



Village of River Forest

POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

TO: Jessica Spencer – Assistant Village Administrator

FROM: James Greenwood- Chief of Police

DATE: March 9, 2026

SUBJECT: February 2026 Monthly Report

Crime Statistics

The month of February 2026 indicated a 27% increase in Group A offenses in comparison to February 2025. There was a 105% increase in Group B offenses compared to year-to-date 2025. There was a significant increase in arrests in all categories in comparison to February 2025.

	Feb 2026	Feb 2025	Diff. +/-	% +/-	YTD 2026	YTD 2025	Diff. +/-	% +/-
Group A Offenses	28	22	+6	27%	48	36	+12	33%
Group A Arrests	15	12	+3	25%	29	22	+7	32%
Group B Offenses	21	7	+14	200%	37	18	+19	105%
Group B Arrests	10	5	5	100%	17	13	+4	31%
All Other Offenses	25	16	+9	56%	51	47	+4	8%
All Other Arrests	31	25	+6	24%	55	63	-8	-12%
Reports	119	83	+43	43%	204	207	-3	1%
Events	794	739	+55	7%	1526	1730	-204	-12%

Town Center

The Police Department responded to sixty (60) calls for service at the Town Center properties in February 2026; of those calls there were thirty-eight (38) reported crimes, which included twelve (12) Retail Thefts and two (2) Panhandlers/Removals. There was a twenty-eight percent (28%) increase in calls for service in comparison to February 2025 statistics. In addition, there was an eighty-seven percent (-87%) decrease in panhandlers in comparison from February 2025.

Collaboration and Relationship Strengthening

- Attended the West Suburban Chief of Police meeting/training on February 4, 2026.

- Attended the Village Board Meeting on February 9, 2026.
- Attended the Village Board Meeting on February 23, 2026.
- Attended “Beyond Recruitment” webinar/training on February 26, 2026.
- Attended weekly meetings with Tyler Technologies for the CAD/RMS project.

School and Community Support

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

February 2026 ACTIVITY	CSO BUS
Bank/Metra	17 Assignments 3 Hrs
Errands	6 Assignments 6 Hrs
Local Ordinance Enforcement / Citations	0 Assignment 0 Citations
Parking Citations	28 Citations
Fingerprinting Assignments	2 Assignment 45 Mins
Administrative Duties	14 Assignments 28.5 Hrs
Animal Calls	4 Assignments 2 Hrs
Vehicle Service	11 Assignments 11 Hrs
Crossings	6 Assignments 4.5 Hrs
Bond Hearing / Court	8 Assignment 8 Hrs
Other Assignments	17 Assignments 18.5 Hrs
Adjudication / Red Light Hearing	1 Assignments 3 Hrs
Child Safety Seat Inspection/Install	0 Assignments 0 Hrs
Other Calls for Service	5 Assignments 2.25 Hrs

February 2026	CSO BUS	CSO BUS
VIOLATION TYPE	TICKETS	WARNINGS
Time Limit	0	8
No Parking Anytime	0	
Vehicle License	5	
Fire Lane/Hydrant	2	
Handicapped	0	
Resident Only Zone	0	
Permit Parking Only	14	
Daily Parking Fee Zone	5	
Expired Registration	1	
Other Parking Offense	1	
TOTAL	28	8

Resource/Community Service Officer Activity Summary for February 2026

Written Reports	8
Foot Patrols / Premise Checks	43
River Forest Community Safety and Too Good For Drugs Activities	26
Calls for Service	6
Other Assignments	23 Assignments, 64 hours
Special Assignments	30 Assignments, 68 hours

School and Community-Support Activity Highlights for February 2026

Crime Prevention Officers completed the following:

- Fielded school advice call on 02/03/2026.
- Completed school follow up and supplemental report #26-00135 on 02/04/2026.
- Conducted one (1) Too Good For Drugs lesson at Grace Lutheran School on 02/04/2026.
- Assisted with Elderly Service call on 02/05/2026.
- Assisted with St. Luke funeral procession on 02/06/2026.
- Conducted school advice call on 02/06/2026.
- Completed Elderly Service follow up and supplemental report #26-00146 on 02/06/2026.
- Conducted one (1) Too Good For Drugs lesson at St. Vincent Ferrer on 02/09/2026.
- Conducted four (4) River Forest Community Safety presentations at St. Luke School on 02/10/2026.
- Conducted one (1) Too Good For Drugs lesson at Grace Lutheran on 02/11/2026.
- Attended Youth Network Council virtual meeting on 02/12/2026.
- Conducted two (2) River Forest Community Safety presentations at Willard Elementary on 02/12/2026.
- Completed Elderly Service follow up and supplemental report #26-00146 on 02/12/2026.
- Conducted two (2) Too Good For Drugs lessons at St. Luke school on 02/13/2026.
- Conducted school advice call on 02/17/2026.
- Conducted three (3) River Forest Community Safety presentations at Willard Elementary on 02/18/2026.
- Conducted one (1) Too Good For Drugs lesson at Grace Lutheran on 02/18/2026.

- Conducted two (2) River Forest Community Safety presentations at Lincoln Elementary on 02/19/2026.
- Conducted one (1) River Forest Community Safety presentation at Lincoln Elementary on 02/20/2026.
- Conducted one (1) Too Good For Drugs lesson at St. Vincent Ferrer School on 02/23/2026.
- Completed school report #26-00224 on 02/23/2026.
- Attended Child Advocacy Center training on 02/24/2026.
- Conducted one (1) Too Good For Drugs lesson at Grace Lutheran on 02/25/2026.
- Conducted four (4) River Forest Community Safety presentations at Lincoln Elementary on 02/26/2026.
- Conducted two (2) Too Good For Drugs lessons at St. Luke School on 02/27/2026.
- Completed school follow up and supplemental report #26-00243 on 02/27/2026.
- Scheduled River Forest Community Safety classroom presentations for Lincoln, Willard, Roosevelt, Grace Lutheran, St. Luke, St. Vincent 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 March 2026

Crime Prevention Officers will:

- Attend 100 Club Convention on 03/02/2026 and 03/03/2026.
- Meet with CITE/OPRF student intern on 03/03/2026 and 03/10/2026.
- Attend Youth Network Council virtual meeting on 03/12/2026.
- Attend Opioid Task Force virtual monthly meeting on 03/20/2026.
- Conduct Too Good For Drugs lessons on 03/04/2026, 03/09/2026, and 03/23/2026.
- Conduct River Forest Community Safety presentations on 03/04/2026, 03/05/2026, 03/16/2026, 03/17/2026, and 03/24/2026.
- 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:

- Create and execute Incident Action Plan for Forest Park St. Patrick's Day Parade on 03/07/2026
- 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 to gain better community compliance.
- Parking Enforcement areas of focus: Metra Lot Parking



Sgt. Czernik assisting with the River Forest Community Safety Presentation at St. Luke School on February 9, 2026.

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

Budget and Fiscal Monitoring

Feb 1 – Feb 28, 2026

February is the tenth month of Fiscal Year 2026. There was a 92% increase in overtime costs in comparison to February 2025. Overtime costs increased by 25% YTD compared to Fiscal Year 2025.

Revenue/Expenditure Summary

Category	Total # Paid FY26 02/26	Total # Paid FY26 Y-T-D	Expenditure/Revenue FY26 02/26	FY26 Y-T-D Expenditure/Revenue
Parking/Compliance Citations	243	2,044	\$13,265	\$153,709
Admin. Tows	38	232	\$19,000	\$123,000
Local Ordinance	11	40	\$2,145	\$9,231
Overtime	627.5hrs	4100.25hrs	\$43,015	\$359,834

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 patrols looking for subjects in distress or sleeping on private property due to dangerous weather conditions.
- 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 before the holiday breaks.

Directed Patrols/ Traffic Enforcement

The midnight shift focused their traffic enforcement efforts primarily on Harlem Avenue. Officers completed twenty (20) stops which resulted in forty-two (42) citations, four (4) warnings, three (3) DUI arrests, and three (3) traffic related arrests. The shift also conducted LPR enforcement which resulted in ten (10) stops, twenty (20) citations, and three (3) traffic related arrests. The LPR enforcement missions resulted in three (3) administrative tows.

Day shift focused our traffic enforcement efforts primarily on Chicago Avenue and Division Street. Officers completed fifteen (15) stops which resulted in ten (10) citations, eight (8) warnings, and one (1) traffic related arrest. The traffic enforcement missions resulted in zero (0) administrative tows. The shift also conducted LPR enforcement which resulted in twelve (12) stops, seventeen (17) citations, and three (3) arrests. The LPR enforcement missions resulted in two (2) administrative tows.

The afternoon shift focused their traffic enforcement efforts primarily on Chicago Avenue at Keystone Avenue, Madison Street, North Avenue, and 900 block of Thatcher Avenue. Officers completed forty-four (44) stops which resulted in thirty-two (32) citations, twenty-seven (27) warnings, and four (4) traffic related arrests. The traffic enforcement missions resulted in one (1) administrative tow and two (2) Article 36 Seizures. The afternoon shift also conducted LPR enforcement which resulted in eight (8) stops, twenty-five (25) citations, and seven (7) traffic related arrests. The traffic enforcement missions resulted in six (6) administrative tows and one (1) Article 36 Seizure.

Notable Events and Arrests:

26-00121 Aggravated Unlawful Possession of a Weapon

On February 1, 2026, 5:25AM, a River Forest officer on patrol near the 1200 block of Harlem Avenue observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. A check of the vehicle's speed using a radar device revealed the vehicle was traveling 50 MPH in a 30 MPH zone. The officer conducted a traffic stop at the 500 block of Harlem Avenue. The driver was identified as a 21-year-old male from Chicago. Upon contacting the driver, he told the officer that he had a firearm in the vehicle. Upon searching the vehicle, a loaded 9mm Glock X43 firearm was located under the driver side seat. The driver had an active Firearm Owner Identification (FOID) card but did not possess a valid concealed carry license. The driver was taken into custody and charged with Aggravated Unlawful Possession of a Weapon and other traffic violations. The driver was processed and released on a Citation and Notice with a court date at the Maybrook Courthouse.

26-00123 Retail Theft

On February 1, 2026, 1:48PM, River Forest officers were dispatched to Ulta at 7213 Lake Street for a Retail Theft where three subjects took \$3,009.60 worth of merchandise without paying. A store owned GPS tracker was inside the stolen merchandise and a vehicle containing the tracker was located and stopped in Chicago with the help of Chicago Police and Norridge Police. The three occupants of the vehicle, a 41-year-old female, 33-year-old female, and 28-year-old female, all from Milwaukee (WI), matched the provided description, possessed the merchandise, and were identified by store personnel. They were all arrested for Retail Theft, processed, and later released on a Citation and Notice. The vehicle was towed with an administrative hold placed on the vehicle. This group was later identified as an active Organized Retail Crime group and referred to private sector investigators.

26-00131 Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol

On February 3, 2026, 2:24AM, A River Forest officer on patrol near Harlem Avenue and North Avenue observed a vehicle committing numerous lane violations. The officer conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle in the 7400 block of North Avenue. The driver was identified as a 28-year-old male from Arlington Heights. The driver exhibited multiple signs of alcohol impairment, refused Standardized Field Sobriety Tests, and was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. He was charged with Driving Under the Influence and other traffic offenses. He was processed and later released on a Citation and Notice. The vehicle was towed with an administrative 24-hour DUI hold.

26-00158 Retail Theft

On February 8, 2026, at 7:33AM, River Forest officers were dispatched to Walgreens at 7251 Lake Street for a Retail Theft where two subjects took \$65.96 worth of merchandise without paying. Officers checked the area and located a 42-year-old male and 39-year-old male, both from Chicago, who matched the provided description, possessed the merchandise, and were identified by store personnel. They were both arrested, with the 42-year-old male charged with felony Retail Theft (due to his prior criminal history) and with the 39-year-old male charged with misdemeanor Retail Theft. They were both processed and later released on a Citation and Notice.

26-00173 No Valid Driver's License & Warrant

On February 11, 2026, 10:01AM, a River Forest officer on patrol near Lake Street and Park Avenue observed a vehicle driving on Lake Street with an expired registration plate. The vehicle was stopped and the driver, a 33-year-old male from Chicago, was found to be driving despite not having a valid driver's license. He also could not provide proof of insurance for the vehicle. The driver was also found to be wanted by DuPage County for failure to appear in court for a traffic offense. He was arrested for Driving with No Valid Driver's License, the warrant, processed, and later released on a Citation and Notice. The vehicle was towed with an administrative hold placed on the vehicle.

26-00160 Domestic Battery

On February 8, 2026, 9:10PM, River Forest units were dispatched to a domestic disturbance at a residence on the 7200 block of Lemoyne Street. The responding officers determined the victim was struck in the face by a relative. The offender was identified as a 42-year-old male from River Forest. The offender was arrested for domestic battery and transported to the station for processing. The offender was charged with misdemeanor Domestic Battery and transported to the Maybrook Courthouse for a detention hearing.

26-00179 Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol

On February 13, 2026, 2:10AM, a River Forest officer on patrol near the 7900 block of North Avenue observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. A check of the vehicle speed using a radar device revealed the vehicle was traveling 51 MPH in a 30 MPH zone. The officer conducted a traffic stop near the 7600 block of North Avenue. The driver was identified as a 20-year-old male from Stone Park. The officer also observed open alcohol inside the vehicle. The driver exhibited multiple signs of alcohol impairment, failed Standardized Field Sobriety Tests, and was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. At the station, the driver provided a breath sample revealing a Blood Alcohol Content of 0.175. The driver was charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and other traffic offenses. He was processed and later released on a Citation and Notice. The vehicle was towed with an administrative 12-hour DUI hold.

26-00189 Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol

On February 16, 2026, 3:07AM, a River Forest officer on patrol near the 1000 block of Harlem Avenue observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. A check of the vehicle speed using a radar device revealed the vehicle was traveling 60 MPH in a 30 MPH zone. The officer conducted a traffic stop near the 400 block of Harlem Avenue. The driver was identified as a 27-year-old male from Chicago. The officer also observed open alcohol inside the vehicle. The driver exhibited multiple signs of alcohol impairment, failed Standardized Field Sobriety Tests, and was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. At the station, the driver provided a breath sample revealing a Blood Alcohol Content of 0.199. He was charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and other traffic offenses. The driver was processed and later released on a Citation and Notice. The vehicle was towed with an administrative 12-hour DUI hold.

26-00194 Retail Theft, Resisting & Outside Agency Arrest Warrant

On February 16, 2026, 7:59PM, a River Forest officer was on patrol and observed a subject carrying a case of beer near the Jewel-Osco located at 7525 Lake Street. The officer attempted to detain the subject for a retail theft investigation, but the subject fled on foot while dropping the case of beer. The subject refused to comply with orders to stop and was escorted to the ground by responding officers in the 400 block of Lathrop Avenue. The subject was placed in handcuffs, and the investigation revealed the subject committed a retail theft at the Jewel-Osco. The subject was positively identified by the witness as the retail theft offender, and the Jewel-Osco merchandise valued at \$78.61 was recovered and returned to the store. The offender was arrested and identified as a 54-year-old male from Chicago. The offender was transported to the station for processing. A custodial search revealed the offender possessed heroin and crack-cocaine. The officers also determined the offender had an outstanding Cook County Warrant for Driving While License Revoked. The offender was charged with Retail Theft, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Obstructing a Peace Officer, and the outstanding Cook County Warrant. The offender was given a felony court date and transported to the Maybrook Courthouse for a detention hearing.

26-00201 Retail Theft, Resisting Arrest & Aggravated Battery to Peace Officer

On February 17, 2026, 8:49PM, a River Forest officer was conducting a foot patrol at the Walgreens located at 7251 Lake Street and observed a retail theft in-progress. The offender fled from the officer, resisted arrest, and spit on the arresting officers. The offender was identified as a juvenile from Chicago, and he was transported to the station for processing.

The juvenile was charged with Aggravated Battery to a Peace Officer, Resisting Arrest, and Retail Theft. The juvenile, also on parole, was transported to the juvenile detention facility located at 1100 S. Hamilton Avenue in Chicago. The juvenile's guardian was notified of the arrest and transportation to the juvenile detention facility.

26-00203 Reckless Driving

On February 18, 2026, 10:01AM, a River Forest officer on patrol near Washington Boulevard and Lathrop Avenue observed a vehicle driving into oncoming traffic on Washington Boulevard, nearly striking the officer's vehicle. The vehicle then re-entered its proper lane but struck another vehicle in doing so. The vehicle was stopped and the driver, a 33-year-old female from Hillside, was arrested for Reckless Driving, processed, and later released on a Citation and Notice. She also could not provide proof of insurance for the vehicle. The vehicle was towed with an administrative hold placed on the vehicle.

26-00204 Assist Other Agency

On February 18, 2026, 10:52AM, River Forest officers were alerted that a vehicle wanted by Glenwood PD that was recently seen near North Avenue and Harlem Avenue. Officers responded to the area and found the vehicle parked in the Shell parking lot at 7201 North Avenue. They contacted the driver, a 43-year-old female from Chicago, and found that she was also wanted by Glenwood PD for a felony Theft investigation. She was arrested, and later turned over to the custody of Glenwood PD, along with the vehicle, for further investigation.

26-00206 Assist Ambulance

On February 20, 2026, 10:52AM, a River Forest officer was dispatched to the 1000 block of Forest Avenue to assist the River Forest Fire Department ambulance with a call of an unconscious person. The officer arrived first and observed that the subject was unconscious and not breathing. The officer began to administer CPR to the subject until the paramedics arrived and took over live-saving efforts. The subject was transported by ambulance to the hospital where it was learned he had suffered a heart attack but had survived thanks to the efforts of police and fire personnel.

26-00212 Driving under the Influence of Alcohol

On February 21, 2026, at 6:15PM, a River Forest officer was conducting traffic enforcement in the 7400 block of North Avenue and received an automated license plate reader hit on a vehicle with suspended registration. The officer confirmed the license plates were suspended and located the vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed eastbound in the 7400 block of North Avenue. The officer conducted a traffic stop at 7201 North Avenue, and the driver was identified as a 34-year-old male from Chicago. The officer observed that the driver displayed signs of alcohol impairment and that 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. A custodial search revealed the driver possessed cocaine. The officer also determined that the driver possessed a driver's license suspended for driving under the influence of alcohol. The vehicle was towed with an Article 36 Seizure. The driver was charged with Aggravated Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Driving While License Suspended, Suspended Registration, Speeding, and Illegal Transportation of Alcohol. The driver was given a felony court date and released on a Citation and Notice.

26-00218 Aggravated Driving While License Revoked

On February 22, 2026, 4:01PM, a River Forest officer was on patrol and received an automated license plate reader hit for a vehicle with suspended registration traveling westbound on Chicago Avenue. The officer confirmed the license plates were suspended and conducted a traffic stop on the 8000 block of Chicago Avenue. The driver was identified as a 27-year-old male from Northlake. The officer determined the driver was driving with a license revoked for driving under the influence of alcohol. The driver was arrested for Driving with a Revoked Driver's License and Transported to the station for processing. The vehicle was towed with an administrative hold. The driver was charged with Aggravated Driving while License Revoked and issued multiple Illinois Vehicle Code citations. The driver was given a felony court date and released on a Citation and Notice.

26-00219 Retail Theft

On February 23, 2026, at 6:16AM, River Forest officers were dispatched to 7251 Lake Street (Walgreens) for a retail theft that just occurred. The caller indicated a subject stole detergent and exited the store. A description of the offender was

broadcast over the radio and a subject matching the description of the offender was located on a green line platform train car. The subject was positively identified as the offender by the witness and the proceeds were recovered with a total retail value of \$39.96. The offender was identified as a 42-year-old male from Elmwood Park and was taken into custody. The offender was transported back to the police station for processing. The offender was charged with misdemeanor Retail Theft and released on a Citation and Notice with a court date at the Maybrook Courthouse.

26-00221 Leaving the Scene of an Accident

On February 23, 2026, 7:54AM, River Forest officers were dispatched to the area of Lake Street and Harlem Avenue for a hit-and-run accident after a vehicle sideswiped another vehicle and then left the area. Using the River Forest Police street camera and License Plate Reader (LPR) systems, officers were able to locate a video and registration plate of the offending vehicle. Later, the LPR alerted officers that the vehicle was again driving in the area. The vehicle was found, stopped, and the driver, a 21-year-old female from Melrose Park, was arrested for Leaving the Scene of a Property Damage Accident, processed, and later released on a Citation and Notice. She also could not provide proof of insurance for the vehicle. The vehicle was towed with an administrative hold placed on the vehicle.

26-00229 Assist Other Agency

On February 24, 2026, 12:56PM, River Forest officers were alerted by the River Forest Police License Plate Reader (LPR) system that a stolen vehicle wanted by the Illinois Statewide Auto Theft Task Force (ISATT) was scanned by an LPR near Lake Street and Bonnie Brae Place. Officers responded to the area and found the vehicle parked in the Town Center parking lot near Lake Street and Bonnie Brae. They contacted the driver, a 41-year-old female from Chicago, arrested her, and later turned her over to the custody of the ISATT investigators, along with the vehicle, for further investigation. It was later determined that the female had bought the vehicle in Texas and that the seller has changed the VIN number on the car when in fact the vehicle was reported stolen out of Texas. The vehicle was recovered and the female was released without charge after it was determined she played no role in the auto theft and was actually a victim.

26-00236 Retail Theft

On February 25, 2026, 9:13PM, River Forest officers were dispatched to Jewel-Osco located at 7525 Lake Street for the retail theft in-progress. A Forest Park officer located a subject matching the description in the alley located at Lathrop Avenue and Franklin Avenue in Forest Park. The subject was detained and positively identified by the employee as the retail theft offender. The offender was identified as a 25-year-old male from Chicago. The Jewel-Osco merchandise valued at \$10.17 was recovered and returned to Jewel-Osco. The offender was arrested for Retail Theft and transported to the station for processing. The offender was charged with Retail Theft, given a misdemeanor court date, and released on a Citation and Notice.

26-00239 Theft

On February 26, 2026, 8:39AM, River Forest officers were alerted by the River Forest Police License Plate Reader (LPR) system that a stolen rental vehicle was scanned by an LPR near Harlem Avenue and Chicago Avenue. Officers responded to the area, found and stopped the vehicle, and arrested the driver, a 67-year-old male from Chicago. He was charged with felony Theft of Leased Property (Over \$500), processed, and later released on a Citation and Notice. The vehicle was returned to the owner.

26-00248 Driving While License Suspended & Possession Controlled Substance

On February 28, 2026, 1:33AM, a River Forest officer was conducting traffic enforcement on Lake Street and was notified by a River Forest Police License Plate Reader of a vehicle traveling westbound on Lake Street with expired/suspended vehicle registration. A traffic stop was conducted on the vehicle in the 400 block of Thatcher Avenue. The driver was identified as a 27-year-old male from Chicago, and it was determined that he had a suspended driver's license. The driver also had an active arrest warrant out of Kendall County. The driver was taken into custody and transported back to the River Forest Police station. Upon a custodial search of the driver, a small baggie containing a white crystal substance, suspect methamphetamine, was located on the driver's person. The substance weighed 0.2 grams and field tested positive for methamphetamine. The driver was charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, Resisting/Obstructing a Police Officer, the Kendall County Warrant, Driving While License Suspended and other traffic violations. The driver was processed and released on a Citation and Notice with a court date at the Maybrook Courthouse.

	Midnights 2230-0630	Day Watch 0630-1430	Third Watch 1430-2230
Criminal Arrests	6	9	5
Warrant Arrests	1	1	1
D.U.I Arrests	9	0	1
Misdemeanor Traffic Arrests	12	9	11
Hazardous Moving Violations	145	101	77
Compliance Citations	32	20	26
Parking Citations	135	8	2
Traffic Stop Data Sheets	206	136	111
Quasi-Criminal Arrests/ L.O.	1	3	2
Field Interviews	1	2	8
Premise Checks/Foot Patrols	273	491	361
Written Reports	38	40	65
Administrative Tows	23	7	10
Sick Time used (in days)	1	0	5

Detective Division

Detective Sergeant Labriola worked eighteen (18) days performing detective duties.

Detective Zermeno worked nineteen (19) 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 and Detective Zermeno attended a one-day class sponsored by the Proviso Children’s Advocacy Center.

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 February, the Detective Unit completed numerous online mandated continuous educational courses.

During the month of February, the Detective Unit opened up/reviewed seven (7) cases for potential follow-up. Of those cases, one (1) was exceptionally cleared, and six (6) are still active. The Unit also continued to investigate open cases from previous months, as well as assist the Patrol Division in cases reported in the month of January.

Year to Date Arrest Statistics

Quantity Arrested	# Felony Charges	# Misdemeanor Charges	# Warrants
2	2	0	0

February 2026 Case Assignment Summary

Group A	# Cases	Cleared by Arrest	Adm Closed	Screen Out	Susp	Except	Pend	Refer	Unfound
Burglary	1						1		
Theft	1						1		
Retail Theft	1						1		
Group A Total	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Group B	# Cases	Cleared by Arrest	Adm Closed	Screen Out	Susp	Except Clear	Pend	Refer	Unfound
Hit & Run	2					1	1		
Fleeing & Eluding	1						1		
Disorderly Conduct	1						1		
Group B Total	4	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0
TOTALS	7	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	0

February 2026 Juvenile Arrests

Offenses	Adjusted	Cited	Petitioned	Referred
Aggravated Battery to a Peace Officer			1	
Total (2)	0	0	1	0

New Investigations

26-00116 Burglary to Motor Vehicle

On January 30, 2026, 10:24AM, a River Forest Officer responded to the 1500 block of William Street in reference to a burglary to motor vehicle report. The victim related that between 10:00AM and 10:20AM, an unknown offender shattered the rear window of her vehicle that was parked on the street and removed numerous items from within the vehicle. Investigators identified the offender’s vehicle using Village of River Forest street cameras and automated license plate readers. On January 31, 2026, the offending vehicle was located and towed with an administrative hold. Since then, investigators have identified the offender and are currently looking to apprehend him. This case is still active.

26-00138 Disorderly Conduct

On February 4, 2026, 8:32PM, a River Forest resident from the 1100 block of Park Ave. reported that he received a letter in the mail that alarmed him. The resident works for the Department of Homeland Security and the letter from an unknown person contained multiple references about the sender’s disapproval of the Department of Homeland Security. No threats were made and the Department of Homeland Security was notified. This case is still active.

26-00150 Hit & Run

On February 6, 2026, 7:09PM, a River Forest Officer responded to the 7300 block of North Avenue in reference to a hit and run accident. The victim was able to take a photograph of the offending vehicle and on February 16, 2026, the offending vehicle was towed with an administrative hold. This case was exceptionally cleared.

26-00164 Theft

On February 9, 2026, 11:08AM, a River Forest Officer received a theft report that occurred at Walgreen's located at 7251 Lake Street. The victim reported that he ordered approximately \$2,000 worth of silver which was delivered by FedEx to Walgreen's on February 6, 2026. The investigation revealed that an unknown subject used a fraudulent form of identification to portray himself as the victim and take custody of the silver. Investigators used the Village of River Forest Street cameras and automated license plate readers to identify the offending vehicle. Investigators located the offending vehicle in Elmwood Park on February 13, 2026, and the vehicle was seized pursuant to the asset forfeiture statute. This investigation is still active pending the identification of the offender who was not the registered owner of the vehicle.

26-00175 Retail Theft

On February 11, 2026, 3:18PM, River Forest investigators received a report of a retail theft that occurred at Ulta located at 7231 Lake Street on January 23, 2026, at 4:32PM. Investigators identified the offending vehicle and seized the vehicle in Cicero pursuant to the asset forfeiture statute. The offenders have been identified, and this case is active pending the apprehension of the offenders.

26-00210 Hit & Run

On February 20, 2026, at 8:00PM, a River Forest Officer responded to the 7500 block of North Avenue in reference to a hit and run accident where the victim vehicle was rear ended and the offending vehicle fled the scene. Investigators identified the offending vehicle using the Village of River Forest Street cameras and automated license plate readers. This case is pending the location of the offending vehicle.

26-00217 Reckless Driving

On February 22, 2026, 4:13AM, a River Forest Officer observed a vehicle speeding in the 7200 block of North Ave. When the officer attempted to catch up to the vehicle it increased its speed to an estimated 90MPH and the officer did not pursue the vehicle. The vehicle's registration was captured on an automated license plate reader and is now wanted for reckless driving. This case is still active.

Old Investigations

25-01560 Hit and Run

On December 28, 2025, 2:18AM, a River Forest Officer received a report of a hit and run that occurred at Washington and Thatcher. The registration of the offending vehicle was obtained using Village of River Forest Street cameras and automated license plate readers. On March 2, 2026, an automated license plate reader alert notified officers that the vehicle was traveling in River Forest. The vehicle was located and towed with an administrative hold. This case was exceptionally cleared.

Training

During the month of February 2026, thirty-three (33) officers/civilian employees attended different training classes for a total of one-hundred and fifty-six (156) hours of training. The Department members, courses, and total number of hours are detailed below.

Officer	Course	Start	End	Hours
Acevedo	Officer Stress Management	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Acevedo	Roll Call Training/PREA	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Barcnas	Roll Call Training/PREA	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Bourdeau	PLI February 2026 Monthly Legal Update	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Bourdeau	Roll Call Training/PREA	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Bus	Roll Call Training/PREA	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Casarez	Taser 10 Pre-Work Training	1/8/2026	2/1/2026	6
Casarez	Roll Call Training/PREA	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Cassidy	Officer Stress Management	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Cassidy	PLI February 2026 Monthly Legal Update	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Cassidy	Roll Call Training/PREA	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Cassin	Officer Stress Management	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Cassin	PLI February 2026 Monthly Legal Update	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Cassin	Roll Call Training/PREA	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Catalano	Taser 10 Pre-Work Training	1/8/2026	2/1/2026	6
Catalano	Officer Stress Management	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Catalano	Roll Call Training/PREA	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Coleman	Taser 10 Pre-Work Training	1/8/2026	2/1/2026	6
Coleman	Officer Stress Management	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Coleman	PLI February 2026 Monthly Legal Update	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Coleman	Roll Call Training/PREA	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Collum	Roll Call Training/PREA	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Cortes	Officer Stress Management	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Cortes	PLI February 2026 Monthly Legal Update	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Czernik	Roll Call Training/PREA	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Drake	Officer Stress Management	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Drake	PLI February 2026 Monthly Legal Update	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Drake	CAC Annual Cook County MDT Protocol	2/24/2026	2/24/2026	6.5
Drake	Roll Call Training/PREA	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Fries	Roll Call Training/PREA	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Gonzalez	Officer Stress Management	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Gonzalez	PLI February 2026 Monthly Legal Update	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Gonzalez	Roll Call Training/PREA	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Greenwood	Roll Call Training/PREA	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Grill	Roll Call Training/PREA	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Humphreys	Officer Stress Management	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Humphreys	PLI February 2026 Monthly Legal Update	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1

Officer	Course	Start	End	Hours
Humphreys	Roll Call Training/PREA	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Hutchinson	CIT Concepts in an Academy Setting	2/13/2026	2/13/2026	8
Juarez	Close Quarter Handgun Skills-1	2/26/2026	2/27/2026	16
Juarez	Roll Call Training/PREA	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Labriola	Officer Stress Management	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Labriola	CAC Annual Cook County MDT Protocol	2/24/2026	2/24/2026	6.5
Labriola	PLI February 2026 Monthly Legal Update	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Labriola	Roll Call Training/PREA	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Lockett-Hart	Releasing and Redacting Records	2/24/2026	2/24/2026	2
Mika	Taser 10 Pre-Work Training	1/8/2026	2/1/2026	6
Mika	Officer Stress Management	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Mika	Roll Call Training/PREA	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Murillo	Roll Call Training/PREA	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Niemann	Officer Stress Management	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Niemann	16 Hour MEGGITT XVT Instructor Program	2/26/2026	2/27/2026	16
Niemann	PLI February 2026 Monthly Legal Update	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Niemann	Roll Call Training/PREA	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Ransom	Roll Call Training/PREA	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Richter	Officer Stress Management	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Richter	PLI February 2026 Monthly Legal Update	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Richter	Roll Call Training/PREA	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Saldana	PLI February 2026 Monthly Legal Update	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Saldana	Roll Call Training/PREA	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Swierczynski	Officer Stress Management	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Swierczynski	PLI February 2026 Monthly Legal Update	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Swierczynski	Roll Call Training/PREA	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Tagle	Officer Stress Management	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Tagle	PLI February 2026 Monthly Legal Update	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Tagle	Roll Call Training/PREA	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Thomas	Officer Stress Management	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Thomas	PLI February 2026 Monthly Legal Update	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Thomas	Roll Call Training/PREA	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Trejo	Officer Stress Management	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Trejo	PLI February 2026 Monthly Legal Update	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Trejo	Roll Call Training/PREA	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Zermeno	Taser 10 Pre-Work Training	1/8/2026	2/1/2026	6
Zermeno	Officer Stress Management	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Zermeno	CAC Annual Cook County MDT Protocol	2/24/2026	2/24/2026	6.5
Zermeno	PLI February 2026 Monthly Legal Update	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Zermeno	Roll Call Training/PREA	2/1/2026	2/28/2026	1
Total				156