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Criminal Investigations Division

Detectives / Tactical Response Unit / Community Policing



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The Forest Park Police Department's Criminal Investigation Division (CID) is headed by Lt. Ken Gross. Three detectives are assigned to CID; Det. Nick Petrovic, Det. Jarlath Heveran, and Det. Rob Bryant. There is currently one tactical officer assigned to the division; Det. George Hickey. CFMH Officer Mike O'Connor is the police department's Community Policing / Crime Free Housing Officer. LaShan Riggins, the department's Evidence Custodian, is a member of CID and aside from her evidence duties performs administrative duties for the investigators, assists at the 24 hour desk, and parking/records. ProCare Crisis Care Worker, Elizabeth Budde, is outsourced to the Forest Park Police Department four days a week and is housed within the CID building located at 501 Desplaines Ave.

Police incident reports are reviewed by the investigations division every working day. Incidents that have victims wishing to sign a complaint against an offender are assigned to a detective for further review in an effort to develop offender(s), conduct interviews, and gather evidence to effect an arrest and present a winnable case in criminal court. Some incidents are turned over to Elizabeth Budde should there seem to be a need for the outreach program from her organization. Other incidents, for example neighbor disputes or landlord tenant disputes, are forwarded to CFMH Officer Mike O'Connor so he could intervene and possibly mediate or offer eviction advice. Problem properties may be deemed a nuisance by CFMH Officer O'Connor should they meet the criteria.

Det. N. Petrovic was promoted to the rank of sergeant on January 18, 2019.

Lt. K. Gross spoke at the DuPage Narcan Program Annual Review on January 24, 2019 reference Forest Park's experience with opioid users and the department's use of NARCAN.

Det. G. Hickey began a new assignment on February 11, 2019 and is now outsourced to a DEA Task Force. He will still report to Lt. Gross and has maintained regular contact thus far.

Sgt. Petrovic, Det. Heveran, and Det. Bryant are members of the West Suburban Major Crimes Task Force (WESTAF) and are, at times, on call to assist member agencies should a homicide occur.

Currently, the Forest Park PD is still a member agency in the multijurisdictional West Suburban Drug and Gang Enforcement Task Force (WEDGE), but at this time we have no investigators (historically tactical officers) to assign.

There were 87 incidents assigned to investigators for follow-up in the January and February 2019 time period. This is down 16 incidents when compared to November and December 2018. There were 8 more incidents assigned to the detective division in January/February 2019 than in the same two month span in 2018 when 79 cases were assigned. Of the 87 incidents assigned this period, 46 were assigned in January 2019 and 41 in February 2019. There were a total of fifty-nine incidents cleared in January/February 2019.

Following are incidents of note in January/February 2019:

- CR# 1900094 – A subject who robbed a juvenile of their cell phone near Harlem and Fillmore was identified. The subject was located in Chicago wearing the same unique jacket he wore when the robbery was committed. The subject was arrested and charged.
- CR# 1900286 – A liquor license investigation was completed.
- CR# 1900478 – Detectives monitored the call of an aggravated vehicular hijacking that occurred on Madison Street. Lt. Gross, Sgt. Petrovic, and Det. Bryant toured the West Side of Chicago armed with a vehicle and offender description. The car was located and followed covertly with location and direction of travel broadcast. The offenders noticed that they were being followed by police officers and a short vehicle chase began. The chase ended with a car crash. Chicago Police Department officers assisted and two subjects were arrested and two handguns recovered. Both subjects were positively identified and charged.
- CR# 1900527 – Investigations was notified of a reported, early morning robbery that occurred on the CTA Blue Line. Two suspects were arrested. Both the suspects and victim were homeless. All parties were interviewed and the victim refused to cooperate, leaving the PD and never returning or contacting it. The subjects arrested were each charged with drug related offenses.
- CR# 1900586 – A report was received of a missing adult who was in the United Kingdom and thought to be the victim of sex trafficking. An investigation was opened and contact made with a law enforcement agency in the United Kingdom. The missing adult was found to be in the United Kingdom voluntarily and was not being trafficked for sexual means.

Forest Park Criminal Investigations Division members are experienced and dedicated public servants who have built and continue to maintain professional relationships within the community and with neighboring agencies in an effort to quash criminal activity and to solve as many cases as possible.

FOREST PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT ASSET SEIZURE AND FORFEITURES JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2019

Following is a summary of Asset Seizure and Forfeiture activity by the Forest Park Police Department in January and February 2019. All money, vehicle, and property seizures made by this department are in compliance with Illinois Statutes on drug and money laundering forfeiture laws (Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 725, Article 150/5) and other vehicle seizure laws (Chapter 720, Article 36).

NEW CASES:

On 03 February 2019, this department seized \$578 cash from a defendant who was arrested and charged with delivery of over 30 grams of cannabis. A finding of no probable cause to seize the money was found in a preliminary review hearing on 13 February 2019, and the money will be returned to the defendant upon his request.

CASES CLEARED:

On 06 February 2019, a Declaration of Forfeiture was issued for \$336 cash that was seized from a defendant in October 2018, indicating that no verifiable claim to the seized money has been made. That money is eligible for claim by this department after 30 days.

On 14 February 2019, a Declaration of Forfeiture was issued for \$377 cash that was seized from a defendant in November 2018, indicating that no verifiable claim to the seized money has been made. That money is eligible for claim by this department after 30 days.

On 19 February 2019, a Declaration of Forfeiture was issued for \$27,853 cash that was seized from a defendant in November 2018, indicating that no verifiable claim to the seized money has been made. That money is eligible for claim by this department after 30 days.

On 25 February 2019, Illinois State Police issued this department a check for \$18,712.72. This money is Forest Park Police's 65% portion of seized money awarded and adjudicated in twelve prior seizures. This money was deposited in to the department Asset Forfeiture Account and may be used for law enforcement purposes.

Firearms/Range

Training meetings were conducted to finalize training objectives and lessons. Ammunition requests were submitted for both practice and duty ammunition. A single SRT range day was conducted at the end of February and in the coming months, range operations will start ramping up as the weather gets nicer.

Accident Investigation

The Major Crash Unit of the West Suburban Major Crimes Task Force continues to train and add equipment. There are no current crash investigations in Forest Park at this time.

LESO

Items usable to the Department, with a total value of just over \$46,000, were acquired through LESO for only the cost of shipping. Below are the acquisitions and their cost to the Military:

- * 8 Motorola base type radio units valued at \$5,544.59 each - One of these units has already been installed at the Fire Department and they could end up installed and used at the front desk, Investigations, SRT truck, Sgt's Office, etc. Ofc. Moravec is coordinating their installation.

- * 2 laptop cases valued at \$248.03 each.

- * 2 Bunn coffee makers valued at \$593.71 - These are industrial 3 warmer units. One was installed in the Sgt's Office and the other at the Fire Department kitchen. Both replaced units in need of replacement.

Daily searches are still conducted to find items in this program to either upgrade or augment this Department at a considerable savings.

NIPAS

Nothing to Report

Special Response Team (SRT)

The SRT conducted range trainings at Kendall County Range on January 24, 2019 and February 27, 2019. The SRT worked on shooting drills in extremely cold weather for the long gun and pistol. The SRT worked on transition drills along with room entering and shooting. The primary focus of range trainings on both days consisted of marksmanship skills.

There were no SRT Activations or Search Warrants served by the SRT for the months of January/February 2019.

Neighborhood Watch

Nothing to Report

Auxiliary Unit

January 2019

There were no scheduled or assigned auxiliary details during the month of January.

Training/Meeting

The auxiliary unit had their first meeting for 2019 on Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 1900 hrs.

For the past several years our meetings were scheduled on the second Saturday of each month at 0900hrs. For 2019 the meeting days and times were changed to the second Wednesday of each month at 1900hrs.

During the meeting we discussed the up and coming events (St. Patrick's Day Parade) and addressed issues within the unit regarding uniform appearance, proper uniform gear.

Once the discussion period concluded we took a short break and re-convened in the Village Chambers where Auxiliary Officers Bolton and Balingit conducted our firearms training.

Each officer was required to bring the duty belt along with their duty weapons. Once all weapons were made safe Ofc. Bolton, a state certified firearms instructor, and trained the officers in;

- Firearms Presentation- Safety Circle
- Ready Position
- Loading, unloading magazines ie. Magazine exchanges
- Speed Reloading
- Tactical Reloading

Each officer was required to demonstrate proficiency on each of the listed training tasks.

Once training was completed the meeting was adjourned. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 13th at 1900hrs.

A total of 14 out of 21 officers attended the meeting/training. Each officer attending the training came prepared and demonstrated competence in each training task completed.

February Details

There were no scheduled or assigned auxiliary details during the month of February.

Training/Meeting:

We met in the roll call room on Wednesday, February 13th, at 1900hrs. During the meeting we discussed the up and coming St. Patrick's Day Parade Detail which is set for Saturday, March 2nd. After a brief discussion we moved to the Village Hall chambers where Lt. Chin instructed the officers in proper handcuffing techniques. Our meeting/training concluded at 2100hrs.