” at our local Dunkin Donuts to raise awareness and funds to support the Illinois Special Olympics.

May 24, 2018, the Chief served as a facilitator for the Black Women and Girls Conference. June 2, 2018, we participated in the Village’s “Building Safety Day.”

June 13, 2018, we participated with the “Illinois Torch Run” to raise awareness and funds to support the Illinois Special Olympics.

July 28, 2018, we participated in the Village's HOA Picnic.

August 4, 2018, we participated with Harvest Time Worship community event.

On August 7, 2018, we held the "National Night Out" at Glaeser Park. Local businesses, civic groups, community members and Village of Richton Park employees supported this event by providing monetary and volunteer support.

August 8, 2018, we participated in SD162's School Crisis Training.

August 24, 2018, Chief Williams participated as a volunteer for Robin Kelly's Black Women and Girls Financial Management workshop.

September 8, 2018, we participated in the Village of Richton Park's Fall Festival.

September 20 through November 15, 2018, the Richton Park and Matteson Police Departments sponsored a "Citizen's Police Academy."

September 25, 2018, we participated in a "Crisis Management & Preparedness" meeting at Rich South High School to discuss the school's emergency plan.

October 5, 2018, the Chief attended the 1st Annual Superintendents, Principals and Chiefs Breakfast meeting.

November 7, 2018, we conducted an Active Shooter Drill at Rich South High School.

November 10, 2018, we participated in the Village's "Veteran's Day Parade."

November 15, 2018, the Chief served as principal for the day at Neil Armstrong Elementary School.

December 2, 2018, the Chief attended a Department of Homeland Security Administration meeting with stakeholders as it relates to undocumented immigrants, ICE and local law enforcement.

DON'T BE SORRY AND PROJECT STICKER SHOCK

The kickoff Alcohol Awareness Month, the Illinois Liquor Control Commission partnered with a variety of state and local organizations, including the Richton Park Police Department during the month of April to increase public awareness of the dangers of underage drinking. Entitled "Don't Be Sorry" and "Project Sticker Shock", this new educational effort is designed to focus attention on the consequences of underage drinking through statewide participation. Thousands of local law enforcement personnel were out in force in Illinois during the month of April, posting stickers, window decals, posters and signs in liquor establishments to remind communities that providing alcohol to minors is illegal, unhealthy and unacceptable. In our effort, local liquor licensees agreed to allow our officers to post the stickers, window decals, posters and signs in their establishments and on their packaged goods and to keep the materials predominately posted during the entire month of April as a reminder of the legal consequences of providing alcohol to minors. This program gave us an opportunity to change the perception that providing alcohol to minors is an acceptable practice. The Illinois Liquor Control Commission conducted a compliance check in the Village of Richton Park that resulted in four businesses cited for selling alcohol to an underage minor.

ENHANCED NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The neighborhood watch program was implemented in 2007. It promotes officer and community engagement, participation and problem solving which leads to the discovery and implementation of solutions to community problems, concerns and issues. Officers are assigned to teams. Each team is assigned to specific homeowner associations. Members of the team attend neighborhood watch meetings as well as homeowner association meetings. Officers will address problems, concerns and issues that are unique and specific to each area, subdivision and homeowner association. The officer's enhanced involvement has grown into partnerships with the citizens and the increased participation with the community has thus resulted in facilitating solutions to problems of mutual concern. This program thus far has been extremely successful and has been overwhelmingly accepted by the community. During 2018, officers participated in approximately 100 separate meetings and/or events throughout the Village. It has progressed in such a manner that when an issue or need surfaces, the neighborhood/association member is able to simply contact their particular assigned officer who immediately gets involved and works with the community to resolve or address the particular issue or matter of concern.

FOOD DRIVE

With the active participation of students from Rich Township School Districts #159 and #162, the Richton Park Police Department lead an effort to impress upon the youth of our Village the value of service to community by conducting the fifth annual food drive. The food drive was developed to assist the Rich Township food pantry to meet its growing demand for assistance especially during the holiday season. The food drive kicked off in November and food donations began immediately. The department was able to deliver a truckload of food to the pantry for the holiday season. Through the efforts of local church groups, senior centers and schools assisting and becoming involved, we were able to provide food for needy families located in Rich Township.



Officers donating food to the Rich Township Food Pantry

FOOT PATROLS

During calendar year 2018, officer conducted over 690 foot patrols. Foot patrols are conducted by officers in areas of high pedestrian traffic, large gathering, parks and other public spaces and when requested. Foot patrols are also used for investigative purposes, as a deterrence to crime, and as a part of our community policing initiative. It is important that officers become familiar with the

people in their assigned beats as well as the public feeling comfortable interacting with an officer without involving enforcing the law.

KIDS CAN'T BUY 'EM HERE PROGRAM

The department continues to work with a grant through the Illinois Liquor Control Commission for the enforcement of tobacco sales to reduce youth access to tobacco. This program is titled "Kids Can't Buy 'Em Here"; the purpose is to educate the local tobacco retailers not to sell tobacco products to children under the age of 18. The program requires the local police department to conduct three compliance checks during the year. The first round of compliance checks were completed in early winter which only required that a warning be given to the retailer. The second and third checks were conducted in the spring and summer and require that a compliance ticket be issued for a violation. The Village of Richton Park has only six tobacco licenses issued to local retailers. No retail establishment in the Village of Richton Park sold tobacco to our undercover minor during the compliance checks.

LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPLORER PROGRAM

The Matteson/Richton Explorer Post 10-78 Cadet Program meets monthly. The program provides hands-on experience in the field of law enforcement and the development of leadership skills for youth ages 14-20.

LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN

Since 1986, law enforcement has been supporting Special Olympics Illinois by raising money and awareness through the Law Enforcement Torch Run®. In the last decade, the number of people with intellectual disabilities participating in Special Olympics in Illinois has increased by roughly 25 percent to more than 22,000 athletes in 2018. As Special Olympics Illinois continues to provide opportunities for a growing number of athletes and families, the need for more funding to support those programs grows. This is where more involvement from the law enforcement community becomes crucial. In addition to sports training and competition, the organization offers numerous other programs for athletes and families – all at no cost to the participants! The Richton Park Police Department raised \$7,466 for Special Olympics in 2018.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The Richton Park police department celebrated the 34th Annual National Night Out event at Glaeser Park on August 7, 2018. Over 500 persons attended the event which included prizes, food, games, fireworks and entertainment for young and old. The introduction of National Night Out, "America's Night Out Against Crime," in 1984 began an effort to promote involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships, neighborhood camaraderie and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. National Night Out program culminates annually, on the first Tuesday of August. The traditional "lights on" campaign and symbolic front porch vigils turned into a celebration across America with various events and activities including, but not limited to, block parties, cookouts, parades, visits from emergency personnel, rallies and marches, exhibits, youth events, safety demonstrations and seminars, in an effort to heighten awareness and enhance community relations.



Officer Jalye LaPorte dances with the youth at NNO



Summer Workers volunteering at NNO

PREVENTATIVE MEASURES/EFFORTS

Throughout 2018, the Richton Park Police Department has provided a number of programs to local businesses, organizations, schools and residents within the Village of Richton Park. The Richton Park Police Department has built excellent partnerships with our residents as well as businesses. The following crime prevention efforts were provided during 2018:

- Alcohol/Tobacco Compliance Checks
- Child Safety Seat Program
- Community Flyers
- Community Presentations
- Covert & Overt Surveillances
- Home Owner Association Meetings
- Home Security Inspections
- Identity Theft Prevention
- Police Internship Program
- Security Surveys

- Bicycle Patrols
- Vacation Checks
- Sex Offender Checks
- Citizens Police Academy
- Click it or Ticket Campaign
- Police Department Tours
- Special Olympics
- Child I.D. Kits
- Community Shred Day
- Bicycle Safety

RADAR PROGRAM

The Richton Park Police Department has one radar trailer to assist in its traffic enforcement efforts throughout the year. As speed related complaints are received by the department, one of the techniques/tactics in helping bring awareness to the complaint is the deployment of the speed trailer to the area of concern. This visual reminder to passing motorists acts as a deterrent and makes drivers need to be aware of their speed, especially in residential areas.

RED LIGHT CAMERA TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

In our effort to improve public and driver safety throughout the community, the Village of Richton Park, after careful consideration and detailed analysis, has installed a new and cutting-edge photo-enforcement program, more commonly known as a "Red Light Camera" program. The camera systems are located at the intersection of Cicero Avenue and Sauk Trail (Northbound and Southbound.)

Implementation of this type of program will reduce possible fatalities and severe personal injury due to driver carelessness and/or reckless disregard for the law. Red Light Cameras are only a cost to those who break the law. We encourage drivers to follow the law and respect the rules of the road.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

The Richton Park Police Department initiated a liaison position with Richton Township High School District #227, as well as Rich Township School Districts #159 and #162 in order to improve communications and provide service for Richton Park's public school student population. The School Resource Officer position was staffed by Corporal Brian Anderson. His duties require him to act as liaison between school district administrators and the Richton Park Police Department. This includes fostering a free flow of information between the organizations to optimize law enforcement services. The School Resource Officer is also required to respond to calls for police service from individual schools and conduct criminal investigations. Community policing in the school atmosphere is the emphasis of the program. Mediation and conflict resolution, with arrest being the final option, is one goal of this program. The School Resource Officer has a secondary education function such as addressing assemblies and classes about law enforcement topics. This type of deployment requires the officer to provide other functions such as classroom presentations and student crisis referrals. These functions, plus the primary function of law enforcement and maintaining site security combine for a holistic approach of police service to Richton Township public schools.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

The Richton Park Police Department fundraises and participates in Special Olympic events such as the South Suburban Special Recreation Association's Annual Police Basketball Game, Cop on Top, Torch Run and other programs. Special Olympics is a global organization that unleashes the human spirit through the transformative power and joy of sport, every day around the world. Special Olympics Illinois is a not-for-profit organization offering year-round training and competition in 18 sports for more than 23,000 athletes with intellectual disabilities and nearly 20,000 Young Athletes ages 2-7 with and without intellectual disabilities. Special Olympics transforms the lives of people with intellectual disabilities, allowing them to realize their full potential in sports and in life. Special Olympics programs enhance physical fitness, motor skills, self-confidence, social skills and encourage family and community support. The Richton Park Police Department raised over \$7,000 for this worthwhile organization last year, and has a goal of raising over \$10,000 for 2019.



Team Richton Park



2018 SSSRA and Police Basketball Game

STOP BULLYING NOW

The police department offers the "Stop Bullying Now" educational program to all Richton Park schools at no cost. The program addresses bullying as an aggressive behavior that is intentional and involves an imbalance of power and strength. Bullying effects peer relationships; the relationships shared by children in the same age range and play an important role in children's development. It offers unique opportunities for self-learning and the implementation of new social skills. Unfortunately, peer relationships may also be detrimental to the child particularly when bullying is involved. Children experiencing peer relationship difficulties due to bullying are at risk for a variety of future adjustment problems including dropping out of school, delinquency and emotional problems. The program addresses the best practices in bullying prevention and intervention. It is anticipated that through this program, bullying prevention will be woven into the entire school environment and the social norms associated with bullying will change.

VACATION WATCH

Police officers conducted 123 residential home checks through our Vacation Watch Program. When residents plan their vacations, we ask that they not forget to protect their home while away. The Richton Park Police Department provides helpful tips to keep their home safe and secure.

Residents may request a “Vacation Watch” before leaving home for an extended period of time. By registering the home with the Richton Park Police Department, officers will provide extra patrols of the residence while the occupants are away. Notifying us also provides us with a way to contact them if we receive a call about a problem at their home.

DEPARTMENT TRAINING

Training is an essential element to maintaining certification, safety and integrity. We continue to seek the highest level of training that is available, focusing on updating officers' knowledge of their present job tasks as well as preparing them for the future. We encourage department personnel to look beyond their normal duties and seek leadership courses, community policing training and other specialty classes to enhance their abilities and prepare themselves for future assignments and promotions. Police employees received in excess of 2,000 hours of training in 2018.

FIELD TRAINING PROGRAM

The Richton Park Police Department has several officers who have been Field Training Officers (FTOs) throughout their careers. Upon being hired, officers without police experience attend the Law Enforcement Academy for 12 weeks of basic training. After graduation from the police academy, Recruit Officers are required to successfully complete a Field Training Program at the Richton Park Police Department. The Richton Park Police Department uses the San Jose and Sokolove Field Training models to train its new officers. This is typically a twelve week training program that consists of at least 400 hours of training.

Each new Recruit is assigned a primary FTO. As the Recruit completes each week, he/she is given more responsibilities until they are simply being observed with no input from the FTO. The FTO completes Daily Observation Reports (DORs) every shift documenting what the Recruit has done in 31 different categories under multiple areas including knowledge, performance and attitude. The training is comprehensive, intensive and always under direct supervision of an FTO. The Recruit is trained by a minimum of two different FTOs who complete the reports. Each FTO must have positive yearly reviews, be recommended by their Supervising Sergeant and complete a 40-hour State Certified training program prior to starting duty as an FTO. Sergeant James Galvan is the Field Training Coordinator and oversees this program.

The FTO program is an in-depth training experience that turns out professional, productive and well trained Police Officers. Upon successful complete of the FTO program, the officer is assigned to the Patrol Division.

POLICE PARTNERSHIPS

CRISIS CENTER FOR SOUTH SUBURBIA

The Crisis Center for South Suburbia provides a legal advocate one day a week to provide follow-up for all Domestic Violence related incidents which are reported to the department. The advocate comes to the department and provides specific follow-up with the victims listed on the domestic violence reports. Cases are evaluated and referrals made for those cases which may not have had specific criminal behavior prevalent to effectuate an arrest but still show the dynamics of domestic

violence exist. The advocate makes contact with the victim to identify patterns of abusive behaviors and to provide them with resources in and around the community. The advocate reports directly to our police department and conducts follow-up services directly from our facility. The Crisis Center for South Suburbia provides legal advocacy in the courts for the victims who reside in Richton Park and provides the victim with assistance in completing orders of protection and explain the legal procedures of the case pending.

For the calendar year 2018, 327 documented domestic related offenses were reported to the Crisis Center for South Suburbia social worker for follow-up.

McDIPPER BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

This holiday basketball tournament is administered by Rich South School; they are also responsible for assigning the security needs for this event. State police and school security guards worked the interior of the building, while Richton Park Police Officers were assigned the exterior. Our responsibility included traffic control and parking. This year's event ran smoothly with very little enforcement activity to report.

S.M.A.R.T.

The Richton Park Police Department also continued its partnership with the Suburban Major Accident Reconstruction Team (S.M.A.R.T.) which is a multi-jurisdictional response team. The Richton Park Police Department has a representative assigned to the team. The team consists of specially trained officers from many south suburban communities whose responsibility is to investigate major motor vehicle crashes.

S.S.E.R.T.

The Richton Park Police Department also continued its partnership with the South Suburban Emergency Response Team (S.S.E.R.T.) which is a multi-jurisdictional specialized unit of highly trained officers whose specialized skills are utilized to assist member agencies in the execution of high risk search warrants, barricaded subjects, hostage situations, etc. The department has two officers assigned to the unit, one as logistics coordinator and the other as a trained special weapons and tactic officer and assigned to the unit's all-purpose response team. The department's full-time Community Service Officer is assigned to S.S.E.R.T. as the unit's logistics coordinator.

S.S.M.C.T.F.

The Richton Park Police Department continues its partnership with the South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force (S.S.M.C.T.F.). This is a multi-jurisdictional task force made up of Investigator's from numerous south suburban police departments including the Cook County Sheriff's Police Department, as well as the Illinois State Police. The main focus of this specialized task force is to assist member agencies with the investigation of homicide cases and other major crimes which may occur within their jurisdictions. Since its inception in 1999, the Richton Park Police Department has been a member agency and has two investigators assigned to the task force.

On behalf of the employees of the Richton Park Police Department, thank you for taking the time to review our policing efforts for the year 2018. We are open to input on how to better serve our community. Please email Chief Williams at ewilliams@richtonpark.org or visit the Village of Richton Park webpage at www.richtonpark.org.



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