



Village of River Forest

POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

TO: Matt Walsh – Village Administrator

FROM: James Greenwood- Chief of Police

DATE: June 5, 2026

SUBJECT: May 2026 Monthly Report

Crime Statistics

The month of May 2026 indicated an increase of eleven (11) incidents in Group A offenses in comparison to May 2025. There was an increase of fourteen (14) Group B offenses compared to May 2025. There was a 33% increase in arrests for Group A offenses compared to May 2025.

	Mar 2026	Mar 2025	Diff. +/-	% +/-	YTD 2026	YTD 2025	Diff. +/-	% +/-
Group A Offenses	29	18	+11	61%	121	104	+17	16%
Group B Offenses	19	5	+14	280%	100	46	+54	117%
All Other Offenses	32	29	+3	10%	160	134	+26	19%
Reports	150	110	+40	36%	587	633	-46	-7%
Events	590	552	+38	7%	4,221	4,170	+51	1%

	Mar 2026	Mar 2025	Diff. +/-	% +/-	YTD 2026	YTD 2025	Diff. +/-	% +/-
Group A Arrests	20	15	+5	33%	77	64	+13	20%
Group B Arrests	7	11	-4	-36%	101	119	-18	-15%
All Other Arrests	23	27	-4	-14%	105	110	-5	-4%

Town Center

The Police Department responded to eighty-five (85) calls for service at the Town Center properties in May 2026; of those calls there were fifty-five (55) reported crimes, which included nineteen (19) Retail Thefts and nine (9) Panhandlers/Removals. There was a thirty-five percent (35%) increase in calls for service in comparison to May 2025 statistics. In addition, there was a twelve percent (12%) increase in retail thefts in comparison to May 2025.

Collaboration and Relationship Strengthening

- Attended the Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS) annual meeting on May 5, 2026.
- Attended the West Suburban Consolidated Dispatch Center (WSCDC) operations meeting on May 5, 2026.
- Attended the West Suburban Chief of Police meeting/training on May 6, 2026.
- Attended the Village Board Meeting on May 11, 2026.
- Attended the senior breakfast event at Sunrise on May 12, 2026.
- Attended the D90 quarterly safety meeting on May 19, 2026.

- Attended the Memorial Day Parade on May 25, 2026.

School and Community Support

The following is a summary of the activity that occurred during May relating to Ordinance Enforcement and School Resource/Community Service.

May 2026 ACTIVITY	CSO BUS
Bank/Metra	16 Assignments 2.5 Hrs
Errands	6 Assignments 5 Hrs
Local Ordinance Enforcement / Citations	0 Assignment 0 Citations
Parking Enforcement Missions	25 Assignments 1.5 Hrs
Fingerprinting Assignments	7 Assignments 2.5 Hrs
Administrative Duties	19 Assignments 14 Hrs
Animal Calls	5 Assignments 4.25 Hrs
Vehicle Service	17 Assignments 12 Hrs
Crossings	4 Assignments 2 Hrs
Detention Hearing / Court	10 Assignment 4.5 Hrs
Other Assignments	6.75 Assignments 7.5 Hrs
Adjudication / Red Light Hearing	1 Assignments 1.5 Hrs
Child Safety Seat Inspection/Install	3 Assignments 1.5 Hrs
Calls for Service	30 Assignments 14 Hrs

May 2026	CSO BUS
VIOLATION TYPE	TICKETS
Time Limit	1
No Parking Anytime	1
Vehicle License	0
Fire Lane/Hydrant	2
Handicapped	0
Resident Only Zone	5
Permit Parking Only	5
Daily Parking Fee Zone	7
Expired Registration	0
Other Parking Offense	3
TOTAL	24

School Resource/Community Service Officer Activity Summary for May 2026

Written Reports	10
Foot Patrols / Premise Checks	38
River Forest Community Safety and Too Good For Drugs Activities	6
Calls for Service	4
Other Assignments	21 Assignments, 73 hours
Special Assignments	31 Assignments, 81 hours

School and Community-Support Activity Highlights for May 2026

Crime Prevention Officers completed the following:

- Conducted two (2) Too Good For Drugs lessons/graduations at St. Luke School on 05/01/2026.
- Completed Elderly Service follow up and supplemental report #26-00546 on 05/05/2026.
- Completed school follow up and supplemental report #26-00539 on 05/05/2026.
- Met with CITE intern on 05/05/2026.
- Completed Juvenile report #26-00566 on 05/07/2026.
- Completed school follow up and supplemental report #26-00574 on 05/08/2026.
- Attended CITE Appreciation Breakfast on 05/08/2026.
- Completed school report #26-00571 on 05/08/2026.
- Completed school follow up and supplemental report #26-00571 on 05/11/2026.
- Conducted one (1) Too Good For Drugs lesson/graduation at St. Vincent Ferrer School on 05/11/2026.
- Attended and presented at Celebrating Seniors Breakfast at Sunrise on 05/12/2026.
- Met with CITE intern on 05/12/2026.
- Attended Youth Network Council virtual monthly meeting on 05/14/2026.
- Attended Dunkin' Cop on a Rooftop event on 05/15/2026.
- Conducted one (1) River Forest Community Safety station tour for Lincoln kindergarten on 05/18/2026.
- Attended M-Team virtual monthly meeting on 05/20/2026.
- Attended D90 Reunification Team Meeting on 05/21/2026.
- Conducted one (1) River Forest Community Safety station tour for Lincoln kindergarten on 05/21/2026.
- Completed school follow up and supplemental report #26-00574 on 05/21/2026.
- Assisted with River Forest Memorial Day Parade on 05/25/2026.

- Attended school advice call on 05/26/2026.
- Completed school follow up and supplemental report #26-00665 on 05/27/2026.
- Conducted Roosevelt Middle School Capstone Project tour and presentation at RFPD on 05/27/2026.
- Conducted one (1) River Forest Community Safety Squad Demonstration at Willard School on 05/28/2026.
- Conducted Police Escort to School for Willard raffle winning family on 05/29/2026.
- Prepared Traffic Safety Challenge report throughout the month and submitted.
- Completed bicycle registrations throughout the month.
- Scheduled and coordinated ride alongs throughout the month.
- Conducted business and school premise checks throughout the month.
- Assisted with records/administrative tasks throughout the month.
- Assisted investigations unit throughout the month.

UPCOMING School and Community Support Activities for June 2026

Crime Prevention Officers will:

- Assist with security at River Forest Pride Walk on 06/01/2026
- Attend Entry-level Police Officer Orientation on 06/03/2026.
- Attend River Forest Library Summer Reading Kickoff on 06/05/2026.
- Conduct Senior Services Presentation with Township Senior Services on 06/24/2026.
- Prepare Junior Citizen's Police Academy throughout the month.
- Conduct business and school premise checks throughout the month.
- Assist patrol throughout the month.
- Assist with records/administrative tasks throughout the month.
- Assist investigations unit throughout the month.

Sgt. Ransom will also:

- Continue training under Commander Grill in the Support Services role.
- Coordinate IDOT Distracted Driving Campaign
- Continue ongoing ICAC investigations.
- Assist with Adjudication hearings and manage caseload.
- Plan special events and complete permit reviews and approvals.
- Manage movie and commercial film details, permits, and requests.
- Assist with Information Technology projects.
- Address subpoenas, FOIA requests and other records requests for various sources of police video used in police response and criminal investigations.
- Assist with Vehicle Maintenance and Equipment.
- Manage LPR system
- Manage Street Camera System.
- Assist with Red Light Enforcement system.
- Continue to support CSO Bus, SRO Drake, and the Records functions.

CSO Bus will:

- Monitor parking issues near the various schools.
- Assist with Child Safety Seat Installations
- Enforce any/all new regulated parking zones.
- Monitor crossing guard performance and presence.
- Monitor parking issues near the River Forest Community Center.

- Monitor and enforce parking regulations in Daily Fee, Time Zone, Resident Only Zones, and Handicapped Parking Only Areas etc.
- Assist with Court records communications.
- Assist with Animal Control.
- Administer traffic control services during Fire and Police related events.
- Continue to utilize the Automated License Plate Reader to increase efficiency and effectiveness of parking enforcement efforts to gain better community compliance.
- Parking Enforcement areas of focus: Metra Lot Parking | 418 Franklin



Honor Guard Sgt. Humphreys, Ofc. Tagle, Ofc. Juarez, Ofc. Bourdeau and Ofc. Saldana marched in Memorial Day Parade.

Active Solicitor Permits		
Individual or Organization	Description	Expires
Kramer Window	Window Replacement	06/10/2026
Joy Milk Tea Inc.	Mile Tea Pop-Up	06/14/2026
Edward Jones	Financial Services	06/26/2026
Anderson Corp.	Window/Door Sales	07/11/2026

Future Kids of America	Empowering Youth Through Academics	07/23/2026
Power	Home Remodeling Estimates	11/04/2026
Eco Shield	Pest Control	5/14/27

Budget and Fiscal Monitoring

May 1 – May 31, 2026

May is the first month of Fiscal Year 2027. There was a 5% decrease in overtime costs in comparison to May 2025.

Revenue/Expenditure Summary

Category	Total # Paid FY27 05/26	Total # Paid FY27 Y-T-D	Expenditure/ Revenue FY27 05/26	FY27 Y-T-D Expenditure/Revenue
Parking/Compliance Citations	261	261	\$20,681	\$20,681
Admin. Tows	34	34	\$17,000	\$17,000
Local Ordinance	0	0	\$0	\$0
Overtime	401hrs	401hrs	\$29,210	\$29,210

Community Policing/Crime Prevention Activities:

- Officers conducted additional patrols and premise checks in the business districts, parks, school play areas, and the library.
- Officers conducted numerous traffic missions in locations that have been identified as priorities based on traffic crash data and citizen requests.
- Officers conducted daily School Enforcement at all D90 schools and private schools.

Directed Patrols/ Traffic Enforcement

The midnight shift focused their traffic enforcement efforts primarily on Madison Street, Harlem Avenue, and North Avenue. Officers completed fifty-six (56) traffic stops which resulted in sixty-one (61) citations, seventeen (17) warnings, and seven (7) traffic related arrests. The traffic enforcement missions resulted in seven (7) administrative tows. The shift also conducted LPR enforcement with two (2) traffic stops resulting in two (2) traffic related arrests and two (2) administrative tows.

The day shift focused their traffic enforcement efforts primarily on North Avenue and Chicago Avenue. Officers completed eighteen (18) traffic stops which resulted in eleven (11) citations, six (6) warnings, and one (1) traffic related arrest. The traffic enforcement missions resulted in two (2) administrative tows. The shift also conducted LPR enforcement which resulted in two (2) traffic stops, six (6) citations, two (2) arrests. The LPR enforcement missions resulted in two (2) administrative tows.

The afternoon shift focused their traffic enforcement efforts primarily on Chicago Avenue and North Avenue. Officers completed fifteen (15) traffic stops which resulted in twenty-two (22) citations, five (5) warnings, one (1) warrant arrest, five (5) traffic related arrests, and four (4) administrative tows. The shift also conducted LPR enforcement which resulted in eleven (11) traffic stops, thirty-five (35) citations, and eleven (11) traffic related arrests. The LPR enforcement missions resulted in seven (7) administrative tows and two (2) Article 36 vehicle seizures.

Notable Events and Arrests:

26-00538 Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol

On May 2, 2026, 2:57AM, a River Forest officer was conducting traffic enforcement on the 7900 block of Madison Street and observed a vehicle traveling eastbound in the 7900 block of Madison Street at a high rate of speed. The officer conducted a traffic stop at 7500 Madison Street, and the driver was identified as a 23-year-old female from Maywood. The officer observed the driver display signs of alcohol impairment, and the vehicle contained open alcohol containers in plain view. The driver failed standardized field sobriety tests and was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. The driver was transported to the station for processing, and the vehicle was towed with an administrative hold. The driver provided a breath alcohol content (BAC) sample of 0.145 and was charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol with BAC over 0.08, Speeding, and Illegal Transportation of Alcohol. The driver was given a misdemeanor court date and released on a Citation and Notice.

26-00540 Retail Theft & Obstructing a Police Officer

On May 2, 2026, 3:25PM, River Forest officers were dispatched to 7525 Lake Street (Jewel Osco) for a retail theft that just occurred. The offender exited the store without paying for three (3) bottles of alcohol valued at \$67.47. A description of the offender was broadcast on the radio, and officers observed a subject matching the description walking eastbound in the 7400 block of Central Avenue. Officers identified themselves and gave lawful orders for the subject to stop. The subject began running away but was apprehended a short distance away and taken into custody. The subject was identified as a 28-year-old male from Chicago, and he was positively identified as the offender by Jewel Loss Prevention. He was processed and charged with felony Retail Theft and Obstructing a Police Officer. He was given a court date at the Maybrook Courthouse and was released on a Citation and Notice.

26-00560 Leaving the Scene of an Accident & Driving Under the Influence

On May 6, 2026, 9:23AM, River Forest officers were dispatched to the area of North Avenue and Park Avenue for a traffic crash where a vehicle struck a parked vehicle on North Avenue and the driver of the at-fault vehicle fled the scene on foot. Officers checked the area and located a 33-year-old male from Chicago who matched the provided description and was identified by witnesses. He also could not provide proof of insurance for the vehicle. The driver was arrested and charged with Leaving the Scene of an Accident. While in custody, he also exhibited signs of alcohol impairment and admitted to consuming alcohol, so he was also charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. The driver was processed and later released on a Citation and Notice. The vehicle was towed with an administrative hold placed on the vehicle.

26-00563 Retail Theft & Obstructing & Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

On May 6, 2026, 4:54PM, River Forest officers were dispatched to 7525 Lake Street (Jewel Osco) for a retail theft that just occurred. The offender exited the store without paying for numerous items offered for sale and valued at \$436.91. A description of the offender was broadcast on the radio, and officers observed a subject matching the description walking eastbound in the 7400 block of Central Avenue. The subject was stopped and taken into custody for retail theft investigation. Jewel Loss Prevention positively identified the subject as the offender. The subject lied to officers about his name by providing a fictitious name. The subject was eventually identified as a 33-year-old male from Willowbrook. The subject was transported to the station and upon a custodial search of the subject, officers located numerous drug paraphernalia related items. He was processed and charged with Retail Theft, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Obstructing Identification and Criminal Trespass to Property. He was given a court date at the Maybrook Courthouse and was released on a Citation and Notice.

26-00570 No Valid Driver's License

On May 8, 2026, 9:55AM, a River Forest officer conducting traffic enforcement near Chicago Avenue and Keystone Avenue observed a vehicle driving 47 mph on Chicago Avenue where the speed limit is 25mph. The vehicle was stopped and the driver, a 32-year-old female from Chicago, was found to be driving despite never having been issued a driver's license. She was arrested for Driving with No Valid Driver's License, processed, and later released on a Citation and Notice. The vehicle was towed with an administrative hold placed on the vehicle.

26-00571 School Threat

On May 8, 2026, 11:02AM, River Forest officers were informed that the River Forest School District 90 offices received a threatening telephone call where the anonymous male caller stated he was walking into Roosevelt Middle School with a firearm. River Forest officers immediately responded to Roosevelt Middle School and worked with school administrators to initiate enhanced safety protocols at all schools within River Forest. Officers conducted interior and exterior sweeps of the schools and reviews of security camera footage to ensure that no unauthorized subjects were currently or previously inside any of the schools with a firearm. Officers remained on scene at the schools for the remainder of the school day to ensure their safety. The investigation into the source of the call is ongoing.

26-00579 Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol

On May 9, 2026, 2:12AM, a River Forest officer was conducting traffic enforcement in the 7300 block of Lake Street and observed a vehicle traveling westbound at a high rate of speed. The officer conducted a traffic stop at 7600 Lake Street. The driver was identified as a 25-year-old female from Chicago, and the driver displayed signs of alcohol impairment. The driver failed standardized field sobriety tests and was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. The driver was transported to the station for processing, and the vehicle was towed with an administrative hold. The driver provided a breath alcohol content sample of 0.208 and was charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol (BAC) over 0.08, Speeding, and Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle. The driver was given a misdemeanor court date and released on a Citation and Notice.

26-00599 Hit and Run & Aggravated Assault/Battery to Police Officer

On May 14, 2026, 5:08PM, River Forest officers were dispatched to Hawthorne Avenue and Keystone Avenue for a hit and run crash that just occurred where a blue sedan left the scene. Officers were able to locate the vehicle and driver in the 7900 block of Lake Street. Officers contacted the offending driver who was identified as a 43-year-old male from Oak Park. While officers were conducting their investigation, the driver continued to ignore any lawful orders and began approaching officers in an aggressive manner and resisted arrest. The driver was eventually taken into custody and transported to the station. At the station the subject was continually combative where he bit an officer on the hand. The driver was processed and charged with Aggravated Battery to a Police Officer, Aggravated Assault to a Police Officer, Resisting a Police Officer (X2), Leaving the Scene of a Property Damage Accident and other traffic offenses. The driver was given a court date at the Maybrook Courthouse and was released on a Citation and Notice.

26-00615 Residential Burglary

On May 18, 2026, 3:28AM, an off-duty River Forest officer was driving in the 000 block of Gale Avenue when the officer observed two male subjects exit a garage, one of which was on a bicycle. The officer alerted River Forest on duty officers. Officers located and stopped the offender on the bicycle at Madison Street and Circle Avenue in Forest Park. The suspect, identified as a 19-year-old male from Chicago, was stopped and taken into custody for a burglary investigation after the garage and vehicle inside the garage were found open and ransacked. Officers found that the suspect also had stolen proceeds from the garage. The suspect was transported to the station for processing. The offender was charged with felony Residential Burglary and transported to a detention hearing.

26-00616/642/655 Residential Burglary & Unlawful Possession of Credit Cards

On May 24, 2026, 11:36PM, a River Forest officer was on the 7700 block of Iowa Street and observed a wanted criminal offender from River Forest Police Case# 26-00642. River Forest officers were able to locate the subject hiding in a bush at 909 Ashland Avenue and took him into custody. The offender was identified as a 21-year-old male from Waukegan. He was arrested for a residential burglary investigation. The offender was transported to the station for processing. The investigation continued, and the offender was found to be in possession of proceeds from a residential burglary reported under River Forest Police Case# 26-00616 in addition to proceeds from a residential burglary in Skokie. The offender was interviewed and charged locally with Residential Burglary under River Forest Police Case #26-00616, two counts of Unlawful Possession of Credit Cards under River Forest Police Case #26-00616, Attempted Residential Burglary under River Forest Police Case #26-00642, and Unlawful Possession of Credit Cards under River Forest Police Case #26-00655. The offender was transported to a detention hearing. Both Skokie Police and Oak Park Police also have related cases involving the same suspect.

26-00619 Retail Theft & Warrant & Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

On May 18, 2026, 1:14PM, a River Forest officer conducting a mission to reduce and detect retail thefts in River Forest business districts was alerted by Walgreens staff of a Retail Theft where a subject took \$54.27 worth of merchandise without paying. The officer checked the area and located a 53-year-old male from Chicago who matched the provided description, possessed the stolen merchandise, and was identified by store personnel. He was also found to be wanted by Cook County on a warrant for failure to appear in court for prior drug offense. He was also found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia. The suspect was arrested, charged with felony Retail Theft (due to previous retail theft convictions), Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and the Warrant. He was processed and later transported to the Maybrook Courthouse for a detention hearing.

26-00632 Driving While License Suspended & Warrant Arrest

On May 20, 2026, 7:35PM, a River Forest officer was conducting traffic enforcement on North Avenue when he was alerted by a License Plate Reader (LPR) for a vehicle with suspended registration. A check of the vehicle registration revealed the registration was suspended for mandatory insurance. A traffic stop was conducted on the vehicle at North Avenue and William Street after the suspension was verified. The driver was identified as a 29-year-old male from Chicago. The driver was determined to have a suspended driver's license and an active no bond DuPage County Warrant. The driver was arrested and transported to the station for processing and the vehicle was towed with an administrative hold. The driver was charged with Driving While License Suspended and Suspended Registration. The driver was processed and released on a Citation and Notice with a court date at the Maybrook Courthouse. The driver was then transported to the DuPage County Jail to be processed on the no bond warrant.

26-00641 Retail Theft & Possession of Drug Paraphernalia & Traffic

On May 23, 2026, 6:47AM, River Forest officers were dispatched to 7525 Lake Street (Jewel Osco) for a retail theft where several subjects worked together to take \$432.45 worth of merchandise without paying and fled in a vehicle. Officers checked the area, located the vehicle, stopped it, and detained the driver, a 39-year-old male from Chicago, as well as three passengers, a 55-year-old male from Hanover Park, a 41-year-old male from Olympia Fields, and a 37-year-old female from Orland Park, who all matched the provided descriptions, possessed the merchandise, and were identified by store personnel. They were also all found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia. The driver was also found to be driving despite never having been issued a driver's license and could not provide proof of insurance for the vehicle. The occupants were arrested, charged with felony Retail Theft (due to value of the merchandise), Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, processed, and later released on a Citation and Notice. The driver was also charged with Driving with No Valid DL. The vehicle was towed with an administrative hold placed on the vehicle.

26-00647 Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol

On May 23, 2026, 11:26PM, a River Forest officer was conducting traffic enforcement in the 1100 block of Lathrop Avenue and observed a vehicle traveling northbound disregarding the stop sign at Division Street. The officer continued to follow the vehicle and observed a lane use violation. The officer conducted a traffic stop at 1300 Lathrop Avenue. The driver, identified as a 60-year-old male from Elmwood Park, displayed signs of alcohol impairment. The driver failed standardized field sobriety tests and was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. The driver provided a breath alcohol content (BAC) sample of .227. The driver was transported to the station for processing, and the vehicle was administratively towed. The driver was charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Driving Under the Influence of alcohol with BAC over .08, Disobeying a Stop Sign, Improper Traffic Lane Usage, Illegal Transportation of Alcohol, and Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle. The driver was given a misdemeanor court date and released on a Citation and Notice.

26-00670 Retail Theft & Criminal Trespass to Property

On May 27, 2026, 1:53PM, River Forest officers were dispatched to 7525 Lake Street (Jewel Osco) for a Retail Theft where a subject took \$95.90 worth of merchandise without paying. Officers checked the area and observed a 44-year-old female from Oak Park who matched the provided description. She fled from officers into residential yards where she was later located, hiding in the attic of a garage that she did not have permission or authority to enter. After being identified by store personnel, the female was arrested, charged with Retail Theft and Criminal Trespass to Property, processed, and later released on a Citation and Notice.

26-00676

Retail Theft & Obstructing & Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

On May 28, 2026 12:41PM, a River Forest officer conducting a patrol mission to reduce and detect retail thefts in River Forest business districts was alerted to a Retail Theft where a subject took \$209.76 worth of merchandise from Walgreens at 7251 Lake Street, and \$11.88 worth of merchandise from Whole Foods at 7245 Lake Street, without paying for anything. Officers checked the area and located a 21-year-old male from Little Rock (AR) who matched the provided description, possessed the stolen merchandise, and was identified by store personnel. The male attempted to obstruct the investigation by fleeing but was caught by officers. He was arrested, charged with felony Retail Theft (due to prior criminal history) and Obstructing a Peace Officer, processed, and later released on a Citation and Notice.

26-00677

Retail Theft

On May 28, 2026, at 1:51PM, River Forest officers were dispatched to Walgreens at 7251 Lake Street for a Retail Theft in progress. Upon arrival, store staff pointed the subject out and officers observed a 21-year-old male from Chicago still inside the store in the process of concealing \$197.56 worth of merchandise under his clothing. He was arrested, charged with Retail Theft, processed, and later released on a Citation and Notice.

	Midnights 2230-0630	Day Watch 0630-1430	Third Watch 1430-2230	Tactical Unit
Criminal Arrests	6	12	12	7
Warrant Arrests	2	0	3	0
D.U.I Arrests	3	0	0	0
Misdemeanor Traffic Arrests	14	4	13	1
Hazardous Moving Violations	149	64	95	15
Compliance Citations	30	24	22	1
Parking Citations	147	11	1	0
Traffic Stop Data Sheets	205	141	122	25
Quasi-Criminal Arrests/ L.O.	0	1	2	0
Field Interviews	2	21	21	2
Premise Checks/Foot Patrols	381	417	450	69
Written Reports	36	56	72	18
Administrative Tows	18	3	11	6
Sick Time used (in days)	3	1	0	0

Detective Division

Detective Sergeant Labriola worked twenty (20) days performing detective duties.

Detective Zermeno worked seventeen (17) days performing detective duties.

Detective Sergeant Labriola was assigned as a WEDGE supervisor for two shifts.

Detective Zermeno was assigned to WEDGE for two shifts.

Detective Sergeant Labriola was activated twice as a supervisor for a WESTAF callout in Cicero.

Detective Zermeno attended a one-day Field Search Software certification course.

Detective Sergeant Labriola and Detective Zermeno reviewed numerous Lexipol policy updates.

Detective Sergeant Labriola and Detective Zermeno attended court and grand jury for previous felony arrests.

During the month of May, the Detective Unit completed numerous online mandated continuous educational courses.

During the month of May, the Detective Unit opened up/reviewed nine (9) cases for potential follow-up. Of those cases, six (6) were cleared by arrest, one (1) was unfounded, and two (2) are still active. The Unit also continued to investigate open cases from previous months, as well as assisted the Patrol Division in cases reported in the month of May.

Year to Date Arrest Statistics

Quantity Arrested	# Felony Charges	# Misdemeanor Charges	# Warrants
19	22	10	4

May 2026 Case Assignment Summary

Group A	# Cases	Cleared by Arrest	Adm Closed	Screen Out	Susp	Except	Pend	Refer	Unfound
Criminal Sexual Abuse	1						1		
Burglary	2	2							
Aggravated Battery	1	1							
Battery	2	1							1
Group A Total	6	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Group B	# Cases	Cleared by Arrest	Adm Closed	Screen Out	Susp	Except Clear	Pend	Refer	Unfound
Information for Police	1						1		
Fleeing & Eluding	2	2							
Group B Total	3	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
TOTALS	9	6	0	0	0	0	2	0	1

May 2026 Juvenile Arrests

Offenses	Adjusted	Cited	Petitioned	Referred
Retail Theft			1	
Total (1)	0	0	1	0

New Investigations

26-00543 Aggravated Battery to a Peace Officer

On May 3, 2026, 8:15AM, a River Forest Officer was at Jewel/Osco located at 7525 Lake Street when he observed a male subject exit the store while appearing to be concealing items underneath his jacket. After the male subject exited the parking lot, he committed multiple Illinois Vehicle Code violations which resulted in the officer conducting a traffic stop. The officer observed numerous bottles of alcohol in plain view in the backseat of the vehicle and asked the driver to exit. The driver refused and slammed the officer's arm in the door before driving away. On May 4, 2026, investigators located the vehicle and the driver, a 55-year-old male from Chicago was arrested. He was charged with Aggravated Battery and Fleeing and Eluding.

26-00547 Battery

On May 4, 2026, 2:03PM, River Forest Officers responded to McDonald's located at 624 Harlem Avenue in reference to a battery that just occurred. The store employees related that a female subject which was upset with the service, went behind the cashier's counter, and threw a cup of soda at the employees, striking one of them. Investigators utilized Village of River Forest street cameras and license plate readers to identify and locate the offending vehicle. The offender, a 24-year-old female from Chicago was located in Chicago. She was arrested and charged with battery.

26-00571 Information for Police

On May 8, 2026, 11:02AM, School District 90 headquarters received an anonymous call from a male subject stating he was going to enter Roosevelt Middle School with an assault rifle. Investigators assisted with security for the school through dismissal while working with other law enforcement agencies to determine the origin of the call. Investigators served multiple search warrants and have been working with law enforcement agencies around the country who have received similar calls. A person of interest who does not reside near River Forest has been identified. The information has been given to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who have jurisdiction on this case.

26-00574 Battery

On May 8, 2026, 4:44PM, the mother of a juvenile reported that while attending a track meet at Concordia University on May 7, 2026, between 11:00AM and 1:00PM, her daughter was inappropriately touched by a male subject who was also at the track meet. After a forensic interview and a review of the Concordia University video surveillance, it was determined that this report was unfounded.

26-00601 Criminal Sexual Abuse

On May 15, 2026, at 10:39AM, a River Forest Officer received a report from a victim who stated that she was sexually abused by a known subject while at Panera located at 7349 Lake Street in August 2025. The victim reported that while she was studying with a male classmate, he forcefully grabbed her hand and placed it on his genital area over his clothing. The victim is unsure how she would like to proceed with the investigation, there is no video surveillance available, and no witnesses. This case is still active.

26-00612 & 26-00625 Aggravated Fleeing and Eluding

On May 18, 2026, 12:52AM, a River Forest Officer observed a motorcycle parked near 7411 Lake Street in a business after hours. The Officer was aware that a retail theft occurred on May 12, 2026, and May 17, 2026, from Jewel where the offender fled on a motorcycle. The Officer observed a male subject leave Jewel and believing the male committed a retail theft, attempted to stop the driver of the motorcycle. The driver did not stop for the officer and disobeyed multiple traffic control devices. On May 18, 2026, at 9:52PM, the male subject fled from Officers again when they attempted to stop him on his motorcycle. On May 19, 2026, investigators located the motorcycle in Chicago and towed it with 36 seizure proceedings. On May 26, 2026, the offender, a 65-year-old male from Chicago was arrested and charged with Aggravated Fleeing and Eluding.

26-00634 & 26-00635 Burglary

On May 21, 2026, 1:06PM, the River Forest Police Department received two separate calls from victims who had lawn care equipment stolen from their trailers in the 900 block of Jackson and the 1200 block of Ashland. Investigators utilized the Village of River Forest street cameras and automated license plate readers to identify and locate the offending vehicle. On May 28, 2026, Investigators located the offending vehicle in Calumet Park which fled from Investigators. Investigators located the vehicle a short while later and the driver that fled was still in the vehicle. Investigators arrested the 27-year-old male from Calumet Park, and the vehicle was seized pursuant to Article 36 proceedings. The male who was already on electronic monitoring and charged with burglary.

Old Investigations**25-00215 & 25-00257 Robbery**

On February 21, 2025, at 7:33PM, River Forest units were dispatched to Jewel 7525 Lake Street in reference to a battery that had just occurred. The victim, a Jewel employee assisted the offender locate his drink of choice in the liquor section.

While the offender was at self-checkout, he began yelling at the victim and struck him in the head with his left arm prior to fleeing the store. It is unknown if the offender took proceeds from the store. The victim related that the same offender committed a retail theft on February 19, 2025, and during the course of the crime, battered one of the employees which then became a robbery. On May 21, 2026, Investigators located the offender, a 28-year-old from Maywood. He was taken into custody and charged with robbery and battery.

Training

During the month of May 2026, twenty-nine (28) officers/civilian employees attended different training classes for a total of five-hundred and seven (507) hours of training. The Department members, courses, and total number of hours are detailed below.

Officer	Course	Start	End	Hours
Acevedo	Roll Call Training/THRIVE Presentation	05/19/2026	05/19/2026	0.5
Acevedo	PLI May 2026 Monthly Legal Update	05/01/2026	05/31/2026	1
Barcnas	Crisis Intervention Training-40hrs	04/27/2026	05/01/2026	40
Barcnas	Roll Call Training/THRIVE Presentation	05/19/2026	05/19/2026	0.5
Bourdeau	Breath Analysis For Alcohol Training	05/07/2026	05/07/2026	9
Bourdeau	Honor Guard 101	05/11/2026	05/13/2026	24
Bourdeau	Roll Call Training/THRIVE Presentation	05/19/2026	05/19/2026	0.5
Bourdeau	PLI May 2026 Monthly Legal Update	05/01/2026	05/31/2026	1
Casarez	Trauma Informed Response to Sexual Assault	05/01/2026	05/31/2026	8
Casarez	Roll Call Training/THRIVE Presentation	05/19/2026	05/19/2026	0.5
Casarez	PLI May 2026 Monthly Legal Update	05/01/2026	05/31/2026	1
Cassidy	BolaWrap Instructor Training	05/20/2026	05/20/2026	8
Cassidy	Trauma Informed Response to Sexual Assault	05/01/2026	05/31/2026	8
Cassidy	PLI May 2026 Monthly Legal Update	05/01/2026	05/31/2026	1
Cassin	PLI May 2026 Monthly Legal Update	05/01/2026	05/31/2026	1
Catalano	40 Hour Firearms Instructor Course	05/04/2026	05/08/2026	40
Catalano	Practical Patrol Rifle	05/12/2026	05/12/2026	8
Catalano	BolaWrap Instructor Training	05/20/2026	05/20/2026	8
Catalano	Trauma Informed Response to Sexual Assault	05/01/2026	05/31/2026	8
Catalano	PLI May 2026 Monthly Legal Update	05/01/2026	05/31/2026	1
Coleman	VORTEX: Vehicle Operations and Rescue Tactics	05/26/2026	05/27/2026	16
Coleman	BolaWrap Instructor Training	05/20/2026	05/20/2026	8
Coleman	Trauma Informed Response to Sexual Assault	05/01/2026	05/31/2026	8
Coleman	Roll Call Training/THRIVE Presentation	05/19/2026	05/19/2026	0.5
Coleman	PLI May 2026 Monthly Legal Update	05/01/2026	05/31/2026	1
Cortes	Laws of Arrest, Search and Seizure	05/12/2026	05/14/2026	24
Cortes	Trauma Informed Response to Sexual Assault	05/01/2026	05/31/2026	8
Cortes	Roll Call Training/THRIVE Presentation	05/19/2026	05/19/2026	0.5
Cortes	PLI May 2026 Monthly Legal Update	05/01/2026	05/31/2026	1
Drake	Trauma Informed Response to Sexual Assault	05/01/2026	05/31/2026	8
Drake	Roll Call Training/THRIVE Presentation	05/19/2026	05/19/2026	0.5
Drake	PLI May 2026 Monthly Legal Update	05/01/2026	05/31/2026	1

Officer	Course	Start	End	Hours
Fries	PLI May 2026 Monthly Legal Update	05/01/2026	05/31/2026	1
Gonzalez	Trauma Informed Response to Sexual Assault	05/01/2026	05/31/2026	8
Gonzalez	Roll Call Training/THRIVE Presentation	05/19/2026	05/19/2026	0.5
Gonzalez	PLI May 2026 Monthly Legal Update	05/01/2026	05/31/2026	1
Greenwood	Roll Call Training/THRIVE Presentation	05/19/2026	05/19/2026	0.5
Grill	Trauma Informed Response to Sexual Assault	05/01/2026	05/31/2026	8
Grill	Roll Call Training/THRIVE Presentation	05/19/2026	05/19/2026	0.5
Grill	PLI May 2026 Monthly Legal Update	05/01/2026	05/31/2026	1
Humphreys	Trauma Informed Response to Sexual Assault	05/01/2026	05/31/2026	8
Humphreys	Roll Call Training/THRIVE Presentation	05/19/2026	05/19/2026	0.5
Humphreys	PLI May 2026 Monthly Legal Update	05/01/2026	05/31/2026	1
Hutchinson	Roll Call Training/THRIVE Presentation	05/19/2026	05/19/2026	0.5
Hutchinson	PLI May 2026 Monthly Legal Update	05/01/2026	05/31/2026	1
Juarez	40 Hour Firearms Instructor Course	05/04/2026	05/08/2026	40
Juarez	Honor Guard 101	05/11/2026	05/13/2026	24
Juarez	Roll Call Training/THRIVE Presentation	05/19/2026	05/19/2026	0.5
Labriola	Trauma Informed Response to Sexual Assault	05/01/2026	05/31/2026	8
Labriola	Roll Call Training/THRIVE Presentation	05/19/2026	05/19/2026	0.5
Labriola	PLI May 2026 Monthly Legal Update	05/01/2026	05/31/2026	1
Mika	PREVAIL: Plainclothes Vehicle Plain Live fire course	05/21/2026	05/22/2026	16
Mika	BolaWrap Instructor Training	05/20/2026	05/20/2026	8
Mika	Trauma Informed Response to Sexual Assault	05/01/2026	05/31/2026	8
Mika	Roll Call Training/THRIVE Presentation	05/19/2026	05/19/2026	0.5
Mika	PLI May 2026 Monthly Legal Update	05/01/2026	05/31/2026	1
Murillo	Roll Call Training/THRIVE Presentation	05/19/2026	05/19/2026	0.5
Niemann	BolaWrap Instructor Training	05/20/2026	05/20/2026	8
Niemann	FAA Safety Team Aviation -Part 107 Small UAS	03/24/2026	05/01/2026	2
Niemann	Trauma Informed Response to Sexual Assault	05/01/2026	05/31/2026	8
Niemann	Roll Call Training/THRIVE Presentation	05/19/2026	05/19/2026	0.5
Niemann	PLI May 2026 Monthly Legal Update	05/01/2026	05/31/2026	1
Ransom	Computer Investigation & Sex Offender Monitoring	05/12/2026	05/12/2026	6.5
Ransom	Roll Call Training/THRIVE Presentation	05/19/2026	05/19/2026	0.5
Richter	40 Hour Basic Truck Weight Enforcement	05/18/2026	05/22/2026	40
Richter	Portable Weight Scale Certification	05/23/2026	05/23/2026	4
Richter	PLI May 2026 Monthly Legal Update	05/01/2026	05/31/2026	1
Saldana	Honor Guard 101	05/11/2026	05/13/2026	24
Swierczynski	Roll Call Training/THRIVE Presentation	05/19/2026	05/19/2026	0.5
Tagle	Trauma Informed Response to Sexual Assault	05/01/2026	05/31/2026	8
Tagle	PLI May 2026 Monthly Legal Update	05/01/2026	05/31/2026	1
Thomas	Roll Call Training/THRIVE Presentation	05/19/2026	05/19/2026	0.5
Thomas	PLI May 2026 Monthly Legal Update	05/01/2026	05/31/2026	1
Zermeno	Computer Investigation & Sex Offender Monitoring	05/12/2026	05/12/2026	6.5

Officer	Course	Start	End	Hours
Zermeno	Trauma Informed Response to Sexual Assault	05/01/2026	05/31/2026	8
Zermeno	Roll Call Training/THRIVE Presentation	05/19/2026	05/19/2026	0.5
Zermeno	PLI May 2026 Monthly Legal Update	05/01/2026	05/31/2026	1
Total				507



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June 9, 2026

Chief James Greenwood
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Dear Chief Greenwood,

On behalf of the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police Traffic Committee, please accept our congratulations on your second-place finish in the Municipal Officer 26-35 category in the 2025-2026 Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge. We commend your commitment to highway safety in your community. Your efforts serve as an example to other agencies as we continue our work to make Illinois' roads safer places to travel.

You are invited to attend the awards breakfast held in conjunction with the Midwest Security and Police Conference and Expo as our guest. This event is being held on Friday, August 14, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the Tinley Park Convention Center, 18543 Convention Center Drive in Tinley Park, IL. You may bring additional guests if you wish at a cost of \$30.00 per person. Please fill out the registration form located on the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police website at this link. <https://ilacp.memberclicks.net/2026-itsc-breakfast>. Sign in and it will take you to the form.

If you are not a member of the Illinois Chiefs, you will have to select the "new user" option and supply an email address and a password, which will then take you to the registration form.

You must complete the reservation form no later than **July 31, 2026**.

Please call AJ Bailey 217-523-3765 or email her at AJ@ilchiefs.org if you have any questions about the registration. Please make plans to visit the vendor floor after the awards breakfast. Many of our sponsors are represented and we encourage you to visit their booths.

We feel it is important that every agency receives feedback on their application in order to continually improve their safety efforts. If you would like a Judges' Commentary Sheet with a sampling of comments specific to your entry, please contact me. We hope that this information will provide guidance for next year's competition. We plan to host a number of our "How To" seminars in 2027. Information on those dates will be forthcoming from the Illinois Chiefs.

If you have any questions about your application or the program in general, please feel free to call me.

Regards,

Paul Rizzo

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