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*May - June*  
**2020**

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**May/June 2020**

**FOREST PARK POLICE K-9 STATISTICS**

**K-9 "MADISON"**

\*\*\*On June 24, 2020, K-9 Madison and Ofc. Miller preformed the State of Illinois K-9 Narcotics Certification and passed with 100 % correct on their first attempt\*\*\*

**Deployments:**

**29May20 (Narcotics Search):** K-9 Madison assisted Chicago DEA.

**04Jun20 (Narcotics Search):** K-9 Madison assisted Chicago DEA.

**08Jun20 (Narcotics Search):** K-9 Madison was deployed on USC which was believed to be proceeds from narcotic sales but did not indicate to the presence of narcotics on \$6,000 which was recovered during a traffic stop that Ofc. Miller conducted. The USC was disclaimed by the occupants of the vehicle, prior to the canine sniff. (CR#20-1505)

**09Jun20 (Narcotics Search):** K-9 Madison assisted Chicago DEA.

**17Jun20 (Narcotics Search):** K-9 Madison assisted Chicago DEA.

**27Jun20 (Narcotics Search):** K-9 Madison was deployed on USC which was believed to be proceeds from narcotic sales and indicated to the presence of narcotics on \$3,974 which was recovered during a traffic stop that Ofc. Miller conducted. The USC was disclaimed by the occupants of the vehicle, prior to the canine sniff. (CR#20-1698)

TOTALS:

DEPLOYMENTS= 6



## **Criminal Investigations Division**

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



### **May and June 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. Evelyn Simmons is the department assigned Amita Health Behavioral Health Clinician and Police Crisis Services Worker. Evelyn 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 Evelyn Simmons 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.

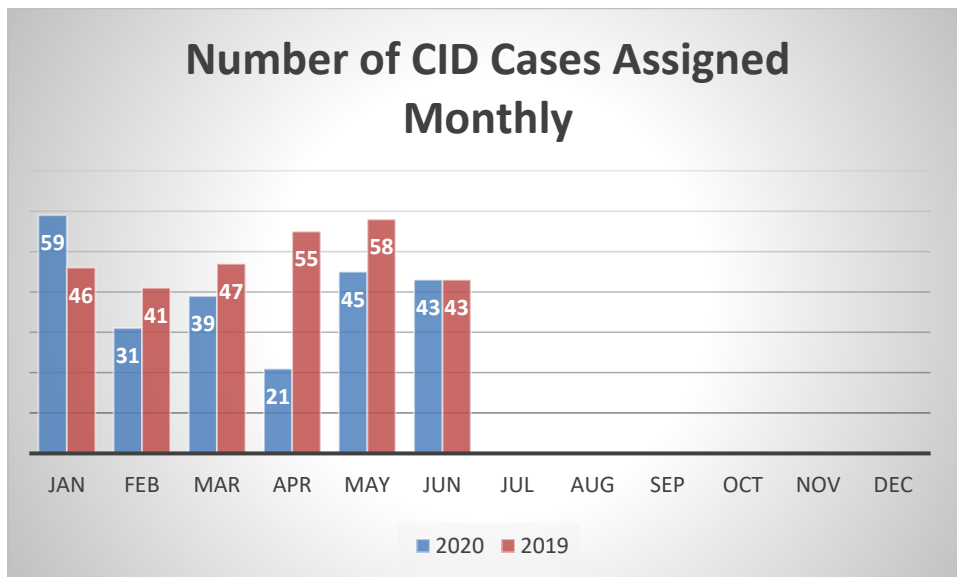
Detectives rotate on call assignments weekly so a Forest Park Police Detective is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week should the need for CID assistance arise. If a major incident is encountered during off hours, the entire CID staff could be called upon to respond if needed.

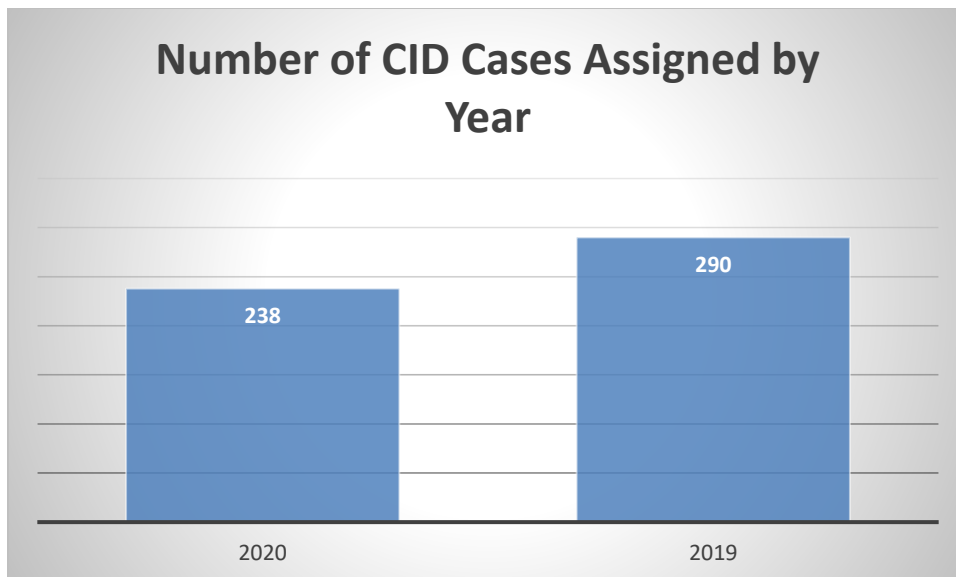
The detectives are members of the West Suburban Major Crimes Task Force (WESTAF) and are, at times, on call to assist member agencies should a homicide occur in a WESTAF jurisdiction. Detectives Heveran and Stasinopoulos assisted North Riverside Police Department for four days in a WESTAF homicide callout in May 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 in May and June 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 88 incidents assigned to investigators for follow-up in May and June 2020, forty-five (45) in May and forty-three (43) in June. Operations and investigations have continued to be affected by pandemic restrictions ordered 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 May and June 2020:

- CR# 20-00345 – Detective Stasinopoulos investigated a report of Identity Theft. Through his investigation, Detective Stasinopoulos was able to determine a suspect name, and subsequently determined the suspect and complainant knew one another. Further inquiry showed deception on the part of the complainant and it was determined that the identity theft was in fact facilitated together by the complainant and suspect. Although unable to secure charges in this case, Detective Stasinopoulos was able to determine this case is unfounded, and prevented the complainant from recovering any financial or credit losses.
- CR# 20-00891 – Lieutenant Morrissette investigated a fatal car crash that occurred in March 2020. Due to injuries sustained by the surviving driver, this case was continued until he was released from the hospital. The investigation revealed the driver had a blood alcohol concentration more than three times the legal limit at the time of the crash, and that the driver had driven in to oncoming traffic, colliding head on with another vehicle and killing its occupant. The driver was charged with Aggravated DUI and Reckless Homicide.
- CR# 20-01106 – Detective Heveran continued a domestic violence incident in which the victim was stabbed by her boyfriend. Due to the victim's refusal to press charges initially, the offender was charged with a misdemeanor offense. The victim reached out to Detective Heveran afterward, and came to Forest Park from her out of State residence in Ohio to cooperate with the investigation. Detective Heveran was able to upgrade charges against the defendant to Aggravated Domestic Battery.
- CR #20-01231 – Detective Bryant investigated a domestic violence incident in which the offender had repeatedly stabbed her boyfriend. In spite of the injuries sustained and this department's ability to proceed with felony charges, the defendant refused to sign a complaint. Detective Bryant signed a complaint in his behalf for Domestic Battery due to the marked violence of the incident.

- CR# 20-01276 – Detective Heveran investigated a harassment complaint in which the victim had been repeatedly harassed via social media, and prank packages being sent to her in Forest Park. Detective Heveran was able to identify the suspect out of state through his investigation. Detective Heveran spoke with the suspect, who admitted culpability, and faced with potential criminal charges, agreed to cease communication and harassment with the victim. The victim was satisfied with this outcome and the case was closed.
- CR# 20-01374 – Lieutenant Morrissette reviewed an incident at a residence where a large, out of control party was occurring and causing numerous disturbances and complaints from neighbors. This residence has had several past complaints and was declared a Chronic Nuisance Property. Lieutenant Morrissette sent via USPS Mail a local ordinance citation for “Chronic Nuisance Property”.
- CR# 20-01559 – While investigating a separate burglary incident, Detective Stasinopoulos was conducting a search of pawn shops for a known suspect when he came upon a pawn ticket for a bicycle. Detective Stasinopoulos gathered information on the bicycle and through a local bicycle sales shop, was able to identify the owner of the bicycle. Detective Stasinopoulos located the owner of the bicycle, who had not yet reported her bicycle being stolen to the police. The bicycle was recovered and returned to the victim, who refused to sign a complaint in this case.
- CR#20-01579 – Detective Heveran conducted an investigation on a vehicular hijacking in which patrol officers had taken a suspect in to custody after observing them driving at high speeds and subsequently fleeing from police on foot. Detective Heveran was able to secure and view video surveillance footage of the vehicular hijacking, and interviewed the victim. Detectives Heveran and Stasinopoulos then interrogated the suspect, and secured charges of Aggravated Vehicular Hijacking.

***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.***

# Auxiliary Unit

## May – June 2020

### Summary

Due to the CORONA Virus Pandemic all auxiliary details and monthly meetings for the month of May were suspended.

### May Details:

All Village Events were cancelled due to the Corona Virus. There were no auxiliary details during the month of May

### June Details:

#### Riot/Looting Security Detail 06/2 to 06/8:

The Auxiliary Unit was utilized to address citizen and local business concerns regarding the destruction and looting of properties occurring in Forest Park and the surrounding areas. Deputy Chief Gross set up this detail to help supplement the patrol division. The detail consisted of posting an auxiliary officer in uniform in a marked squad at the Walmart and Walgreens parking lots from 1800hrs to 0600hrs on the dates listed above. Their duties were to watch for looters and to call out any suspicious persons/vehicles. The detail started on Tuesday, June 2nd and continued until Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### Auxiliary Training/Meeting for June 2020:

The monthly auxiliary meeting/training was held on Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup> at 1900hrs in the Village Chambers. Due to the Pandemic restrictions officers practiced safe distancing and all who attended had masks. At the meeting the officers were updated on the status of all the scheduled events that were to take place in the village. We also discussed the importance that each officer remain vigilant while working any detail and discussed officer safety techniques.



### **Firearms/Range**

Department qualifications are complete. Yearly rifle training has been started and will continue for a few more months.

### **Accident Investigation**

No active crash investigations - Continued participation in WESTAF Crash Team.

### **LESO**

StatPack medical/rapid response bags were acquired for shipping cost only. For years, this Department, in cooperation with the Fire Department, have planned and trained for Rapid Response scenarios. A component of preparedness is having the required equipment, primarily medical, readily available and easily transportable. We have tried a few different military back packs, but none fit the bill very well. These packs are task specific and will replace any older packs. We acquired 15 bags, with the military purchasing them for \$324.80.

### **NIPAS**

June 1 and June 2, 2020 – Assisted the Cicero Police Department with major civil unrest issues.

June 12, 2020 – Assisted the Schiller Park Police Department with a protest.

June 20, 2020 - Assisted Hanover Park Police Department with a planned protest.

June 7-13, 2020 Assisted the Berwyn Police Department with multiple calls due to protests and marches.

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

SRT was not activated for the months of May and June.

### **Special Response Team Training**

SRT conducted training on May 13, 2020 at the Kendall County range. This range day consisted of shooting rifles and pistols along with transition drills.

### **Neighborhood Watch**

Nothing to Report