



# Village of River Forest

## POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Matt Walsh – Village Administrator

**FROM:** James Greenwood- Chief of Police

**DATE:** September 22, 2025

**SUBJECT:** August 2025 Monthly Report

### Crime Statistics

The month of August 2025 indicated an 8% increase in Group A offenses in comparison to August 2024. Group A offenses year to date show a 7% increase from the same period in 2024. There was an increase of 11 incidents in Group B offense compared to August 2024. The increase is due to a rise in retail theft offenses.

	Aug 2025	Aug 2024	Diff. +/-	% +/-	YTD 2025	YTD 2024	Diff. +/-	% +/-
<b>Group A</b>	42	39	3	8%	277	259	18	7%
<b>Group B</b>	20	9	11	122%	86	71	15	21%
<b>All Other</b>	25	28	3	10%	210	257	-47	-18%
<b>Reports</b>	136	143	-7	-5%	1031	1054	-23	-2%
<b>Events</b>	1064	1052	12	1%	7,002	7,741	-739	-11%

### Town Center

The Police Department responded to sixty-four (64) calls for service at the Town Center properties in August 2025; of those calls there were thirty-eight (38) reported crimes, which included sixteen (16) Retail Thefts and five (5) Panhandlers/Removals. There was a seventeen percent decrease (-17%) in calls for service in comparison to August 2024 statistics. In addition, there was a five percent (-5%) decrease in Criminal Activity in comparison to August 2024 statistics. This decrease can be attributed to reduction in criminal trespass incidents.

### Collaboration and Relationship Strengthening

- Attended the West Suburban Major Crimes Task Force quarterly meeting on August 6, 2025.
- Attended the Junior Police Academy graduation on August 8, 2025.
- Attended the IRMA Police Chief's Steering Committee meeting on August 12, 2025.
- Attended the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police Security Conference on August 14, 2025.
- Attended the Village Board Meeting on August 25, 2025.

### **School and Community Support**

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

AUGUST 2025	CSO BUS	CSO
VIOLATION TYPE	TICKETS	WARNINGS
Time Limit	7	
No Parking Anytime	21	
Vehicle License	4	
Fire Lane/Hydrant	1	
Handicapped	0	
Resident Only Zone	8	
Permit Parking Only	13	
Daily Parking Fee Zone	4	
Expired Registration	0	
Other Parking Offense	1	

AUGUST 2025 ACTIVITY	CSO BUS
<b>Bank/Metra</b>	16 Assignments 2.5 Hrs
<b>Errands</b>	5 Assignments 3.25 Hrs
<b>Local Ordinance Enforcement / Citations</b>	0 Assignments 0 Citations
<b>Parking Citations</b>	59 Citations
<b>Fingerprinting Assignments</b>	1 Assignment 20 Mins
<b>Administrative Duties</b>	11 Assignments 19 Hrs
<b>Animal Calls</b>	8 Assignments 4.25 Hrs
<b>Vehicle Service</b>	2 Assignments 1.5 Hrs
<b>Crossings</b>	2 Assignments 1.25 Hrs
<b>Bond Hearing / Court</b>	10 Assignments 12 Hrs
<b>Other Assignments</b>	10 Assignments 9.75 Hrs
<b>Adjudication / Red Light Hearing</b>	2 Assignments 3 Hrs
<b>Child Safety Seat Inspection/Install</b>	0 Assignments 0 Hrs
<b>Other Calls for Service</b>	23 Assignments 11.5 Hrs

### School Resource/Community Service Officer Activity Summary for August 2025

<b>Written Reports</b>	4
<b>Foot Patrols / Premise Checks</b>	44
<b>River Forest Community Safety and Too Good For Drugs Activities</b>	1
<b>Calls for Service</b>	4
<b>Other Assignments</b>	9 Assignments, 5 hours
<b>Special Assignments</b>	10 Assignments, 64 hours (see below)

### School and Community-Support Activity Highlights for August 2025

#### In Ofc. Drake's absence, Sgt. Ransom completed the following:

- Ran the Junior Citizen's Police Academy from 8/04/2025 – 08/08/2025.
- Ordered RF Emergency ID bracelet for program participants on 08/13/2025.
- Conducted Senior Services follow-up and referral on 08/13/2025.
- Put out Back – to – School Traffic Enforcement Plan on 08/15/2025.
- Instructed Concordia Campus Safety Department on patrol tactics, drug recognition, defensive tactics and more on 08/19/2025 and 08/21/2025.
- Met with Condo Association (500 Bonnie) to address security concerns on 08/23/2025.
- Assisted with Village Adjudication on 08/25/2025
- Assisted with records/administrative tasks throughout the month.
- Assisted investigations unit throughout the month.
- Assisted patrol with calls for service throughout the month.

#### Ofc. Drake completed the following:

- Completed elderly service follow up and supplemental report #25-00990 on 08/25/2025.
- Attended school safety meeting at St. Luke School on 08/26/2025.
- Completed elderly service follow up and supplemental report #25-00990 on 08/26/2025.
- Completed incident summary on 08/27/2025.
- Updated emergency ID bracelet profile on 08/28/2025.
- Conducted Willard lockdown drill on 08/28/2025.
- Scheduled River Forest School Safety assemblies and Too Good For Drugs classes on 08/29/2025.
- Completed bicycle registrations 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 September 2025

The Crime Prevention Unit will:

- Conduct Bike Safety at Lincoln on 09/03/2025 and 09/04/2025.
- Attend Brookfield Zoo First Responder event on 09/07/2025.
- Attend Coffee with a Cop event on 09/09/2025.
- Attend Youth Network Council meeting on 09/11/2025.
- Attend 9-11 LemonAid event on 09/11/2025.
- Attend M-Team virtual monthly meeting on 09/17/2025.
- Attend Opioid Task Force virtual monthly meeting on 09/18/2025.
- Attend RFFD Open House on 09/20/2025.
- Attend Safety Seat Check Saturday on 09/27/2025.
- Conduct school lockdown drills throughout the month.
- Conduct Too Good For Drugs lessons at St. Luke School and St. Vincent Ferrer School throughout the month.
- Conduct River Forest Community Safety assemblies at Lincoln, Willard and St. Luke School throughout the month.
- Update Frontline Keyholder and At-Risk Resident Portal throughout the month.
- Complete bicycle registrations throughout the month.
- Assist investigations unit, patrol, and records division as needed throughout the month.
- Conduct school and business premise checks and foot patrols throughout the month.

**Sgt. Ransom will also:**

- Continue training under Commander Grill in the Support Services role.
- 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 in an effort to gain better community compliance.
- Parking Enforcement areas of focus: 000 Lathrop hourly parking, East/West Thatcher parking lots and commuter parking.



River Forest Officer Catalano demonstrating evidence processing at the Junior Police Academy.

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
Perspective Development Inc.	Fiber Internet	02/20/2026
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

## **Budget and Fiscal Monitoring**

### **August 1 – August 31, 2025**

August is the fourth month of Fiscal Year 2026. There was a 28% increase in overtime costs in comparison to August 2024. Overtime costs increased by 22% YTD compared to Fiscal Year 2026 to Fiscal Year 2025.

### **Revenue/Expenditure Summary**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Total # Paid FY26 08/31</b>	<b>Total Paid FY26 Y-T-D</b>	<b># Expenditure/ Revenue FY26 08/31</b>	<b>FY26 Y-T-D Expenditure/Revenue</b>
<b>Parking/Compliance Citations</b>	251	585	\$12,901	\$61,498
<b>Admin. Tows</b>	28	62	\$15,000	\$38,000
<b>Local Ordinance</b>	2	5	\$250	\$809
<b>Overtime</b>	527.5hrs	1397hrs	\$38,962	\$134,236

### **Community Policing/Crime Prevention Activities:**

- Officers conducted additional patrols and premise checks in the business districts, parks, school play areas, block parties, and the library.
- Officers conducted numerous traffic missions in locations that have been identified as priorities based on traffic crash data and citizen requests.
- Dayshift officers attended a block party on the 700 block of Franklin.
- Officers assisted with Junior Citizen Police Academy.
- Officers conducted foot patrols for the start of the school year and handed out helmet coupons.
- Officers attended the Dunk a Cop event and Food Truck Rally at Keystone Park.
- Officers attended a concert at St. Vincent School.
- Officers attended the Lincoln School back to school event.

### **Directed Patrols/ Traffic Enforcement**

The Midnight Shift focused traffic enforcement using saturation enforcement techniques on North Avenue. Officers made forty (40) stops, issued thirty-nine (39) citations and twenty-one (21) warnings during their traffic missions. The shift made five (5) traffic arrests, and fourteen (14) vehicles were administratively towed during the enforcement traffic missions.

The Day Shift focused traffic enforcement on Chicago Avenue and on Division Street. Officers made forty-seven (47) stops, issued sixty-four (64) citations and twelve (12) warnings. The shift recorded eleven (11) traffic-related arrests during enforcement missions this month. Ten (10) vehicles were administratively towed.

The Afternoon shift focused their traffic enforcement efforts primarily on Division Street, Lake Street, and Chicago Avenue. Officers made twenty-eight (28) stops, issued thirty (30) citations and six (6) warnings during traffic enforcement missions. The shift recorded two (2) traffic-related arrests, and seven (7) vehicles were administratively towed.



## **Notable Events and Arrests:**

### **25-00697                      Assault**

On August 2, 2025, 2:41AM, a River Forest officer was called to meet a complainant in 1500 block of Harlem Avenue. The officer recognized the caller, a 48-year-old female from River Forest, to be a subject wanted by RFPD on signed complaints for an assault that occurred in River Forest in April 2025. She was located, identified, and arrested for assault. She was processed and later released on a Citation and Notice.

### **25-00905                      Driving While License Suspended/Possession Controlled Substance**

On August 1, 2025, 7:59AM, A River Forest officer was conducting traffic enforcement on Lake Street when he was alerted by a License Plate Reader (LPR) for a vehicle with suspended registration. A traffic stop was conducted on the vehicle in the 8000 block of Chicago Avenue. The driver was identified as a 37-year-old male from Chicago. The driver was determined to have a suspended driver's license and was arrested. Upon an inventory search of the vehicle, Officers located two clear plastic bags containing a white powdery substance and a plastic bag containing a green leafy plant material. The white powdery substance field tested positive for fentanyl and weight 18 grams. The green leafy plant material tested positive for cannabis and weight 21 grams. The driver was charged with Manufacturing/Delivering Fentanyl, Manufacturing/Delivering Cannabis, Possession of Controlled Substance Fentanyl, Driving on a Suspended License and numerous other traffic offenses. The driver was processed and released on a Citation and Notice with a court date at the Maybrook Courthouse.

### **25-00914                      Armed Robbery**

On August 3, 2025, 4:36PM, River Forest units were dispatched to 7251 Lake Street (Walgreens) for the Armed Robbery that just occurred. Westcom Dispatch advised the offenders maced an employee while stealing liquor behind the front register. The offenders fled the scene and were not located. River Forest officers conducted a thorough investigation and developed two suspects wanted in connection with the robbery.

### **25-00915                      Warrant/Obstructing a Police Officer**

On August 4, 2025, 6:57AM, River Forest units were dispatched to 7525 Lake Street (Jewel Osco) for a Retail Theft that just occurred. The offender stole numerous detergent bottles and was last seen eastbound on Lake Street. Responding officers arrived on scene and checked the area. A subject matching the description was located near the River Forest Town Center. Officers gave the subject lawful commands to place his hands behind his back, but the subject began pulling his arms away to avoid apprehension. The subject was eventually taken into custody and positively identified as the offender. The offender was identified as a 62-year-old from Chicago and was transported to the station for processing. Upon a name check it revealed the offender had an active warrant for robbery out of Cook County. The offender was charged with Obstructing/Resisting a Police Officer, Obstructing Identification and the Cook County Warrant. The offender was transported to the Maybrook Courthouse.

### **25-00925                      Reckless Driving, Fleeing & Eluding**

On August 5, 2025, 11:59PM, a River Forest officer was conducting a traffic stop on Harlem Avenue in Forest Park, when a vehicle passed him at a high rate of speed in violation of Scott's Law. As he attempted to catch up to the vehicle to affect a traffic stop, he observed it to be driving recklessly by traveling into oncoming traffic. When he attempted a traffic stop, the vehicle fled. The vehicle was located in Cicero and the driver, a 36-year-old female from Cicero, was arrested for Reckless Driving and Fleeing & Eluding, processed, and later released on a Citation and Notice. The vehicle was towed with an administrative hold placed on the vehicle.

### **25-00936                      Driving While License Suspended**

On August 7, 2025, 11:59PM, a River Forest officer on patrol near Madison Street and Thatcher Avenue observed a vehicle driving 40mph on Madison where the speed limit is 25mph. The vehicle was stopped and the driver, a 23-year-old male from Chicago, was found to be Driving with a Suspended License, Suspended for Failing to Appear at court after a prior traffic violation. He also could not provide proof of insurance for the vehicle. He was arrested for Driving While License Suspended, processed, and later released on a Citation and Notice. The vehicle was towed with an administrative hold placed on the vehicle.

**25-00938                      Driving Under the Influence**

On August 9, 2025, 3:02AM, River Forest officers were dispatched to the area of Lake Street and Bonnie Brae Place regarding a suspicious vehicle driving in the area. Upon arrival, officers observed the vehicle to be heavily damaged and weaving out of its lane while driving on Lake Street. The vehicle was stopped and the driver, a 23-year-old male from Melrose Park, admitted to consuming alcohol, exhibited signs of alcohol impairment, failed Standardized Field Sobriety Tests, and was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. He also could not provide proof of insurance for the vehicle. At the station, he provided a sample revealing a Blood Alcohol Content of 0.146. He was processed and later released on a Citation and Notice. The vehicle was towed with an administrative hold placed on the vehicle.

**25-00944                      Retail Theft**

On August 9, 2025, 7:14PM, a River Forest officer was dispatched to 7525 Lake Street (Jewel) for the delayed Retail Theft report. Upon arrival, the employee advised the offender stole two bottles of alcohol and fled in a vehicle. River Forest officers conducted a thorough investigation and identified the offending vehicle and a possible suspect. The suspect was positively identified in photo line-up, and the offender was identified as 48-year-old male from Chicago. On August 11, 2025, 3:56PM, the offender turned himself in at the River Forest Police Department and was charged with Retail Theft. The offender was given a misdemeanor court date and released on a Citation and Notice.

**25-00946                      Vehicular Invasion & Aggravated Battery**

On August 10, 2025, 7:22PM, a River Forest officer was dispatched to the station regarding a road rage incident which resulted in the victim being punched in the face. The victim advised her vehicle was stopped at the red light in the 7200 block of North Avenue and the reckless driver exited the offending vehicle and punched the victim in the face through the open driver's side window. The victim advised the passenger in the offending vehicle also exited and threatened to harm the victim. The River Forest officer conducted a thorough investigation and identified the offending vehicle and possible suspects. The suspects were positively identified as a 33-year-old female from Hoffman Estates and a 40-year-old male from Schaumburg.

On August 15, 2025, Schaumburg units located both offenders and both offenders were transported to the River Forest Police Department for processing. The male offender was charged with Reckless Driving, Vehicular Invasion and Aggravated Battery. The female offender was charged with Aggravated Assault. The male offender was given a felony court date and released on a Citation and Notice. The female offender was given a misdemeanor court date and released on a Citation and Notice.

**25-00947                      Driving Under the Influence**

On August 11, 2025, 3:20AM, a River Forest officer on patrol near Harlem Avenue and Division Street observed a vehicle driving 48mph on Harlem Avenue where the speed limit is 30mph, weaving out of its lane, and not signaling lane changes. The vehicle was stopped and the driver, a 30-year-old female from Minnesota, exhibited signs of alcohol impairment, failed Standardized Field Sobriety Tests, and was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. She also could not provide proof of insurance for the vehicle. Open alcoholic beverages were also observed inside the vehicle. At the station, she provided a sample revealing a Blood Alcohol Content of 0.085. She was processed and later released on a Citation and Notice. The vehicle was towed with an administrative hold placed on the vehicle.

**25-00952                      Accident with Personal Injury**

On August 11, 2025, 3:49PM, River Forest units were dispatched to the accident with injuries located at Washington Boulevard and Lathrop Avenue. Upon arrival, River Forest officers determined the at fault vehicle struck a juvenile riding a bicycle in the crosswalk. The juvenile received treatment for minor injuries on scene by the River Forest ambulance personnel. The juvenile was released to a guardian. The at fault driver was identified as an 82-year-old male from River Forest. The driver was issued multiple citations and given a mandatory court appearance.

**25-00954                      Accident with Personal Injury & Driving While License Revoked**

On August 11, 2025, 8:24PM, Oak Park units were dispatched to the accident with injuries located at Harlem Avenue and Thomas Street. Oak Park officers determined the accident occurred in River Forest and advised the at fault driver was in custody for leaving the scene of an accident. The driver was identified as a 45-year-old male from Chicago. Upon arrival, the driver was arrested for Leaving the Scene of an Accident and Driving with a Revoked Driver's License. The driver



was transported to the station for processing and charged with Improper Lane Usage, Leaving the Scene of an Accident, and Aggravated Driving while License Revoked. The driver was given a felony court date and released on a Citation and Notice.

**25-00955                      Felony Retail Theft**

On August 12, 2025, 8:07AM, River Forest units were dispatched to 7525 Lake Street (Jewel Osco) for a Retail Theft that just occurred. Officers searched the area for the offender and located a subject matching the description in the area. The subject was identified as 29-year-old Male from Chicago. The subject was positively identified as the offender who stole numerous bottles of alcohol valued at \$121.87. The offender was arrested and transported to the station for processing. The offender was ultimately charged with felony Retail Theft and released from the station on a Citation and Notice with a court date at Maybrook Courthouse.

**25-00957                      Retail Theft & Obstructing a Peace Officer**

On August 12, 2025, 3:17PM, River Forest units were dispatched to 7251 Lake Street (Walgreens) for the Retail Theft that just occurred. The employee advised the offender concealed items in a plastic bag and fled the store. A suspect matching the description was located at 1 South Harlem Avenue on the Green Line platform. The suspect attempted to flee the detention and was escorted to the ground without injury. The employee positively identified the suspect as the offender, and the stolen merchandise was recovered. The offender was identified as a 30-year-old male from Country Club Hills. The offender was transported to the station for processing and charged with obstructing a peace officer and retail theft. The offender was given a felony court date and released on a Citation and Notice.

**25-00964                      Aggravated Battery, Retail Theft & Resisting a Peace Officer**

On August 13, 2025, 8:11PM, River Forest units were dispatched to 7251 Lake Street (Walgreens) for the Retail Theft that just occurred. Upon arrival, the security officers advised they attempted to detain the offender in an effort to recover the stolen merchandise, and the offender grabbed the security officer's vest. The security officer pepper sprayed the offender in self-defense. The offender dropped the merchandise and fled the area. A suspect matching the description was located at 1 South Harlem Avenue and fled from the responding officer. The suspect was escorted to the ground without injury and positively identified as the offender. The offender, 24-year-old male from Chicago was transported to the station for processing and charged with Aggravated Battery, Retail Theft, Resisting a Peace Officer, and Obstructing Identification. The offender was given a felony court date and released on a Citation and Notice.

**25-00993                      Welfare Check**

On August 19, 2025, 10:35PM, River Forest units were dispatched to 201 Thatcher Avenue for the unconscious person. River Forest officers arrived on scene, and the caller directed them to the location. River Forest officers observed an unconscious man on the living room floor and forced entry to the residence. The officers gained entry and determined the subject was conscious but was having a serious medical emergency. The River Forest ambulance arrived on-scene and transported the subject to the hospital for further treatment.

**25-00994                      Driving While License Revoked**

On August 20, 2025, 2:12AM, a River Forest officer on patrol near Chicago Avenue and Thatcher Avenue observed a vehicle driving on Chicago with a Suspended Registration. The vehicle was stopped and the driver, a 45-year-old female from Chicago, was found to be driving with a Revoked License, Revoked for a prior DUI, and with seven additional suspensions for DUI and Mandatory Insurance Violations. She also could not provide proof of insurance for the vehicle. She was arrested for Driving While License Revoked, processed, and later released on a Citation and Notice. The vehicle was towed with an administrative hold placed on the vehicle.

**25-01004                      Retail Theft**

On August 22, 2025, 6:52AM, River Forest units were dispatched to 7251 Lake Street (Walgreens) for a Retail Theft that just occurred. A River Forest officer was nearby and apprehended the offender a short distance away. The offender was identified as a 37-year-old female from Oak Park who stole deodorant and body wash valued at \$122.41. The offender was arrested and charged with misdemeanor Retail Theft. She was processed and released on a Citation and Notice with a court date at the Maybrook Courthouse.

**25-01024 Criminal Trespass to Property**

On August 25, 2025, 8:05AM, River Forest units were dispatched to 7525 Lake Street (Jewel Osco) for a Retail Theft that just occurred. Officers searched the area for the offender and located a subject matching the description in the area. The subject was identified as 63-year-old Male from Chicago. The subject was positively identified as the offender who stole numerous small bottles of alcohol. Upon a name check of the offender, it revealed he had been previously trespassed from Jewel in 2023. Jewel Osco did not want to sign complaints for retail theft but wished to sign complaints for criminal trespass. The offender was arrested and charged with misdemeanor Criminal Trespass to Property. The offender was processed and released on a Citation and Notice with a court date at the Maybrook Courthouse.

**24-01025 Burglary**

On August 23, 2025, 1:46AM, River Forest officers responded to the area of Harlem Avenue and Erie Street to assist Oak Park officers locating subjects who fled after a witness stated they were attempting to break into parked cars in Oak Park. The subjects were located and a River Forest officer recognized one of the subjects, a 19-year-old male from Chicago, to be a suspect wanted by RFPD for Burglary that occurred in River Forest in August 2024 after his DNA was located at the crime scene. He was detained, interviewed, and admitted his involvement in the August 2024 incident. He was arrested for Burglary, processed, and later released on a Citation and Notice.

**25-01018 Driving Under the Influence**

On August 24, 2025, 1:25AM, a River Forest officer was conducting a traffic stop near Lake Street and Franklin Avenue, when a vehicle almost struck his patrol vehicle in violation of Scott's Law. As he attempted to catch up to the vehicle to affect a traffic stop, he observed it to be weaving out of its lane while driving on Lake. He also observed the vehicle stop at a green light and the driver to be asleep at the wheel. He also observed open alcoholic beverages inside the vehicle. He made contact with the driver, a 34-year-old male from Palatine, who admitted to consuming alcohol, exhibited signs of alcohol impairment, failed Standardized Field Sobriety Tests, and was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. He also could not provide proof of insurance for the vehicle. He was processed and later released on a Citation and Notice. The vehicle was towed with an administrative hold placed on the vehicle.

**25-01020 Attempted Retail Theft & Criminal Trespass to Real Property**

On August 24, 2025, 2:07PM, River Forest units were dispatched to 7525 Lake Street (Jewel) for the Retail Theft that just occurred. Upon arrival, the employee advised the known offender concealed liquor in a backpack and the employee recovered the merchandise prior to the offender exiting the store. The offender fled on a bicycle and is a 45-year-old male from Chicago.

**25-01021 Aggravated Assault & Criminal Trespass to Real Property**

At 4:00PM, River Forest units were dispatched to 7525 Lake Street (Jewel), because the known offender, 45-year-old male from Chicago, returned to the store to threaten and spit at the employee. River Forest officers located the known offender, and the offender was positively identified by the employee. The known offender was transported to the station for processing. The offender was charged with attempted Retail Theft and Criminal Trespass to Real Property (25-01020). The offender was also charged with Aggravated Assault and Criminal Trespass to Real Property (25-01021). The offender was given a misdemeanor court date and released on a Citation and Notice.

**25-01025 Reckless Conduct & Criminal Trespass to Real Property**

On August 25, 2025, 3:32PM, a River Forest officer was conducting a premise check at 7525 Lake Street (Jewel) and the known offender, 45-year-old male from Chicago, was throwing bundles of wood in front of the squad car. The offender was arrested for Reckless Conduct and Criminal Trespass to real property (25-01025). The offender was given a misdemeanor court date and released on a Citation and Notice.

**25-01028 Driving Under the Influence**

On August 23, 2025, 2:32AM, a River Forest officer on patrol near North Avenue and Franklin Avenue observed a vehicle driving 51mph on North Avenue where the speed limit is 30mph. The vehicle was stopped and the driver, a 25-year-old male from Cicero, admitted to consuming alcohol, exhibited signs of alcohol impairment, failed Standardized Field Sobriety Tests, and was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. He also was found to be driving with a Suspended License, Suspended for Failing to Appear at Court after a prior traffic violation. At the station, he provided a

sample revealing a Blood Alcohol Content of 0.114. He was processed and later released on a Citation and Notice. The vehicle was towed with an administrative hold placed on the vehicle.

**25-01030                      Retail Theft & Resisting a Peace Officer**

On August 26, 2025, 9:23PM, a River Forest officer was conducting a foot patrol at 7525 Lake Street (Jewel). The River Forest officer observed the offender concealing merchandise in a backpack and exiting the store without purchasing the items. The officer stopped the offender, and the offender resisted the handcuffing process. The officer was able to place the offender into custody without causing injury and transported the offender to the station for processing. The offender is a 31-year-old female from Streator. The offender was charged with Resisting a Peace Officer and Retail Theft. The offender was given a felony court date and released on a Citation and Notice.

**25-01038                      Retail Theft**

On August 28, 2025, 3:53PM, River Forest units were dispatched to Ulta, 7231 Lake Street, for the Retail Theft that just occurred. Westcom Dispatch advised the offender fled with bag containing approximately four fragrances. The offender was last seen catching a Pace Bus southbound on Harlem Avenue and a suspect was located by Oak Park police officers in front of 703 Madison Street. The witness positively identified the suspect as the Retail Theft offender, and the merchandise was recovered. The offender is a 39-year-old male from Chicago. The offender was transported to the station for processing and charged with Retail Theft. The offender was given a felony court date and released on a Citation and Notice.

**25-01052                      Retail Theft**

On August 31, 2025, 3:15PM, River Forest units were dispatched to 7251 Lake Street (Walgreens) for the Retail Theft that just occurred. Upon arrival, the employee advised the offender stole two cases of beer and fled. A suspect matching the description carrying two cases of beer was located at 1115 North Boulevard. The employee positively identified the suspect as the retail theft offender, and the merchandise was recovered. The offender is a 31-year-old male from Chicago. The offender was transported to the station for processing and charged with Retail Theft. The offender was given a misdemeanor court date and released on a Citation and Notice.

**25-01053                      Retail Theft**

On August 31, 2025, 5:12PM, River Forest units were dispatched to 7251 Lake Street (Walgreens) for the Retail Theft that just occurred. Westcom Dispatch advised the offender concealed detergent in a reusable Aldi bag and fled the store without purchasing the items. A suspect matching the description carrying detergent in a reusable Aldi bag was located on the 7200 block of Central Avenue. The employee positively identified the suspect as the Retail Theft offender, and the merchandise was recovered. The offender is a 51-year-old male from Hazel Crest. The offender was transported to the station and charged with Retail Theft. The offender was given a felony court date and released on a Citation and Notice.

	Midnights 2230-0630	Day Watch 0630-1430	Third Watch 1430-2230
Criminal Arrests	7	10	13
Warrant Arrests	0	1	0
D.U.I Arrests	5	0	0
Misdemeanor Traffic Arrests	6	13	5
Hazardous Moving Violations	130	91	66
Compliance Citations	27	9	10
Parking Citations	250	43	1
Traffic Stop Data Sheets	162	78	62
Quasi-Criminal Arrests/ L.O	7	2	1
Field Interviews	8	11	11

Premise Checks/Foot Patrols	462	288	127
Written Reports	49	75	68
Administrative Tows	14	13	7
Sick Time used (in days)	1.5	0	0

### **Detective Division**

Detective Sergeant Labriola worked thirteen (16) days performing detective duties in light duty capacity.

Detective Zermeno worked twenty-one (21) days performing detective duties in light duty capacity.

Detective Sergeant Labriola was a rapid deployment instructor for in-service training for one day.

Detective Sergeant Labriola was activated as a supervisor for WESTAF in reference to a homicide in Cicero.

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

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

During the month of August, the Detective Unit opened up/reviewed thirteen (13) cases for potential follow-up. Of those cases, one (1) was cleared by an arrest, seven (7) were exceptionally cleared, and five (5) 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 August.

### **Year to Date Arrest Statistics**

Quantity Arrested	# Felony Charges	# Misdemeanor Charges	# Warrants
23	27	14	7

### **August 2025 Case Assignment Summary**

Group A	# Cases	Cleared by Arrest	Adm Closed	Screen Out	Susp	Except	Pend	Refer	Unfound
Armed Robbery	1						1		
Battery	1	1							
Burglary	3						3		
Retail Theft	1					1			
Group A Total	6	1	0	0	0	1	4	0	0
Group B	# Cases	Cleared by Arrest	Adm Closed	Screen Out	Susp	Except Clear	Pend	Refer	Unfound
Criminal Damage	1						1		
Hit & Run	5					5			
Fleeing and Eluding	1					1			
Group B Total	7	0	0	0	0	6	1	0	0
TOTALS	13	1	0	0	0	7	5	0	0

### **August 2025 Juvenile Arrests**

<b>Offenses</b>	<b>Adjusted</b>	<b>Cited</b>	<b>Petitioned</b>	<b>Referred</b>
<b>Possession of Cannabis</b>		<b>1</b>		
<b>Petit Larceny</b>		<b>1</b>		
<b>Curfew</b>		<b>4</b>		
<b>Total (6)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### **New Investigations**

#### **25-00890                      Hit & Run**

On July 29, 2025, 3:41PM, a River Forest Officer responded to Lake Street and Thatcher Avenue in reference to a hit and run accident. The victim was unable to identify the driver but provided the registration for the offending vehicle. On August 13, 2025, an alert was received from a River Forest Police Department automated license plate reader, and the vehicle was stopped. The driver provided valid insurance for the vehicle which was provided to the victim, and the vehicle was towed with an administrative hold. This case was exceptionally cleared.

#### **25-00895                      Hit & Run**

On July 30, 2025, 5:34PM, a River Forest Officer received a report of a hit and run that occurred at McDonald's located at 624 N. Harlem Avenue on July 29, 2025, at approximately 10:19PM. Investigators reviewed video surveillance from the restaurant and Village of River Forest Street cameras and identified the offending vehicle. Investigators contacted the registered owner who provided valid insurance, and this case was exceptionally cleared.

#### **25-00898                      Hit & Run**

On July 30, 2025, 9:53PM, a River Forest Officer took a report from a victim of a hit and run accident. The victim related that at approximately 7:30PM she was in the 7300 block of North Avenue when another vehicle struck her vehicle and fled the area. Village of River Forest Street cameras confirmed her recollection of the events, and she provided a registration of the offending vehicle. On August 5, 2025, the vehicle was located in Oak Park and towed with an administrative hold. This case was exceptionally cleared.

#### **25-00914                      Armed Robbery**

On August 3, 2025, 4:36PM, River Forest Officer responded to Walgreen's located at 7251 Lake Street in reference to an armed robbery. The victim, who is a store employee related that two subjects in wigs took liquor from the store and when confronted, sprayed him what was determined to be bear spray. The victim was treated for his injuries and investigators identified both offenders who are currently in custody at the juvenile detention center for committing similar crimes. Investigators have an appointment to formally charge both offenders with state's attorney approval on September 3, 2025.

#### **25-00921                      Burglary**

On August 5, 2025, 2:30PM, River Forest Officers responded to the 7700 block of Greenfield Street for a burglary which just occurred. The victim and witness related that they observed a subject enter a work vehicle and removed a bag which contained a laptop. Investigators identified the offending vehicle from Village of River Forest Street cameras, and when an attempt to stop the vehicle on August 7, 2025, occurred, the vehicle fled and has not yet been located by investigators. This case is still active.

#### **25-00927                      Burglary**

On August 6, 2025, 8:29AM, a River Forest Officer responded to a residence in the 400 block of Ashland Avenue in reference to a criminal damage report. The victim reported that the door handle of her vehicle and the steering column inside were damaged. The damage occurred between 3:00PM on August 5, 2025, and the time of the call. Investigators reviewed Village of River Forest Street cameras and determined that the burglary was committed by three subjects who were arrested that day under River Forest Police Department 25-00926. Investigators have been unable to locate the offenders, and this case is still active.

**25-00928 Criminal Damage**

On August 6, 2025, 8:53AM, a River Forest Officer responded to Jewel located at 7525 Lake Street in reference to a criminal damage report. The victim reported that the door handle of his vehicle was damaged. The damage occurred between 11:45PM. on August 5, 2025, and the time of the call. Investigators reviewed Village of River Forest Street cameras and determined that the burglary was committed by three subjects who were arrested that day under River Forest Police Department 25-00926. Investigators have been unable to locate the offenders, and this case is still active.

**25-00933 Retail Theft**

On August 7, 2025, 12:25PM, River Forest Police Officers responded to Jewel located at 7525 Lake Street in reference to a retail theft. Three unknown male subjects removed multiple bottles of liquor from the store before fleeing in a vehicle. A store employee obtained the registration of the offending vehicle, which was located on August 13, 2025, and towed with an administrative hold. No offenders could be identified, and this case was exceptionally cleared.

**25-00946 Battery**

On August 10, 2025, 7:22PM, a River Forest Officer received a report of a battery which occurred at 2:00PM in the 7200 block of North Avenue. The victim related that the battery occurred as a result of a road rage incident, and the driver of the offending vehicle approached her vehicle while it was stopped at a red light and punched her in her face. A female passenger approached the victim's vehicle and assaulted her by telling the victim that she would beat her. Investigators identified the offending vehicle and the driver, a 40-year-old male from Schaumburg, and the passenger a 33-year-old female from Schaumburg by using Village of River Forest Street cameras and automated license plate readers. Both the male and female were taken into custody on August 15, 2025, and charged accordingly. This case was cleared by an arrest.

**25-00951 Hit & Run**

On August 11, 2025, 2:11PM, a River Forest Officer responded to the 7600 block of Madison Street for a hit and run report which occurred at 12:48PM. Investigators reviewed the Village of River Forest Street cameras, identified the offending vehicle, and determined that the vehicle was rented through Turo, a private vehicle rental application. On August 20, 2025, the vehicle was located after the department received an automated license plate reader alert, and the vehicle was stopped. Valid insurance for the vehicle was provided, and this case was exceptionally cleared.

**25-00982 Fleeing and Eluding**

On August 18, 2025, 2:07PM, a River Forest Officer attempted to stop a vehicle in the 7900 block of Lake Street for an Illinois vehicle Code violation. The vehicle did not stop and fled the area. On August 18, 2025, investigators located the vehicle in Chicago, and it was towed with an administrative hold. This case was exceptionally cleared.

**25-00996 Hit & Run**

On August 20, 2025, 5:28PM, a River Forest Officer responded to the 500 block of Thatcher Avenue in reference to a hit and run report where the victim was rear ended by another vehicle who fled the scene. Investigators identified the vehicle by using Village of River Forest Street cameras and automated license plate readers. Officers attempted to stop the vehicle on two separate dates after the hit and run and the vehicle fled both times. On August 25, 2025, the vehicle was located in Bellwood and towed with an administrative hold. The registered owner provided valid insurance, and this case was exceptionally cleared.

**25-01015 Criminal Damage**

On August 23, 2025, 8:29PM, River Forest Officers responded to Keystone Park for a criminal damage report. Video surveillance recovered showed multiple teenage males light a firework in the male bathroom which destroyed the sink. At this time, the juveniles have not been identified but according to witnesses, they are Oak Park River Forest and Fenwick High School students. This case is still active



## **Old Investigations**

### **24-01025                      Burglary**

On August 21, 2024, 3:53PM, a River Forest Officer responded to a residence in the 400 block of Clinton Place in reference to a burglary report. After reviewing video surveillance, it was determined that two male offenders forced entry into the victim's vehicle and removed her wallet from the center console. A DNA standard was collected, and it identified one of the offenders who has been arrested by RFPD in the past. On August 23, 2025, the offender, a 19-year-old male from Chicago was taken into custody by the Oak Park Police Department while he was committing a burglary. The male was later transported to RFPD where he was charged with burglary.

### **25-00440                      Armed Robbery**

On April 15, 2025, 7:45AM, River Forest Officers responded to Puff's Discount Cigarettes in reference to an armed robbery. The victim related that two male subjects with their faces covered entered the business. One brandished a firearm, struck the clerk in the head, and both offenders took currency, cigarettes, and the clerk's cellular telephone from the business. Investigators utilized the Village of River Forest Street cameras and license plate readers to identify the offending vehicle. The victim's cellular telephone was discarded in Oak Park and was recovered by investigators who processed it to obtain a latent print. Investigators communicated with the Chicago Police Department who assisted in locating the offending vehicle and taking three male subjects into custody. The latent print recovered from the victim's cell phone matched one of the subjects, a 31-year-old male from Chicago. The vehicle contained proceeds and the store receipts which further implicated the male offender. He was charged with Armed Robbery, and the second offender, a 36-year-old male from Chicago was located by Investigators on August 21, 2025. He was also charged with armed robbery.

### **25-00593                      Fleeing and Eluding**

On May 23, 2025, 12:51AM, a River Forest Officer observed a vehicle commit multiple Illinois Vehicle Code violations in the 700 block of Harlem Avenue. The Officer stopped the vehicle at Harlem Ave. and North Ave. but when the Officer approached the vehicle, it fled the stop. The driver cannot be identified, but the vehicle is eligible for an administrative hold. On August 23, 2025, Investigators received an automated license plate reader alert, and the offending vehicle was stopped on Harlem Ave. The vehicle was towed with an administrative hold, and this case was exceptionally cleared.

### **25-00704                      Fleeing and Eluding**

On June 15, 2025, 5:27AM, a River Forest Officer attempted to stop a vehicle in the 500 block of Harlem Avenue. After activating the emergency lights, the vehicle fled at a high rate of speed in excess of 70MPH. On August 19, 2025, Investigators located the vehicle in the 6300 block of S. Indiana in Chicago. The vehicle was towed with an administrative hold, and this case is exceptionally cleared.

### **25-00869                      Aggravated Robbery**

On July 24, 2025, 2:59PM, River Forest Officers responded to Jewel/Osco located at 7525 Lake Street in reference to an Aggravated Robbery report. The store employee related that she observed a female subject in the self-checkout line attempting to take items from the store without paying for them. When the store employee confronted the female subject, a struggle ensued, and the female offender pushed the employee to the ground while taking the items. Investigators identified the offender, and on August 29, 2025, Investigators located the female offender, a 28-year-old female from Forest Park. She was placed into custody and charged with Aggravated Robbery and Aggravated Battery because the victim was over the age of 60.

## **Training**

During the month of August 2025, twenty-seven (27) officers/civilian employees attended different training classes for a total of two-hundred and thirty-two (232) hours of training. The Department members, courses, and total number of hours included in the courses are detailed below.

<b>Officer</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Barcenas	PLI August 2025 Monthly Legal Update	8/1/2025	8/31/2025	1
Barcenas	Rapid Deployment Exercise	8/11/2025	8/11/2025	3.75
Barcenas	Radar/Lidar In-Service	8/1/2025	8/31/2025	1
Bourdeau	PLI August 2025 Monthly Legal Update	8/1/2025	8/31/2025	1
Bourdeau	Rapid Deployment Exercise	8/11/2025	8/11/2025	3.75
Bourdeau	Radar/Lidar In-Service	8/1/2025	8/31/2025	1
Casarez	PLI August 2025 Monthly Legal Update	8/1/2025	8/31/2025	1
Casarez	Radar/Lidar In-Service	8/1/2025	8/31/2025	1
Casey	PLI August 2025 Monthly Legal Update	8/1/2025	8/31/2025	1
Casey	Radar/Lidar In-Service	8/1/2025	8/31/2025	1
Cassidy	PLI August 2025 Monthly Legal Update	8/1/2025	8/31/2025	1
Cassidy	Radar/Lidar In-Service	8/1/2025	8/31/2025	1
Cassidy	Rapid Deployment Exercise	8/11/2025	8/11/2025	3.75
Cassidy	Rapid Deployment Exercise	8/11/2025	8/11/2025	3.75
Catalano	PLI August 2025 Monthly Legal Update	8/1/2025	8/31/2025	1
Catalano	Rapid Deployment Exercise	8/11/2025	8/11/2025	3.75
Catalano	Radar/Lidar In-Service	8/1/2025	8/31/2025	1
Coleman	PLI August 2025 Monthly Legal Update	8/1/2025	8/31/2025	1
Coleman	Radar/Lidar In-Service	8/1/2025	8/31/2025	1
Cortes	NIPAS 1 Day Training	8/28/2025	8/28/2025	8
Cortes	PLI August 2025 Monthly Legal Update	8/1/2025	8/31/2025	1
Cortes	Rapid Deployment Exercise	8/11/2025	8/11/2025	3.75
Cortes	Radar/Lidar In-Service	8/1/2025	8/31/2025	1
Czernik	NIPAS 1 Day Training	8/28/2025	8/28/2025	8
Czernik	Radar/Lidar In-Service	8/1/2025	8/31/2025	1
Czernik	Rapid Deployment Exercise	8/11/2025	8/11/2025	3.75
Czernik	Rapid Deployment Exercise	8/11/2025	8/11/2025	3.75
Drake	Radar/Lidar In-Service	8/1/2025	8/31/2025	1
Fries	Radar/Lidar In-Service	8/1/2025	8/31/2025	1
Fries	Rapid Deployment Exercise	8/11/2025	8/11/2025	3.75
Gonzalez	Basics of Search & Seizure	8/8/2025	8/8/2025	8
Gonzalez	PLI August 2025 Monthly Legal Update	8/1/2025	8/31/2025	1
Gonzalez	Radar/Lidar In-Service	8/1/2025	8/31/2025	1
Greenwood	IS-703.b: National Incident Management	8/14/2025	8/14/2025	1
Greenwood	IS-706:NIMS Intrastate Mutual Aid	8/14/2025	8/14/2025	1
Greenwood	Radar/Lidar In-Service	8/1/2025	8/31/2025	1
Grill	Radar/Lidar In-Service	8/1/2025	8/31/2025	1

Officer	Course	Start	End	Hours
Humphreys	PLI August 2025 Monthly Legal Update	8/1/2025	8/31/2025	1
Humphreys	Radar/Lidar In-Service	8/1/2025	8/31/2025	1
Juarez	Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving	8/18/2025	8/19/2025	16
Juarez	Radar/Lidar In-Service	8/1/2025	8/31/2025	1
Labriola	Taser 10 Training	8/18/2025	8/18/2025	8
Labriola	PLI August 2025 Monthly Legal Update	8/1/2025	8/31/2025	1
Labriola	Radar/Lidar In-Service	8/1/2025	8/31/2025	1
Labriola	Rapid Deployment Exercise	8/11/2025	8/11/2025	3.75
Labriola	Rapid Deployment Exercise	8/11/2025	8/11/2025	3.75
Lenz	Rapid Deployment Exercise	8/11/2025	8/11/2025	3.75
Lenz	Radar/Lidar In-Service	8/1/2025	8/31/2025	1
Mika	PLI August 2025 Monthly Legal Update	8/1/2025	8/31/2025	1
Mika	Radar/Lidar In-Service	8/1/2025	8/31/2025	1
Murillo	Radar/Lidar In-Service	8/1/2025	8/31/2025	1
Niemann	Illinois Active Threat Master Instructor	8/4/2025	8/8/2025	40
Niemann	40 Hour Rifle/Carbine Instructor	8/25/2025	8/29/2025	40
Niemann	PLI August 2025 Monthly Legal Update	8/1/2025	8/31/2025	1
Niemann	Radar/Lidar In-Service	8/1/2025	8/31/2025	1
Ransom	ICAC Bootcamp	8/18/2025	8/18/2025	6.5
Ransom	Radar/Lidar In-Service	8/1/2025	8/31/2025	1
Richter	PLI August 2025 Monthly Legal Update	8/1/2025	8/31/2025	1
Richter	Radar/Lidar In-Service	8/1/2025	8/31/2025	1
Richter	Rapid Deployment Exercise	8/11/2025	8/11/2025	3.75
Saldana	Basic Academy Training Program	5/5/2025	8/21/2025	632
Swierczynski	Radar/Lidar In-Service	8/1/2025	8/31/2025	1
Tagle	PLI August 2025 Monthly Legal Update	8/1/2025	8/31/2025	1
Tagle	Rapid Deployment Exercise	8/11/2025	8/11/2025	3.75
Tagle	Radar/Lidar In-Service	8/1/2025	8/31/2025	1
Zermeno	Legal Update High Tech Crimes	8/13/2025	8/13/2025	1
Zermeno	PLI August 2025 Monthly Legal Update	8/1/2025	8/31/2025	1
Zermeno	Radar/Lidar In-Service	8/1/2025	8/31/2025	1
<b>Total</b>				<b>232</b>