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Criminal Investigations Division

Detectives / Tactical Response Unit / Community Policing



January and February 2020

The Forest Park Police Department's (FPPD) Criminal Investigation Division (CID) is supervised by Lt. Pete Morrissette. Three detectives are assigned to CID; Det. Jarlath Heveran, Det. Rob Bryant, and Det. Adam Stasinopoulos. Det. Mike O'Connor is the police department's Community Policing / Crime Free Housing Officer. LaShan Riggins, the Forest Park Police Department's Evidence Custodian, is a member of CID and aside from her evidence custodian duties performs administrative duties for the investigators, and assists the desk clerks, parking, and records when needed. The CID Unit said farewell to Amita Health Behavioral Health Clinician and Police Crisis Services Worker Elizabeth Budde, who left her position in January. In her place, Demi Bandolik arrived from Amita to take over those duties. Demi is outsourced to the Forest Park Police Department four days a week and has office space 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 a suspect(s), conduct interviews, and gather evidence to effect an arrest and present a winnable case in criminal court. Some incidents are turned over to Demi Bandolik should there be a need for outreach from her organization, mainly in reference to mental health concerns. Other incidents such as neighbor or landlord tenant disputes, are forwarded to Det. Mike O'Connor so he can intervene and possibly mediate or offer eviction advice. Problem properties may be deemed a nuisance by Det. O'Connor should they meet the criteria established under the village ordinance.

Detectives rotate on call assignments weekly so a Forest Park Police Detective is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week should the need for CID assistance arise. If a major incident is encountered during off hours, the entire CID staff could be called upon to respond if needed.

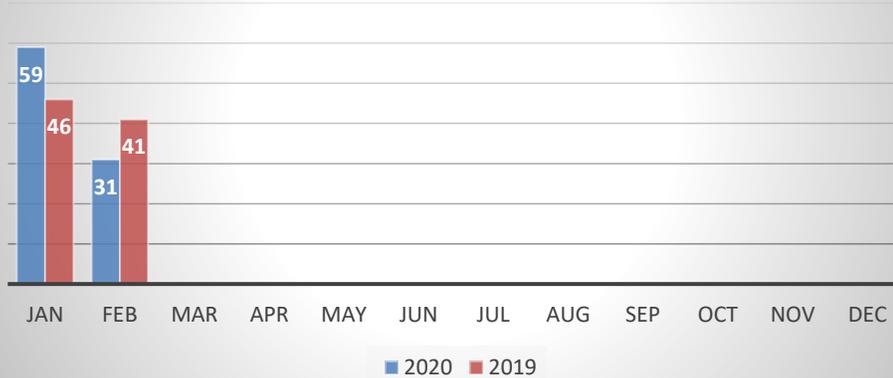
The detectives are members of the West Suburban Major Crimes Task Force (WESTAF) and are, at times, on call to assist member agencies should a homicide occur in a WESTAF jurisdiction. Detective Heveran assisted Elmwood Park Police department for three days in a WESTAF homicide callout in January 2020.

Currently, the Forest Park PD is a member agency in the multi-jurisdictional West Suburban Drug and Gang Enforcement Task Force (WEDGE). Det. Stasinopoulos and Det. O'Connor are assigned to assist WEDGE. They did not assist WEDGE in this reporting period.

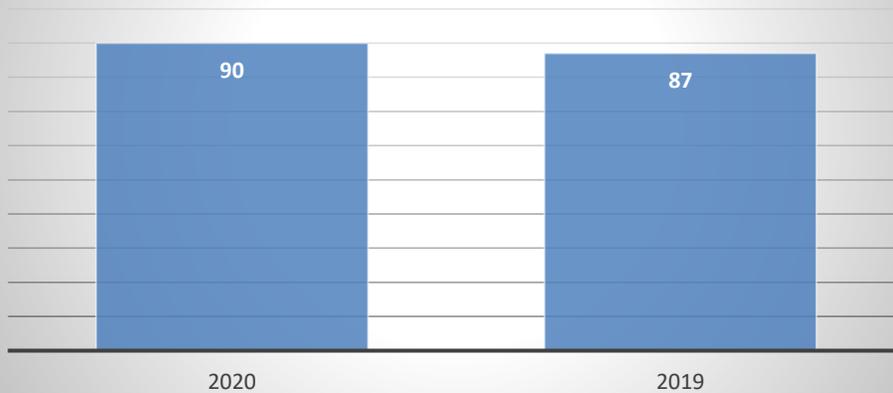
Trainings attended in January and February 2020 by CID personnel were: Lt Morrissette attended a week long Lead Homicide Investigator course, which includes a State of Illinois Certification, and Det. Bryant attended a three day Evidence Based Interview and Interrogation course. That course received positive reviews, and Det. Stasinopoulos will attend the same course in May 2020.

There were 90 incidents assigned to investigators for follow-up in January and February 2020, 59 in January and 31 in February. This is a 3.4% increase in cases assigned from January and February 2019. There were a total of 42 incidents closed in January and February 2020.

Number of CID Cases Assigned Monthly



Number of CID Cases Assigned by Year



Following are incidents of note in January and February 2020:

- CR# 18-01464 – Detective Heveran culminated a criminal sexual assault investigation more than two years in the making when he secured an arrest warrant for the offender who had fled to Kentucky late last year. Detective Heveran and Lieutenant Morrissette travelled to Campbellsville, Kentucky in January 2020 and extradited the offender back to Illinois. He was charged with Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault in the Forest Park incident, and also held on pending charges of an additional sexual assault that occurred in Maywood, IL when a DNA hit was confirmed to identify to him.
- CR# 19-03836 – Through a lengthy investigation, Detective Heveran was able to identify a suspect and match his computer records in an allegation of Non-Consensual Dissemination of Private Sexual Images. The offender in this case had secretly recorded a victim in a sexual encounter and posted and sold images and video on the internet. The offender provided a video recorded confession and was subsequently charged.

- CR#20-00039 – Detective Heveran investigated an armed robbery at a local business that occurred on 04 January 2020. The suspects in this case had committed numerous similar robberies in the area, and after committing one in Broadview, IL, a pursuit led to their capture in Oak Park, IL. Detective Heveran noted that one of the subjects in custody matched the description from the Forest Park incident, and the offender subsequently admitted to his part in the Forest Park armed robbery. Through further investigation, Detective Heveran developed a suspect who was a known accomplice to the offender, and that suspect was also positively identified as an offender in this robbery. Both subjects were subsequently charged with Armed Robbery by Forest Park Police.
- CR#20-00058 – Detective Stasinopoulos investigated the theft of a wedding ring in which the victim suspected that a hired cleaning person had taken the ring. Detective Stasinopoulos was able to identify the suspect through internet searches. Through a LEADS Online search, Detective Stasinopoulos discovered that this suspect pawned a ring in Chicago recently, and that ring was positively identified by the victim as hers. Detective Stasinopoulos recovered the ring from the pawn shop, and the suspect voluntarily came to the police station to speak with investigators. During questioning by Detective Stasinopoulos and Detective Bryant, the suspect confessed to taking and pawning the ring. She was subsequently charged with Felony Theft.
- CR#20-00109 – Forest Park investigators responded to assist Chicago Police, who had been following two known burglars from Chicago into Forest Park. Both suspects were detained by Chicago Police after the commission of a burglary in Forest Park. The suspects were turned over to Forest Park Police. After the victim identified the proceeds recovered in this burglary, Detective Bryant and Lieutenant Morrissette interviewed both suspects. Both were subsequently charged with Residential Burglary.
- CR#20-00099 – Detective Bryant and Lieutenant Morrissette travelled to Chicago, IL in an attempt to locate a vehicle that was used in a retail theft in Forest Park. The suspect fled police in that vehicle when they attempted to stop her. The vehicle was located in Chicago and towed back to the station. The owner of the vehicle voluntarily came to the station and was charged with Aggravated Fleeing and Eluding Police.
- CR#19-03343 – Detective Stasinopoulos was able to identify an offender in an armed robbery that occurred in Forest Park through surveillance footage, and obtained an arrest warrant for the offender. The offender turned himself in on the warrant, and in an interview with Detective Stasinopoulos, implicated himself in the robbery. He was subsequently charged with Armed Robbery.
- CR#20-00599 and CR#20-00600 – Detective O'Connor initiated a Chronic Nuisance Property investigation at a residence in Forest Park where there have been multiple concerning incidents. These incidents have included weapons offenses, drug traffic, and violent disturbances among other incidents. After the landlord of the property refused to cooperate in a strategy laid out by Detective O'Connor to reduce or eliminate the problem, and incidents continued at that address, Detective O'Connor issued citations to the home owner for Maintaining a Chronic Nuisance Property.

- Lieutenant Morrissette completed a background investigation for a police officer candidate as well as a parking enforcement officer candidate during January and February 2020.

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.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2020
FOREST PARK POLICE K-9 STATISTICS
K-9 "MADISON"

07JAN20 (Narcotics Search): Ofc. Miller curbed a vehicle for a traffic violation and learned the driver was on Federal Supervised Release for Drug Conspiracy. Ofc. Miller requested and received verbal permission to deploy K-9 Madison. K-9 Madison did not indicate or alert to the presence of narcotics on the vehicle. (CR#20-0083)

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28JAN20 (Narcotics Search): Ofc. Miller curbed a vehicle for a traffic violation and deployed K-9 Madison around a vehicle while Ofc. B. Reilly completed traffic enforcement. K-9 Madison alerted to the vehicle but a hand search revealed no contraband.

07FEB20 (Narcotics Search): River Forest PD requested K-9 Madison for a free-air sniff around the exterior of an un-occupied parked vehicle that was believed to be used for narcotic distribution. K-9 Madison alerted to the presence of narcotics on the vehicle specifically the trunk. (CR#20-0428)

18Feb20 (Narcotics Search): K-9 Madison assisted Chicago DEA

TOTALS:

DEPLOYMENTS= 6

United States Currency Seized/Indication: \$362,920. This total amount still has pending court proceedings and share agreements.

Firearms/Range

Range Officers are gearing up to start range operations as the weather turns warmer and prepping for a rifle familiarization/update class in the beginning of March.

Accident Investigation

No active Forest Park crash investigations.

LESO

LESO - In January and February the following items were acquired for shipping costs only:

(2) Mark 4 optics - (\$1,111.00 each) - These optics are being paired with our LESO M14 rifles for Designated Marksman Rifles.

(5) Leoupold optic rings (\$119.00 each) - These are the scope rings for the optics, plus spares for the future.

(3) Wireless Printers (\$209.99 each) - These were acquired for WESTAF, with one going to each unit - WESTAF paid for the shipping costs.

(2) Honda portable generators (\$1,088.50 each) - These were acquired for WESTAF. One generator went directly into service. WESTAF paid for the shipping costs.

(2) Measuring wheels (\$260.64 each) - Walking wheel measuring wheels. One to the ET's one to the Range.

(2) GoJo foaming hand sanitizer dispensers (\$89.92 per case) - These have been placed throughout the village to provide long-term hand sanitizer.

(10) Military tarps (\$78.91 each) - These were acquired for WESTAF. Acquired to build a "Body Barrier". WESTAF paid for the shipping costs.

NIPAS

Nothing to Report

Special Response Team (SRT)

The SRT conducted training on February 12th, which consisted of tape drills for room entry and building searches. The SRT worked on movements and 360 degree security while searching and clearing rooms and houses.

The SRT was activated on February 27th for a warrant service in Berwyn, Illinois. The search warrant was successfully executed without incident, resulting in the arrest and processing of one individual who was armed with a handgun at the time of execution. Three people were detained, including the target, and the investigation was turned over to the Berwyn Police Department.

Neighborhood Watch

Nothing to Report

Auxiliary Unit

January – February 2020

Funeral Detail:

Beginning in January 2020, due to the numerous large funeral processions both passing through town and going to our local cemeteries, a new detail was created to assist the patrol division with traffic control. The detail hours are 1100hrs - 1600hrs on Fridays and Saturdays since the majority of the larger funerals occur on these days and between these hours.

Training/Meeting:

We met in the roll call room on Wednesday, January 8th at 1900hrs. During the meeting we discussed the mandatory training for 2020 and addressed any concerns or questions the officers had. After a brief discussion period the officers watched a training video covering officer safety.

We met in the roll call room on Wednesday, February 12th at 1900hrs. During the meeting we discussed the upcoming St. Patrick's Parade Detail which is set for Saturday, March 7th. After a brief discussion period the officers watched a brief training video which addressed officer safety and the importance of not being complacent and maintaining good physical conditioning.