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# Criminal Investigations Division

**Detectives / Tactical Response Unit / Community Policing**



## **March and April 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 at the desk, parking, and records when needed. Demi Bandolik is the department assigned Amita Health Behavioral Health Clinician and Police Crisis Services Worker. 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.

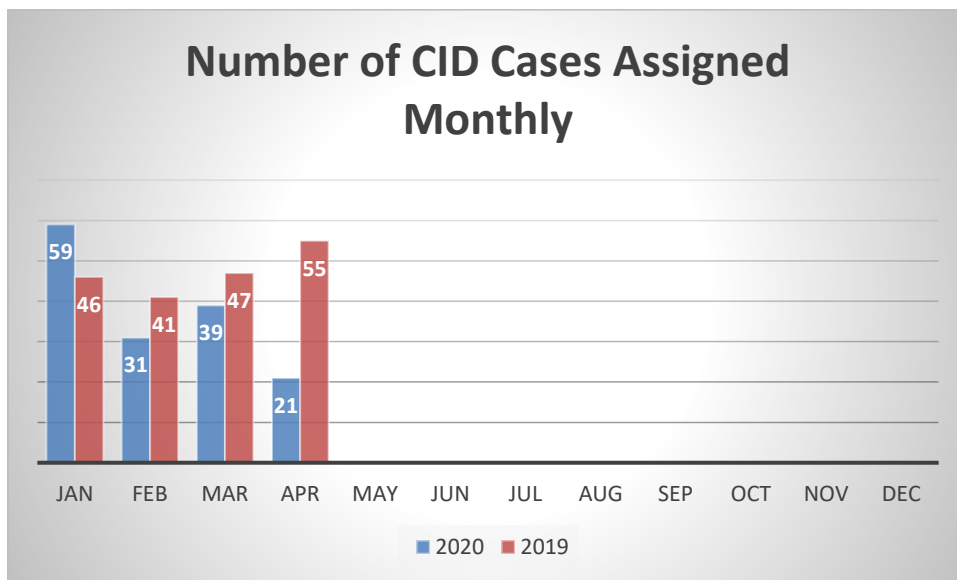
Detectives rotate on call assignments weekly so a Forest Park Police Detective is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week should the need for CID assistance arise. If a major incident is encountered during off hours, the entire CID staff could be called upon to respond if needed.

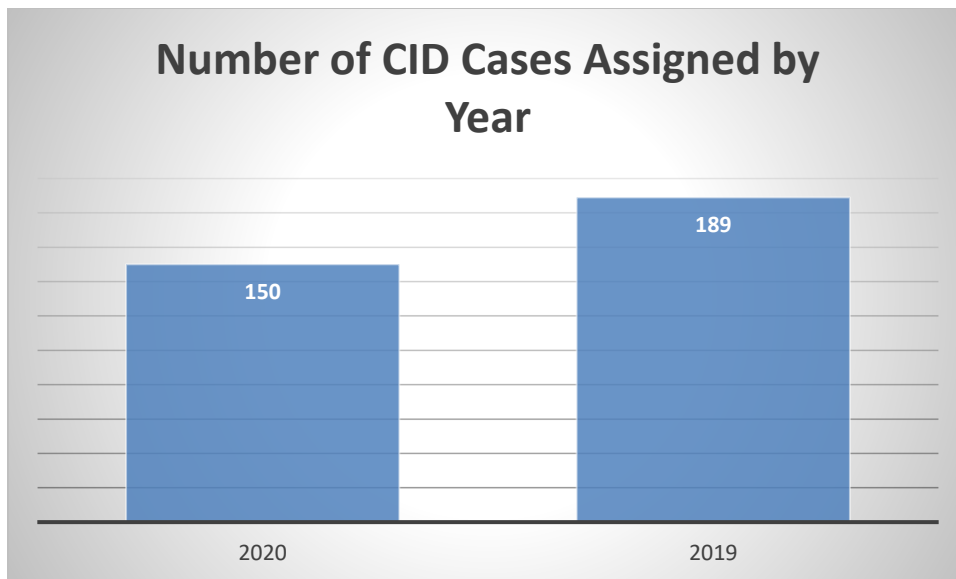
The detectives are members of the West Suburban Major Crimes Task Force (WESTAF) and are, at times, on call to assist member agencies should a homicide occur in a WESTAF jurisdiction.

Currently, the Forest Park PD is a member agency in the multijurisdictional West Suburban Drug and Gang Enforcement Task Force (WEDGE). Det. Stasinopoulos and Det. O'Connor are assigned to assist WEDGE.

Trainings in March and April 2020 by CID personnel were all cancelled due to the Coronavirus pandemic, and detectives worked their normal duties in CID on dates they were scheduled for training.

There were 60 incidents assigned to investigators for follow-up in March and April 2020. Thirty-nine (39) in March and twenty-one (21) in April. This is an unusually low number of cases reported and assigned, which is mostly attributed to the pandemic that has caused a shelter in place order by the Illinois Governor's Office. Courts have been limited or outright closed for business, also limiting the number of active follow-ups, interviews, and the pursuit of warrants and subpoenas for investigative purposes.





Following are incidents of note in March and April 2020:

- CR#19-04273 – Detective Stasinopoulos investigated an armed robbery at a convenience store that occurred in December 2019. Through his investigation, Det Stasinopoulos coordinated with other jurisdictions in Cook and DuPage County and identified the two offenders in this incident. Both suspects were subsequently charged with armed robbery in both counties.
- CR#20-00423 – Detective Stasinopoulos investigated a report of a criminal sexual assault reported in Forest Park. Through his investigation, Detective Stasinopoulos identified the suspect, and secured search warrants for cell phones and social media of both the suspect and complainant. Detective Stasinopoulos was able to determine that a sexual assault did not occur from the evidence presented, and this case was cleared unfounded.
- CR#20-00536 – While investigating a burglary, Detective Stasinopoulos was able to identify a suspect in a different burglary that had occurred in Forest Park. An online pawn shop review revealed items pawned by his suspect in a Melrose Park pawn shop that were taken in the Forest Park burglary. Detective Stasinopoulos was able to recover the stolen items, and charge the suspect with theft of stolen property.
- CR#20-00686 – CID units assisted patrol units on a burglary that had just occurred, and after a search of the area, the offender was located hiding in a stairwell still in possession of the burglary proceeds. Detective Stasinopoulos interviewed the offender and obtained a confession for the burglary. The offender was subsequently charged.
- CR#20-00890 – Det. Heveran and Lt. Morrissette responded with other Forest Park units to a call of a vehicular hijacking that had just occurred. After Bellwood Police located the vehicle in their town, CID units responded to Bellwood and assisted on a perimeter of the house the suspects had entered until they came out and surrendered. Detective Heveran investigated the incident and subsequently charged all three offenders with Aggravated Vehicular Hijacking among other crimes committed during the incident.

- CR#20-00891 – Lt Morrissette responded to a vehicle crash that occurred on the 1400 block of Desplaines Ave. A woman involved in the crash subsequently died of injuries received in the crash. WESTAF crash investigators took over the forensic investigation of the scene, and Lt Morrissette investigated further, obtaining search warrants for the vehicle “black box” data recorders. The offender in this case was also seriously injured, and charges are pending his recovery as well as laboratory results of blood and urine testing for suspected intoxicated driving.
- 20-01078 – Detective Bryant investigated a missing persons report in which two juveniles broke out and ran away from Riveredge Hospital. Through interviews with family and known acquaintances, Detective Bryant was able to narrow the search, and one runaway juvenile was recovered the same day. The second juvenile was located in Chicago later on, and upon confirmation that he was well and had his guardian’s approval, was allowed to remain where he had taken up new residence.
- 20-01106 – Lt Morrissette responded to Loyola Hospital to investigate a stabbing that occurred in Forest Park. Upon receiving suspect information, Loyola Hospital spotted and detained the suspect for Forest Park Police when he arrived at the hospital in an attempt to enter and see the victim, with whom he had a domestic relationship. The victim declined to press charges, but due to the violence of the incident and seriousness of her injuries, Detective Heveran charged the offender with domestic battery after the State’s Attorney Office declined felony charges.

***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.***

**MARCH/APRIL 2020**  
**FOREST PARK POLICE K-9 STATISTICS**  
**K-9 "MADISON"**

**03Mar20 (Narcotics Search):** Ofc. Miller and K-9 Madison assisted Broadview PD with a Narcotics Search of a vehicle after the vehicle was believed to be involved in a hand to hand narcotic transaction. Canine Madison alerted to the presence of narcotics on the exterior and interior of the vehicle. Officers conducted a hand search of the vehicle but could not locate any narcotics. The driver of the vehicle was a known narcotics dealer to Ofc. Miller from River Forest.

**17Mar20 (Narcotics Search):** Ofc. Miller deployed K-9 Madison on United States Currency (USC) he located during a traffic stop which he believed to be from narcotic sales (Money Laundering). Ofc. Miller set-up a controlled K-9 narcotic sniff on the USC recovered and K-9 Madison indicated to the presence of narcotics on \$18,520 USC. The currency is being seized under Article 1505. (CR#20-0906)

**17Mar20 (Narcotics Search):** K-9 Madison assisted Chicago DEA.

**24Mar20 (Narcotics Search):** K-9 Madison assisted Chicago DEA.

**26Mar20 (Narcotics Search):** K-9 Madison assisted Chicago DEA.

**01Apr20 (Narcotics Search):** K-9 Madison assisted Chicago DEA.

**02Apr20 (Narcotics Search):** K-9 Madison assisted Chicago DEA.

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**15Apr20 (Narcotics Search):** K-9 Madison assisted Chicago DEA.

TOTALS:

DEPLOYMENTS= 9

United States Currency Seized and Indication: \$649,921. This total amount still has pending court proceedings and share agreements.

### **Firearms/Range**

The Department qualifications begun and will be completed prior to the State reporting deadline, which is June 1<sup>st</sup>. The Range Officers have completely revamped the training program, increasing the skill level while trying to keep the round count/cost down.

### **Accident Investigation**

On March 16, 2020, Forest Park had a single fatality head-on collision in the 1500 block of Desplaines. The WESTAF Major Crash Unit responded and processed the scene. Driver of at-fault vehicle was determined to be traveling over 100mph just prior to losing control, and had a BAC of .261. The crash portion has been completed.

### **LESO**

Only one item was obtained through LESO during the months of March / April. The Village was in need of a replacement ID card printer, which prints our ID cards along with all Departments in the Village, taxi licenses and solicitor permits to name a few. Cost of printer to the Military was \$1,429.64. We obtained it, brand new in the box, for shipping cost only. It is up and running for all departments.

### **NIPAS**

Nothing to Report

### **Special Response Team (SRT)**

The SRT conducted training on April 8, 2020 at the Kendall County Range. The range day consisted of zeroing/re-zeroing the rifles along with shooting and transition drills.

SRT was not activated for the months of March or April.

### **Neighborhood Watch**

Nothing to Report



# Auxiliary Unit

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Due to Covid 19 the Auxiliary Unit did not meet for training or details.