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# Criminal Investigations Division

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

**September and August 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. There is a counselor/social worker assigned to the department from Amita Health Behavioral Health Clinician. This Police Crisis Services Worker position was recently filled by Evelyn Simmons. 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.

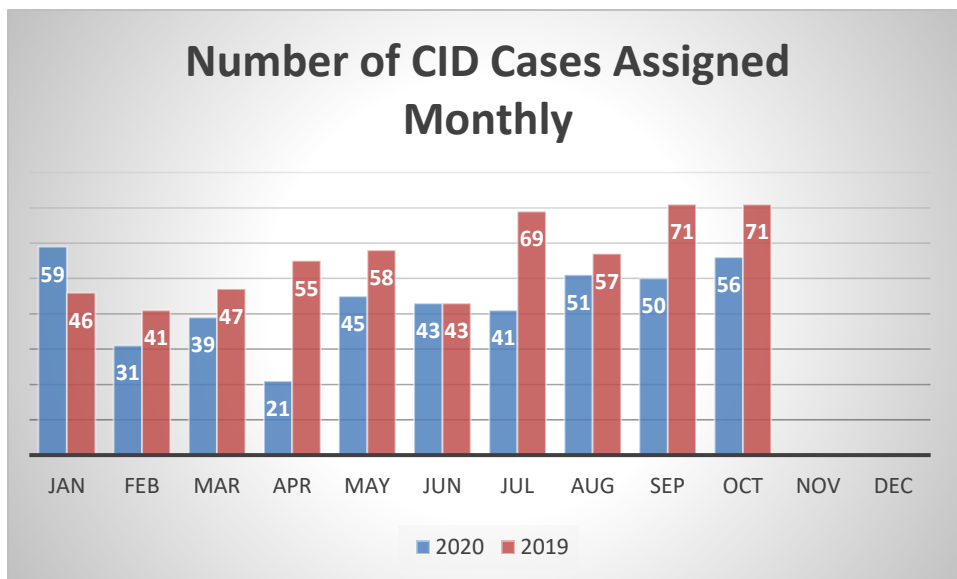
Detectives rotate on call assignments weekly so a Forest Park Police Detective is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week should the need for CID assistance arise. If a major incident is encountered during off hours, the entire CID staff could be called upon to respond if needed.

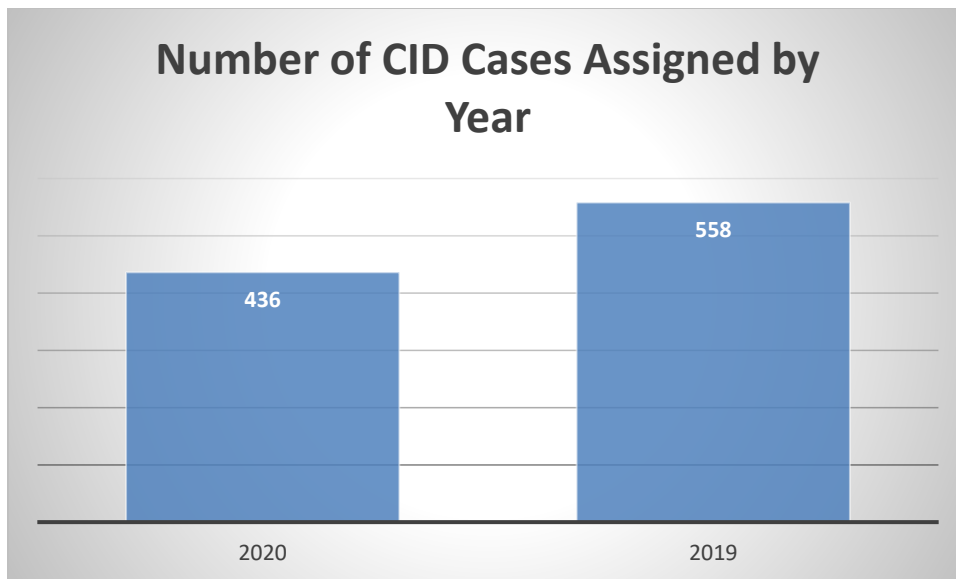
The detectives are members of the West Suburban Major Crimes Task Force (WESTAF) and are, at times, on call to assist member agencies should a homicide occur in a WESTAF jurisdiction. There was one call out by Melrose Park Police in October, in which Detectives Bryant and Heveran assisted in a homicide investigation there.

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. WEDGE was not active in this reporting period.

Training in September and October 2020 by CID personnel was cancelled due to the Coronavirus pandemic with the exception of annual department in house two day training in September.

There were 106 incidents assigned to investigators for follow-up in September and October 2020, 50 in September and 56 in October. 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 is a summary of notable investigations in September and October 2020:

- Detective Heveran investigated a public indecency allegation that was made at a local train terminal. Detective Heveran obtained surveillance footage of the incident and was able to immediately identify the offender, a registered sex offender with a history of such incidents in Forest Park. Due to his past history, the offender was charged with felony Public Indecency.
- Detective Bryant conducted an extensive investigation in to an allegation of a Violation of an Order of Protection. The victim had reported numerous violations of the protection order made by her ex-boyfriend, who was incarcerated in a state penitentiary. Detective Bryant was able to document phone calls and other communications made by issuing court subpoenas to the Illinois Department of Corrections, and working with authorities there. Detective Bryant then was able to obtain an arrest warrant for the offender, and custody was transferred from IDOC to this department so he could face charges in this case.
- Detective Stasinopoulos was investigating a spate of vehicular hijackings that have occurred in and around Forest Park. Through his investigation, Detective Stasinopoulos was able to identify a crew of juvenile offenders who were committing these hijackings in numerous locations in the Chicago suburbs. Detective Stasinopoulos was able to positively identify one offender after he fled from Chicago Police in a vehicle taken in a local hijacking. Despite making good on his escape, Detective Stasinopoulos was able to obtain evidence from the victim's vehicle tying him to the incident. Detective Stasinopoulos was ultimately able to charge the juvenile for culpability in four separate Aggravated Vehicular Hijacking incidents that occurred in Forest Park.
- Detective Heveran investigated a hit and run accident in which a pedestrian was seriously injured when struck by a vehicle that fled the scene. Detective Heveran was able to locate surveillance footage from multiple locations that assisted in positively identifying the driver of the offending vehicle. The driver was ultimately charged with numerous traffic violations, including Felony Leaving the Scene of a Personal Injury Accident.
- Detectives from the Criminal Investigations Division assisted DEA Task Force in a controlled surveillance and weapons purchase operation. This investigation continues as a federal criminal case is built.
- CID personnel tracked a vehicle taken in an Aggravated Vehicular Hijacking to a location in Chicago. The vehicle was located and surveillance conducted until an unrelated shooting incident

occurred in the immediate area within view of detectives. After assisting Chicago PD with that incident, the vehicle was recovered and brought to Forest Park PD for evidence processing.

- In a prior armed robbery case that he investigated in 2019, Detective Stasinopoulos learned of witness/victim intimidation that had occurred as this case is pending in criminal court. Detective Stasinopoulos compiled documentation of internet and electronic intimidation directed at the witness, and forwarded this information to the State's Attorney of Cook County.
- Detective Stasinopoulos investigated an armed robbery and developed information leading to a crew of armed robbery suspects that have committed numerous robberies throughout the Chicago suburbs. Although the victim in this case was not cooperative, information was forwarded to a federal task force investigating these robberies as a federal criminal conspiracy.
- CID investigators received nine death investigation cases during September and October 2020. Three cases were determined to have been accidental deaths, four natural deaths, and two are currently pending toxicology examination results from the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office.
- CID investigators received seven missing person cases during September and October 2020. All seven missing persons were located safe, three of whom CID investigators were able to track to hospitals in the Chicago area receiving treatment.

***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.***

**SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2020**  
**FOREST PARK POLICE K-9 STATISTICS**  
**K-9 "MADISON"**

**Deployments:**

30 OCT 20 (Narcotics Search): Canine Madison assisted DEA Task Force and indicated to the presence of narcotics on United States Currency that was involved in an on-going DEA investigation.

30 OCT 20 (Narcotics Search): Ofc. Miller deployed Canine Madison on a vehicle during a traffic stop. Canine Madison did not locate any other contraband inside the vehicle.

20 OCT 20 (Narcotics Search): Ofc. Miller deployed Canine Madison on a traffic stop while awaiting a tow truck to arrive. Canine Madison did not alert or indicate to the presence of narcotics on the vehicle.

16 OCT 20 (Narcotics Search): Canine Madison assisted DEA Task Force and indicated to the presence of narcotics on United States Currency that was involved in an on-going DEA investigation.

08 OCT 20 (Narcotics Search): Canine Madison assisted DEA Task Force and indicated to the presence of narcotics on United States Currency that was involved in an on-going DEA investigation.

02 OCT 20 (Narcotics Search): Maywood PD requested Canine Madison for a vehicle sniff. Canine Madison did not alert or indicate to the presence of narcotics on the vehicle.

TOTAL DEPLOYMENTS= 6

Ofc. Miller and Canine Madison also had 4 Felony Charges, 19 Misdemeanor Charges, and 6 warrant clearances during this time frame.

### **Firearms/Range**

Rifle training and qualification was completed during the month of October.

### **Accident Investigation**

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

### **LESO**

The following items were acquired for only the cost of shipping for the officers:

28 Binoculars (market value \$50.64 each) - BNIB small binoculars very handy for patrol/investigations use.

24 Uppers (market value \$1,000 each) - These are up-fits for our old LESO rifles which replaces some parts from the 70's.

43 IFAK First Aid Kits - (market value \$329.96 each) - BNIC - Each kit contains two tourniquets, two quik-clots, chest seals, gloves, trauma bandages, etc. We have been looking to replenish and augment our first aid capabilities, and these kits contain some very expensive items we've been wanting and searching for.

8 DVD drives (market value \$64 each) - BNIB - Many of the workstations do not have any CD/DVD drives. These are available if wanted and hook up via USB.

24 Molle adapters (market value \$60 each) - BNIB allows officers to retrofit most equipment attachments to molle vests - an alternative to what can be an expensive problem.

1 Projector (market value \$319.99) - This is a smaller projector, more portable then the clunky one we use for presentations now. Unknown if operational at this point.

12 Cameras (market value \$76 each) - These are very small 14mp rugged cameras. They will be issued to ET's as an alternative to coming into the station to grab one of the two available Evidence Tech cameras.

10 Wireless mouse (market value \$21.92 each) - BNIB - add-on item allowing those who have desks to go wireless.

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

SRT was not activated for the months of September and October.

### **Special Response Team Training**

Nothing to Report

### **Neighborhood Watch**

Nothing to Report



# Auxiliary Unit

**September – October 2020**

## **Summary**

**09/07** The monthly auxiliary meeting was held on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 1900hrs in the Police Roll Call Room. During the meeting the COVID virus restrictions were discussed. A new foot patrol detail will begin on September 25<sup>th</sup>. This detail was started to assist the patrol division with the numerous complaints concerning rowdy crowds on Madison Street during the evening and early morning hours. The goal is to provide high visibility foot and vehicle patrols along Madison from the hours of 1845hrs to 2245hrs.

**10/14** The monthly auxiliary meeting was held on Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 1900hrs in the Police Roll Call Room. During the meeting it was discussed that at least two (2) officers were needed for Halloween night to provide visibility and to deter vandalism.