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Police Department  
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January - February  
2023

Monthly Report  
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# Forest Park Police Department

## CAD Call Statistics

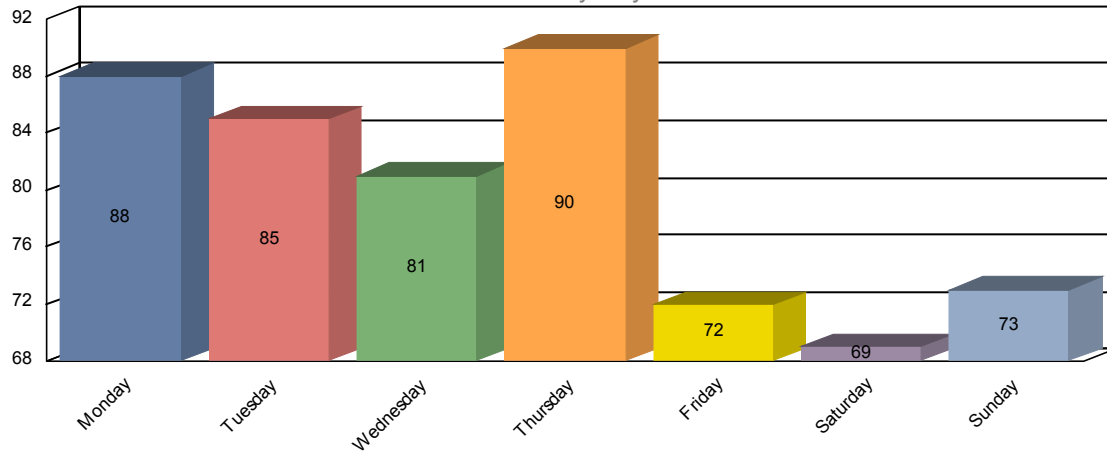
Time Period 01/01/2023 - 02/28/2023

### Total Items For Service

558

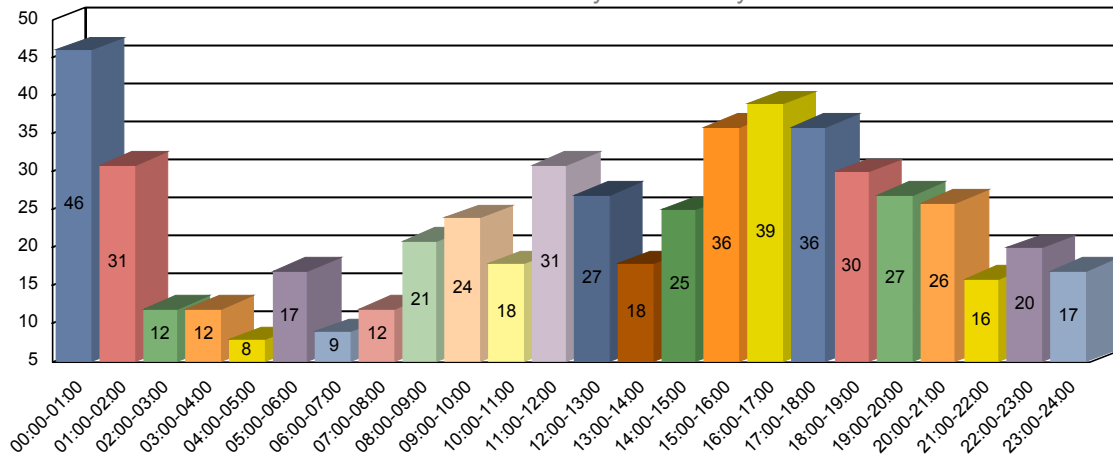
### Items For Service Distribution

Total By Day of Week



### Items For Service Distribution

Total By Hour of Day



# UCR STATS 2023

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Felony Arrests	15	10											25
Misdemeanor Arrests	49	54											103
Warrant Arrests	6	9											15
DUI Arrests	1	1											2
Suspended License Arrests	20	34											54
Traffic Citations Issued	141	230											371
Traffic Crashes	54	62											116
Vehicular Hijackings	0	0											0
Total	286	400											686
Police Reports	264	274											538
<b><u>INDEX CRIME OFFENSES</u></b>													
Criminal Homicide	0	0											0
Forcible Rape	0	1											1
Robbery	5	1											6
Agg. Assault/Agg Battery	4	1											5
Burglary	8	3											11
Theft	16	10											26
Motor Vehicle Theft	10	2											12
Arson	0	0											0
Total													61
<b><u>INDEX CRIME ARRESTS</u></b>													
Criminal Homicide	0	0											0
Forcible Rape	0	0											0
Robbery	1	0											1
Agg. Assault/Agg Battery	0	0											0
Burglary	1	1											2
Theft	2	2											4
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	1											2
Arson	0	0											0
Total													9
<b><u>DRUG CRIME ARRESTS</u></b>													
Cannabis Control Act	2	0											2
Controlled Substance	7	2											9
Hypodermic Needle/Syringe	0	0											0
Drug Paraphernalia	1	0											1
Methamphetamine	0	0											0
Total													12



## January / February 2023

Following are activities related to the Forest Park Police Department that took place in January and February 2023:

- 1-2-23 – Ofc. Awad's last day with the FPPD
- 1-4-23 – Sgt. Dan Pater promoted to Lieutenant and Det. Joe Schick promoted to Sergeant
  - Lt. Pater reassigned to the Criminal Investigations Division
  - Sgt. Schick reassigned to midnight shift patrol





- 1-5-23 – Chicago Fire TV Shoot – FPPD provided security
- 1-9-23 – PPOs Connor Solms, Harrison Vogt, Michael Campbell and Steven Herigodt begin the Suburban Law Enforcement Police Academy (SLEA)
- 1-9-23 – Law Enforcement Appreciation Day



- 1-19-23 – FPPD Citizens Police Academy Begins



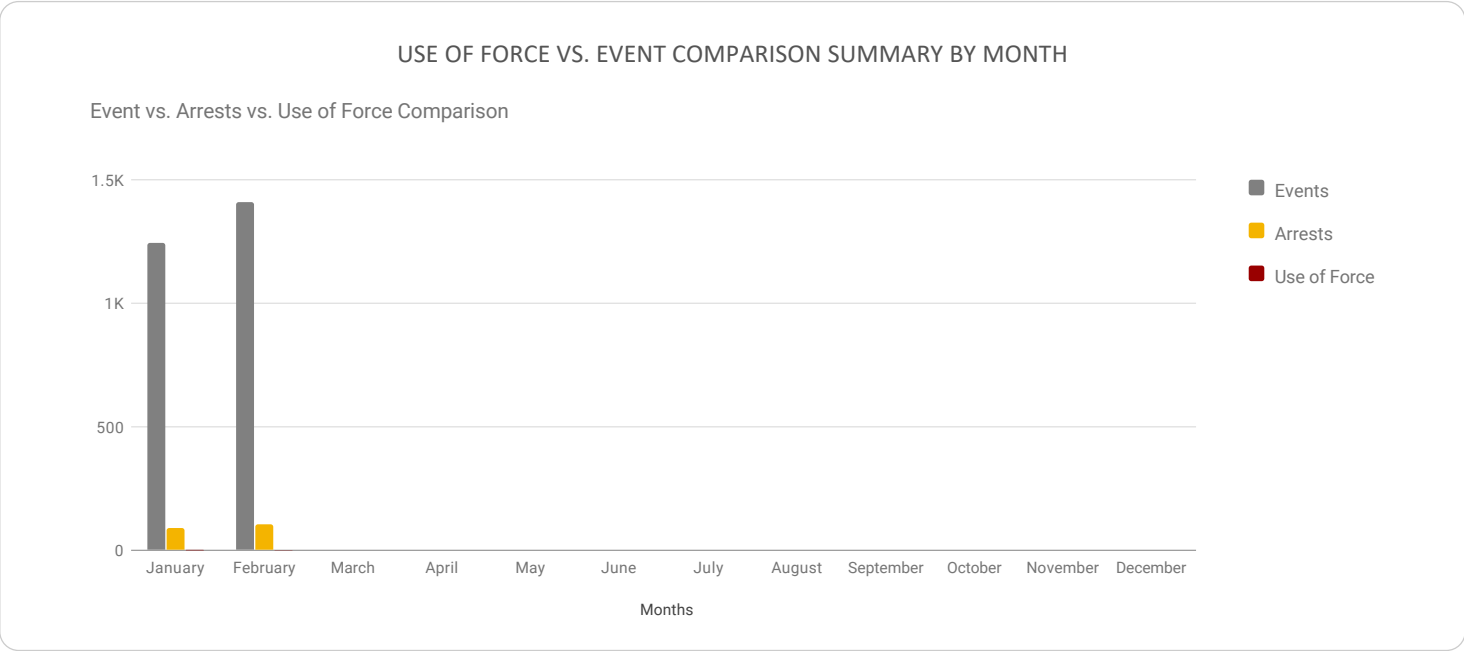
- Information on LOSS (Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide) received. Shared with FPPD and info placed on [www.forestparkpolice.net](http://www.forestparkpolice.net)
- 2-2-23 – FCC License for KSA785 renewed
- 2-2-23 – IDOT Certificate of appreciation received reference FPPD participation in STEP (Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program)
- 2-17-23 -- PPO Brian Printz graduation from the Chicago Police Department Metropolitan Police Academy





Forest Park Police Department

USE OF FORCE VS. EVENT COMPARISON (RESULT FOR YEAR 2023)



2023 Events vs. Use Of Force

Total Events:	2659	0.11%
Use of Force Incidents:	3	

2023 Arrests vs. Use Of Force

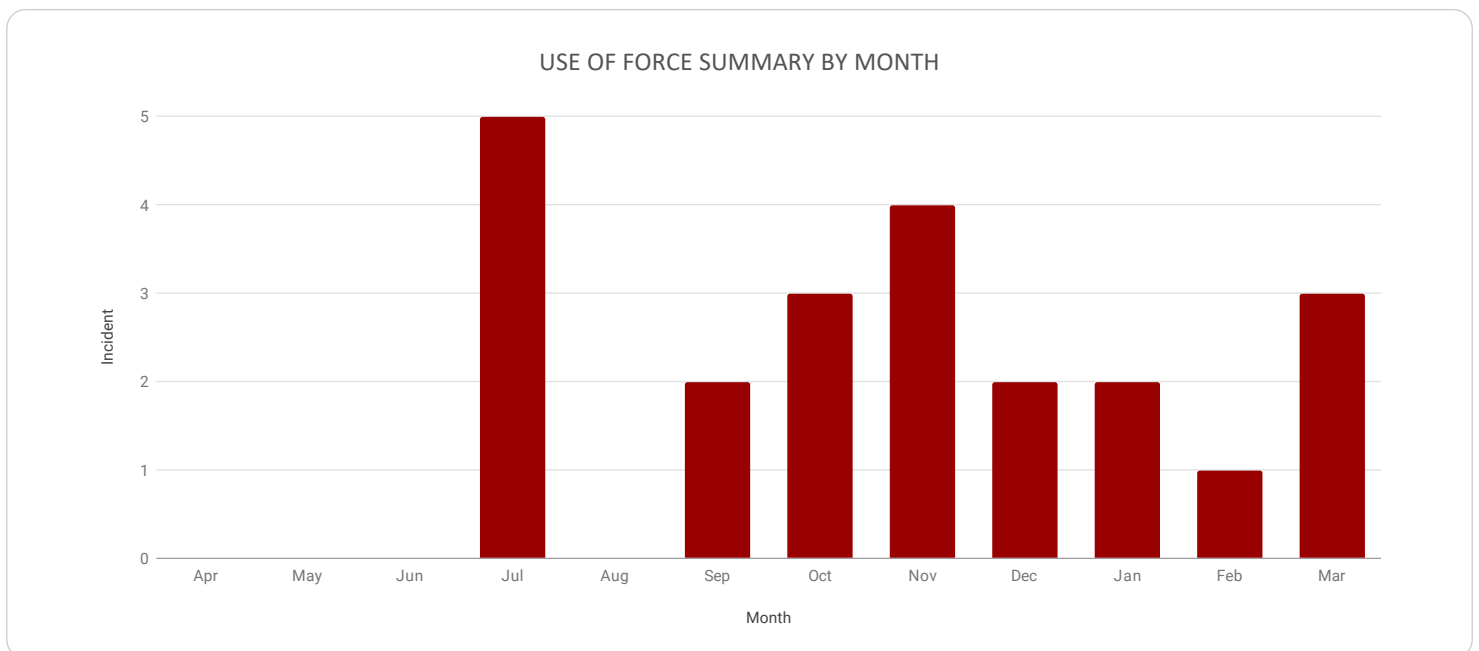
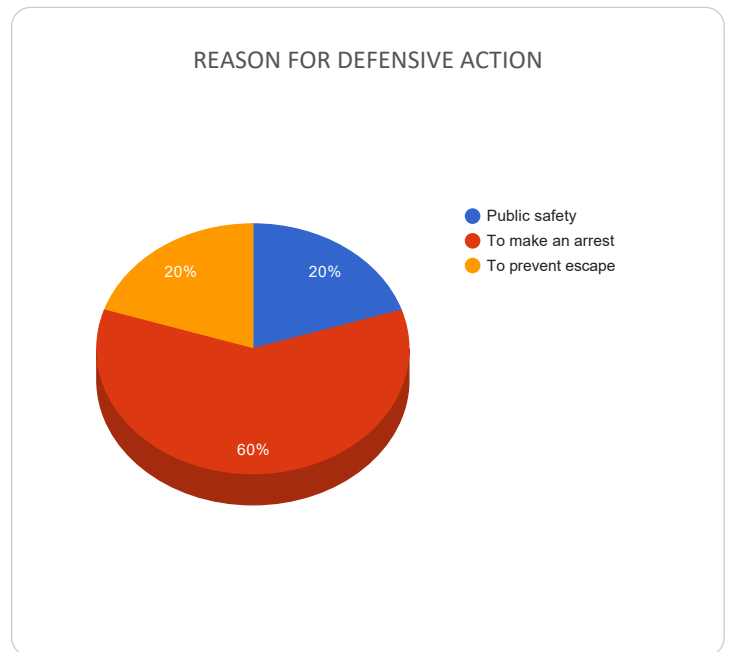
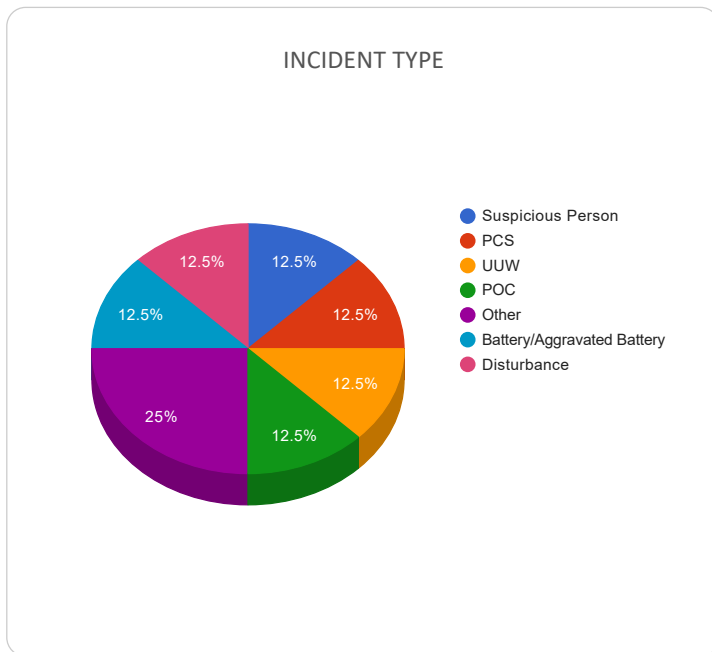
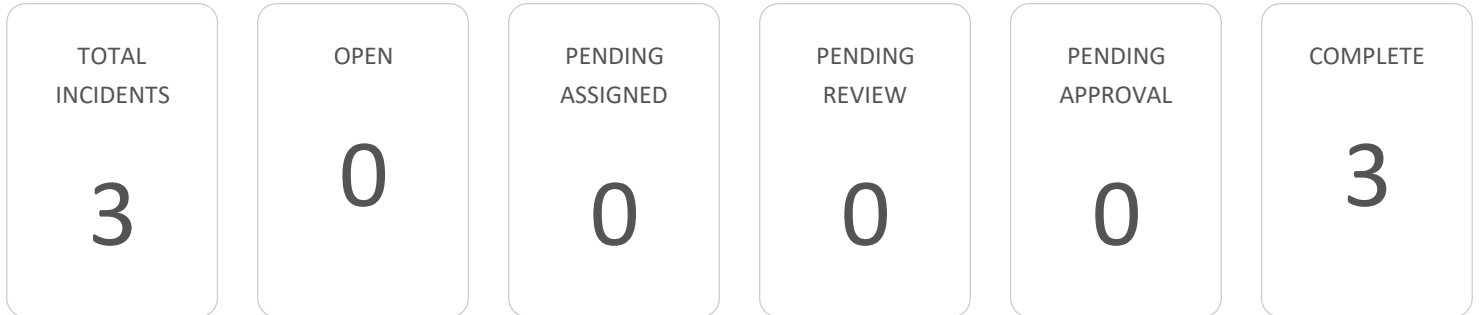
Total Arrests:	201	1.49%
Use of Force Incidents:	3	

MONTHS	TOTAL EVENTS	USE OF FORCE	%
January	1247	2	0.16%
February	1412	1	0.07%
March	0	0	0.00%
April	0	0	0.00%
May	0	0	0.00%
June	0	0	0.00%
July	0	0	0.00%
August	0	0	0.00%
September	0	0	0.00%
October	0	0	0.00%
November	0	0	0.00%
December	0	0	0.00%

MONTHS	TOTAL ARRESTS	USE OF FORCE	%
January	93	2	2.15%
February	108	1	0.93%
March	0	0	0.00%
April	0	0	0.00%
May	0	0	0.00%
June	0	0	0.00%
July	0	0	0.00%
August	0	0	0.00%
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**Forest Park Police Department**

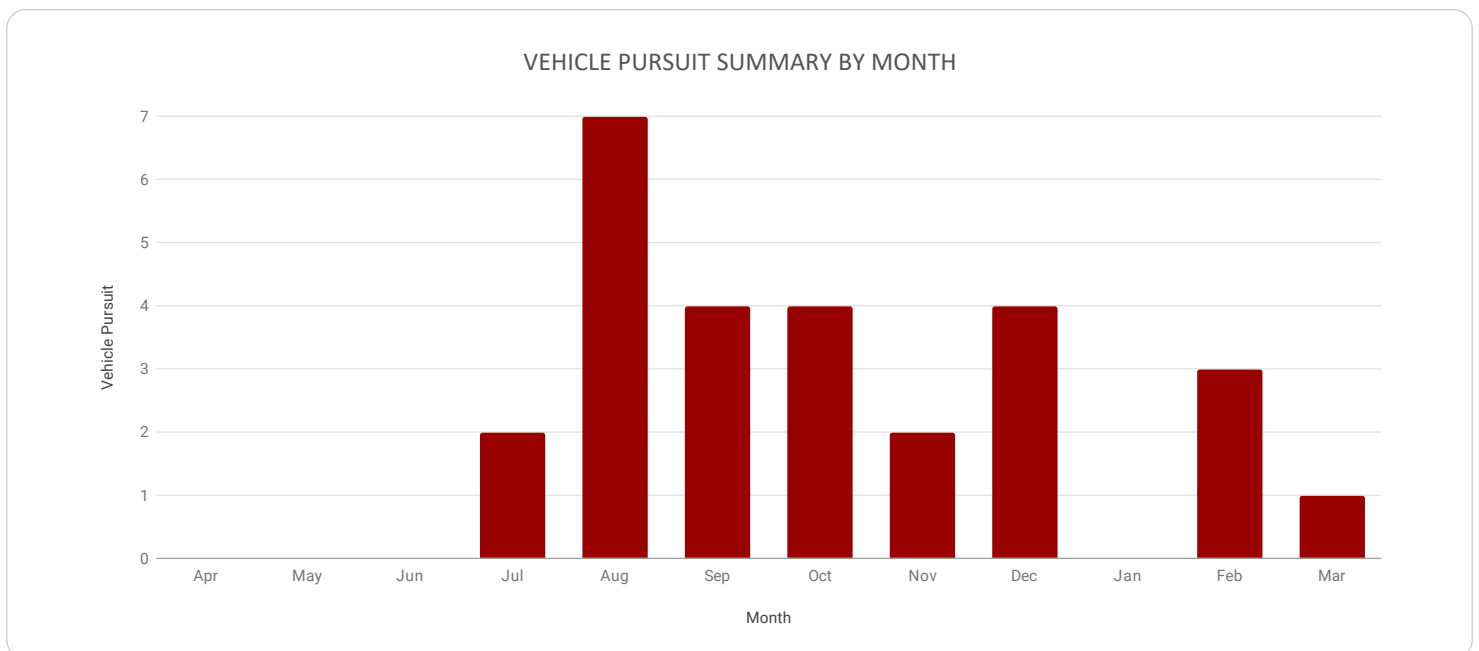
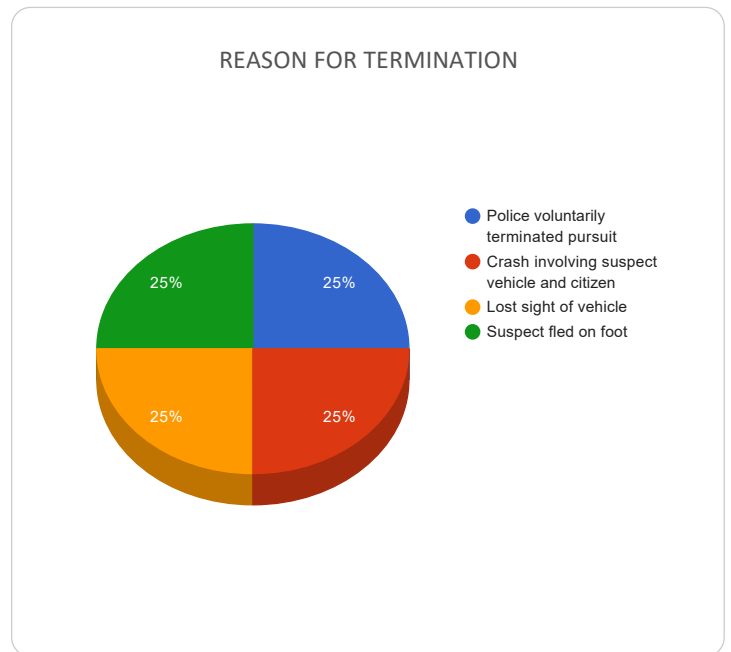
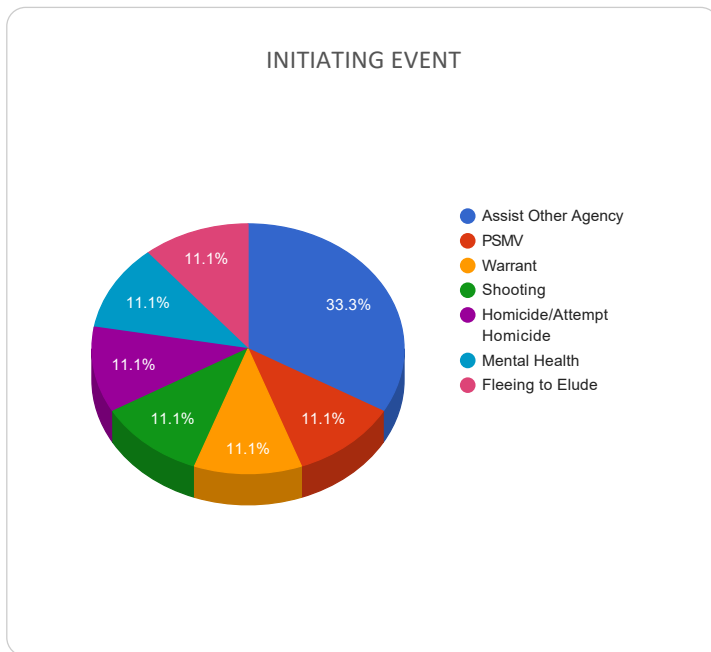
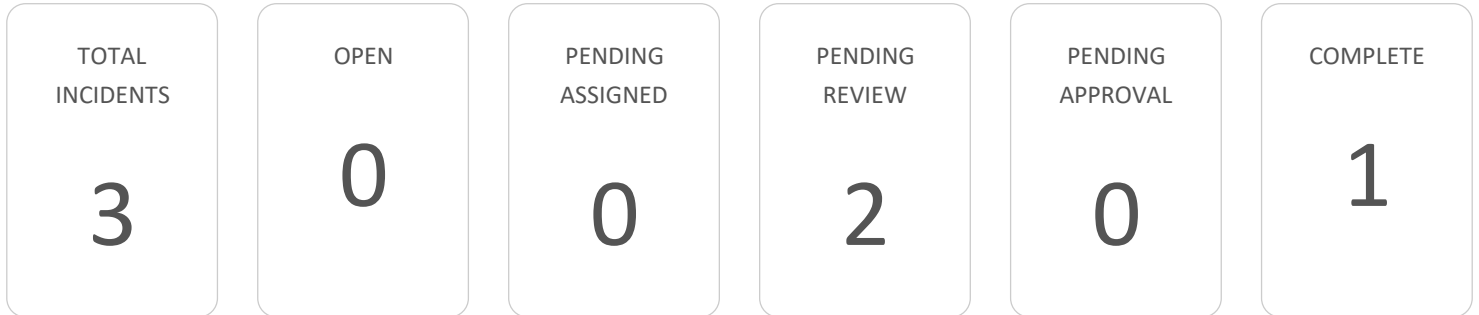
**DASHBOARD - USE OF FORCE - CUSTOM**  
(1/1/2023 - 2/28/2023)





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DASHBOARD - VEHICLE PURSUIT - CUSTOM  
(1/1/2023 - 2/28/2023)





Call us at: **309-4ME-HELP**  
(463-4357)

 **Cook County Sheriff's Office**  
**Treatment Response Team**



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## **Cook County Sheriff's Office**

### **Treatment Response Team**

**RECOVERY IS POSSIBLE...**



Reducing barriers to substance use  
and mental health treatment in  
Cook County, Illinois

For help call: **309-4ME-HELP**  
(463-4357)

The Cook County Sheriff's Treatment Response Team assists individuals and their loved ones with accessing substance use and mental health treatment in Cook County, Illinois.



Licensed Clinicians work closely with the individual in or considering recovery and their support system to ensure they have access to quality medical care and treatment. Clinicians are available to you and your loved ones for ongoing support!



The Treatment Response Team provides individual and family support sessions, transportation to treatment, Naloxone training, Naloxone and referrals for:

- ***Medicated assisted treatment***
- ***Detox***
- ***Inpatient and outpatient substance use treatment***
- ***Sober living***
- ***Psychiatric medication***
- ***Inpatient and outpatient mental health services***



## RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIP

Caring | Connection | Community

January 31, 2023

Dear

We are writing to re-introduce you to the LOSS program ("Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide"), and to announce the return of in-person monthly LOSS support groups to our River Forest Township location. The River Forest meeting is held the 3rd Monday of every month at 6 p.m., 8020 Madison St (River Forest Community Center), 2nd floor, River Forest, IL 60305.

**Supervisor**

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**Clerk**

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Keith Strom  
Karen Taubman

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Coordinator**

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**Deputy Assessor**

Kathy Elliott  
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LOSS is a well-regarded *nondenominational* program funded and run by Catholic Charities. LOSS provides services for anyone affected by suicide loss, including spouses, parents, children, siblings, other relatives, and friends. Services include individual and family counseling, a newsletter and various support group programs. All grief groups and counseling are conducted by a licensed clinical therapist. Groups are also co-facilitated by veteran survivors who represent hope and recovery for those who are newly bereaved.

Many LOSS services are provided in-person, with some offered virtually. While support groups are free, counseling costs may be covered by insurance or sliding scale fee for those without mental health insurance benefits. LOSS supports those with a recent suicide loss and those who are many years out from such a loss.

We find that survivors of suicide loss typically have therapeutic needs that are unique. Thus, we find that LOSS groups provide greater comfort and therapeutic value than general grief groups.

Because of your position as a first responder, a mental health services provider, or provider of pastoral care, you are likely on the front lines in providing services to those affected by suicide. We want to make sure that you are aware of LOSS.

Please review the enclosed info and pass it along to those who might be interested.

With decades of experience in suicide bereavement, the Catholic Charities LOSS program has assisted thousands of clients and families in need. The monthly LOSS meeting at River Forest Township is open to all and is most easily accessible to those from Chicago or the western suburbs.

For information on other LOSS meetings, visit [www.Catholiccharities.net/loss](http://www.Catholiccharities.net/loss) or email [loss@catholiccharities.net](mailto:loss@catholiccharities.net). Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Carla B. Sloan, River Forest Township Supervisor



## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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### LOSS COLLABORATIONS

At the request of survivors, LOSS has continued to grow and now collaborates with Catholic Charities of the dioceses of Joliet, Rockford, and Gary, Indiana to provide these much needed services in their areas.

**Diocese of Gary**  
940 Broadway • Gary, Indiana 46402  
(219) 886-3549 • [www.catholic-charities.org](http://www.catholic-charities.org)

**Diocese of Joliet**  
203 N. Ottawa St. • Joliet, Illinois 60432  
(815) 723-3405 • [www.catholiccharitiesjoliet.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesjoliet.org)

**Diocese of Rockford**  
555 Colman Center Dr., P.O. Box 7044  
Rockford, Illinois 61125  
(815) 399-4300  
[www.catholiccharities.rockforddiocese.org](http://www.catholiccharities.rockforddiocese.org)

CATHOLIC CHARITIES  
OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

## Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide LOSS Program



721 N. LaSalle Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60654

Phone: (312) 655-7283

Fax: (312) 655-0219



[www.catholiccharities.net](http://www.catholiccharities.net)

Find ccofchicago on:

### THE MISSION OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Catholic Charities fulfills the Church's role in the mission of charity to anyone in need by providing compassionate, competent and professional services that strengthen and support individuals, families and communities based on the value and dignity of human life.

In order to remain faithful to our mission, Catholic Charities is guided by these core values  
*Respect, Compassion, Competence and Stewardship.*

09/13/2019

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OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

# LOSS

*Loving Outreach  
to Survivors of Suicide*



*Offering hope and healing after  
the loss of a loved one to suicide.*



## What is LOSS?

Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide is a non-denominational program that supports individuals who are grieving the loss of a loved one by suicide. The LOSS Program is offered by Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago in collaboration with the Dioceses of Joliet, Rockford, and Gary, Indiana. We are funded by private foundations and your charitable contributions.

## What does LOSS do?

LOSS offers a safe, non-judgmental environment where survivors of suicide can openly talk about feelings and experiences. We help you to find community, direction and resources for healing.



## How does LOSS help?

- We provide a warm, nurturing network of other survivors.
- We educate members about the grieving process.
- We support your unique struggle to regain hope and strength.

## Services for Adults

- Monthly support groups throughout the Chicagoland area.

### Sites include:

**Chicago, Des Plaines, Downers Grove, Cicero, Wilmette, Mundelein, River Forest, Worth, Joliet, Cary, Inverness, Kankakee, Merrillville**

- Weekly support groups for the newly bereaved in eight-week sessions.
- Individual and family counseling.
- Monthly newsletter, the Obelisk.

## Services for Children and Youth

- Individual therapy for children ages 3-18.
- Group and family counseling at various Catholic Charities locations.
- Peer support groups facilitated by trained clinicians.
- Parent consultation.

## What you may expect after suicide loss

- Problems with sleep, appetite and fatigue
- Intense emotions
- Difficulty focusing or making decisions
- Hopelessness
- Anger
- Anesthetizing behaviors
- Shame
- A state of being overwhelmed
- Psychological disruption
- Trauma symptoms

## We welcome your inquiries

Your call will be received with presence and compassion.

Please contact  
the LOSS Program  
**(312) 655-7283**



# Illinois Department of Transportation

Office of Highways Project Implementation / Bureau of Safety Programs & Engineering  
2300 South Dirksen Parkway / Springfield, Illinois / 62764

February 2, 2023

Chief Ken Gross  
Forest Park Police Department  
517 Des Plaines Avenue  
Forest Park, IL 60130

Dear Chief Gross,

On behalf of the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), Bureau of Safety Programs and Engineering, I would like to thank you for your agency's efforts during the first quarter of the Federal Fiscal Year 2023 Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP).

STEP is designed to provide local law enforcement agencies the additional resources needed to save lives and improve community safety with high visibility enforcement of traffic safety related laws.

Because of your participation, Illinois has seen a decline in fatalities on roadways in 2022. Your agency is to be commended for conducting exceptional enforcement activities during the Thanksgiving enforcement campaign.

IDOT recognizes that your job is not always easy, and your efforts often go unnoticed. The success of the STEP program reflects the dedication and commitment your agency displays towards highway safety.

Thank you and your agency for making Illinois a safer place to travel.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Cynthia L. Watters'.

Cynthia L. Watters, P.E., Bureau Chief  
Bureau of Safety Programs and Engineering

cc: Deputy Chief Christopher Chin  
Julie Coplea  
Paul Rizzo





# CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR ROADWAY SAFETY AND ENFORCEMENT

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IDOT's Bureau of Safety Programs and Engineering honors

## ***Forest Park Police Department***

*In recognition of your exemplary enforcement to change driving behaviors,  
reduce traffic crashes and save lives in Illinois during the  
FFY23 Thanksgiving Enforcement Campaign*

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2/1/23 Presented on

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Bureau Chief, Bureau of Safety Programs and Engineering  
Illinois Department of Transportation



**Illinois Department  
of Transportation**

## **PRESENTATION OF INDIVIDUAL AWARDS**

P.O. Toriano Clinton and P.O. Wendel Ellis  
Training and Support Group

Academics: Michael Lau, Rosemont PD

Firearms: Anthony Cardenas, Hoffman Estates PD

Physical Fitness: Ryan Asta, River GrovePD

## **PRESENTATION**

Outstanding  
Recruit Award

## **CLOSING REMARKS**

Lieutenant Mark Duignan

## **BENEDICTION**

Chaplain Joe Jackson

## **DISMISSAL OF GRADUATES**

## **CLOSING CEREMONY**

The Opening and Closing Ceremonies are performed by the  
Chicago Police Department Honor Guard &  
Bagpipes and Drums of the Emerald Society, CPD.

The Chicago Police Department's Metropolitan Basic Law  
Enforcement Training Program is certified by the Illinois Law  
Enforcement Training and Standard Board.



## **CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT**

February 17, 2023

Metropolitan Recruit Graduation

Group 22-103

Public Safety Headquarters

Multi-Purpose Room

Lori E. Lightfoot  
Mayor



David O. Brown  
Superintendent



## **Criminal Investigations Division**

**January and February 2023**



The Forest Park Police Department's (FPPD) Criminal Investigation Division (CID) is supervised by Detective Lt. Dan Pater after his promotion in January 2023. Desk Clerk Janet Ghanayem was also promoted to Evidence Custodian in January 2023 and has tackled her new adventure head on. E.C. Ghanayem has begun to rearrange the evidence room and ensure that the evidence is properly stored and inventoried.

In January of 2023, Det. Joe Schick was promoted to Sergeant and is now a patrol supervisor on the midnight shift. Sergeant Schick still investigates some of his old cases during his shift and when time allows. Det. Sgt. Jarlath Heveran is the current investigator assigned to CID, until April when Ofc. Brendan Reilly will be assigned to CID.

Det. Mike O'Connor is the police department's Community Policing / Crime Free Housing Officer assigned to CID, however due to manpower shortages, he remains reassigned to day shift patrol.

Evelyn Simmons is a counselor assigned to the department from Amita Health Behavioral Health Clinician 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 WESTAF callout on 23 Feb 23 in Broadview, IL for a homicide. Det. Sgt. Heveran responded and assisted with the investigation. The investigation resulted in a homicide arrest for the offender who also committed another homicide and shots fired with Chicago Police on 27 Feb 23. Prior to the apprehension of the offender, there was a credible threat that the offender in the homicide wished to "shoot 1000" people at the Living Word Christian Center. Det. Lt. Pater coordinated with LWCC personnel to ensure safety measures were taken until the offender was either apprehended or the threat was no longer credible.

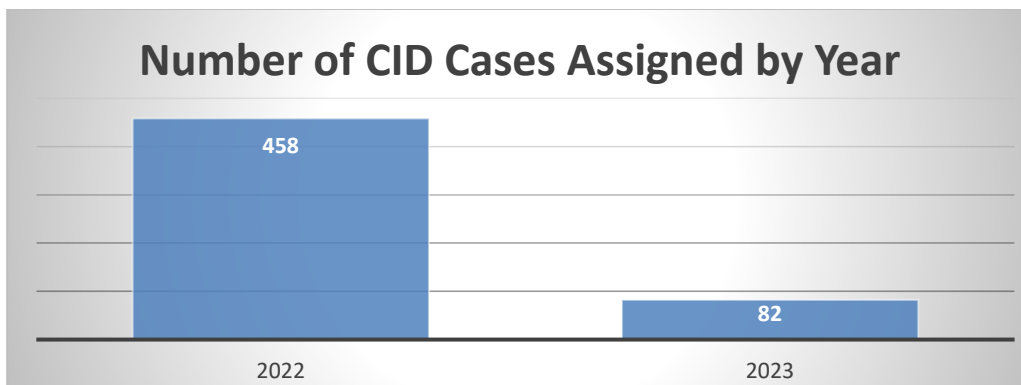
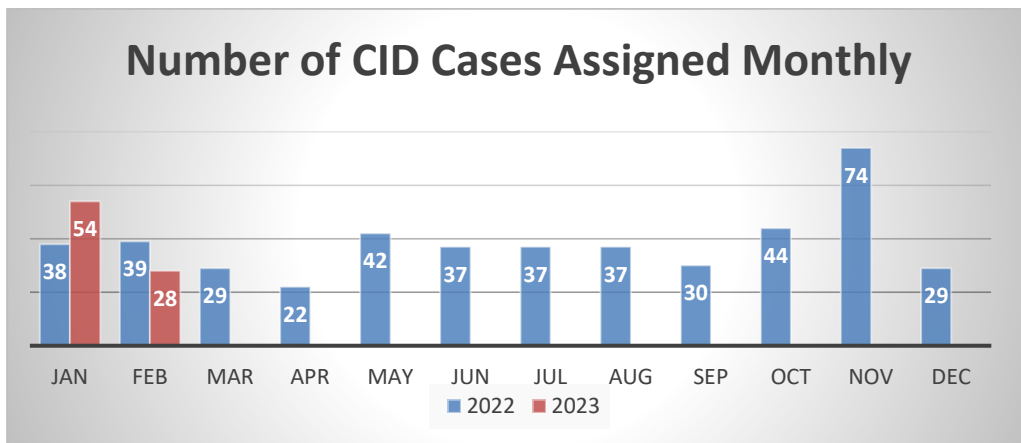
Currently, the Forest Park PD is a member agency in the multijurisdictional West Suburban Drug and Gang Enforcement Task Force (WEDGE). Due to manpower shortages, WEDGE assignments have been designated to patrol Officer(s) Reilly and Calamus.

Det. Lt. Pater is assigned as the Assistant Team Commander for NIPAS (Northern Illinois Police Alarm System) Mobile Field Force, comprised of approximately 140 members from 85 different Police agencies. The NIPAS MFF is a highly trained crowd control team designated to respond to critical incidents involving civil disturbances, union conflicts, public demonstrations, and other events involving large or disorderly crowds. The NIPAS MFF was put on standby two times in January and February. The NIPAS MFF was activated on 20 Feb 23 for a planned protest against Florida Governor Ron DeSantis in Elmhurst, IL. The NIPAS MFF assisted in keeping the peace amongst event attendees and protestors and aided Elmhurst PD in the arrest of one agitator.

Detectives are also members of ICAC (Internet Crimes against Children) task force which investigates the on-line sexual exploitation of children. As such, they also investigate Cyber-Tips generated by NCMEC (National Center for Missing and Exploited Children), and conduct online covert operations predators in our area. On February 23, 2022, CID investigators were assigned a CyberTip by the Internet Crimes against Children Task Force. This investigation is on-going.

In February 2022, Forest Park CID joined forces with Chicago Police Department on a Joint Vehicular Hijacking Task Force. This task force has been fast growing as more suburban departments have joined each month to work together to combat an alarming rise in vehicular hijacking incidents that have occurred throughout the Chicago area. Forest Park Police have continued this mission and have shared vital information on intelligence and information regarding known offenders and hot spots that are vulnerable to vehicular hijackings, in which the task force's mission and results was highlighted. Due to lack of manpower, Detectives were unable to attend any of the Task Force dates in January and February, however Det. Sgt. Heveran maintains contact and information sharing with the Task Force.

There were 82 incidents assigned to investigators for follow-up in January and February, 2023; 54 in January and 28 in February. Case selection has been reduced and screened due to a shortage of manpower and more focus has been exhausted on major cases and those involving violence against victims. In addition to working the 82 newly assigned cases, CID detectives continue to work on cases predating January 1, 2023.



The following is a summary of notable investigations in January and February 2023:

- Case #: 23-00035 – Detective Sergeant Heveran investigated an Armed Robbery that occurred on 19 Jan 23. During the course of the investigation, investigators discovered vehicle information and learned CPD had taken an offender in custody one day after the robbery. Detective Sergeant Heveran interviewed the subject who implicated himself in the robbery. The juvenile offender also committed several other robberies and a shooting in Chicago. The juvenile was charged with Armed Robbery on our case.
- Case #: 23-00037 – on 04 Jan 23, Detective Lieutenant Pater was assigned an Aggravated Assault case where the offender made motions and threats toward her employer with scissors after being terminated. On 23 Jan 23 Detective Lieutenant Pater and Detective Sergeant Heveran arrested the offender and she was charged with Aggravated Assault.
- Case #: 22-03077 – On 12 Oct 22, Ofc. Calamus had a vehicle flee from him on a traffic stop. Detective Lieutenant Pater was able to speak with the offender via telephone and coordinated with him to turn himself in. On 09 Jan 23, the offender surrendered himself to this PD and was charged with Fleeing and Eluding and numerous other traffic violations.

- Case #: 23-00071/00203 – 23 Jan 23 Detective Lieutenant Pater arrested an offender for violating an Order of Protection on several separate occasions.
- Case #: 23-00093 – On 10 Jan 23, this PD received a call from River Forest PD in reference to an offender they had in custody and may have committed a crime in our town. Detectives interviewed the subject who admitted to a burglary to motor vehicle and he was charged accordingly.

***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 – February 2023**

Following is a summary of Asset Seizure and Forfeiture activity by the Forest Park Police Department in January and February 2023. All money, vehicle, and property seizures made by this department are following 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 February 28, 2023, Lt. Miller seized a 2019 Chevy Cruze under Article 36 after the driver was cited for Aggravated Driving on a Revoked License. The driver had a Driving Under the Influence conviction and three (3) subsequent Driving While License Suspended convictions. Estimated Value: \$11,444

On February 20, 2023, Ofc. Aftanas and FTO Calamus seized a 2015 Mercedes S550 during a traffic stop after citing the driver with Driving While License Suspended after a Driving Under the Influence conviction. Estimated Value: \$34,000.

On January 12, 2023, Ofc. B. Reilly seized \$414 and \$1,210 of United States Currency after citing two defendants with numerous narcotic charges during a suspicious person stop at the Thornton's Gas Station.

**License Plate Reader (LPR) / Street Camera Usage  
January – February 2023**

During the months of January and February of 2023, the Forest Park Police Department documented usage of the Street Cameras and LPR system. January - 12 reports and February - 16 reports. Forest Park Police Officers used the cameras and technology for a variety of crimes and incidents including: Investigating two (2) Fatal Hit and Runs; DUI arrest, Aggravated Assault, Vehicular Pursuit, Freedom of Information Act (requests), Catalytic Converter Thefts, Burglary Investigations and Vehicular Hijacking.



## **LESO**

Nothing to Report

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

There were no SRT activation for the months of January/February.

## **Special Response Team Training**

The SRT did not conduct training for the months of January/February.

## **Range**

We conducted a one-day basic familiarization and capabilities training for officers who expressed intentions to carry an AR-15 rifle. These weapon systems allow officers to have greater distance and accuracy capabilities which can better equip officers in their response to high-risk incidents. This training was classroom based and will be followed-up with live fire range training days to practice and establish the skills necessary to be qualified to carry this weapon.

Additionally, we received a partial portion of our ammunition order from 2022. There is currently a 12-14 month lead time for shipment of ammunition and in that time we have been receiving portions of it depending on the type. It creates a need for us to plan and anticipate ammunition usage over a year in advance. Having ammunition allows us to properly and consistently train, allowing officers to maintain their skills with their weapons. This increases their confidence and lessens the chances of panic stemming from performing an unfamiliar task.

## **In-Service Training**

Over the course of the last two weeks in February and into the beginning of March, the FPPD received the MEGGITT training aid from our local training group NEMRT (North East Multi Regional Training). This machine is a scenario simulator that allows us to train a multitude of skills ranging from verbal de-escalation to deadly force. This has the same value mentioned above-it allows officers to gain experience in tasks that will not be unfamiliar should they arise. The training counts towards state-mandated training and we will receive the machine again in December.

## **Auxiliary Unit**

The Auxiliary Unit met on 11 January 2023 and 22 February 2023. January and February were both non-event months where the Auxiliary Unit had no scheduled events.

The Forest Park St. Patrick's Parade was discussed at both meetings.

During the month of February 2023 our newest Auxiliary Officer Daniel Dudek attended and passed the NEMRT Mandatory Firearms Training Program as prescribed by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board.