



Village of River Forest

POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

TO: Matt Walsh – Village Administrator
FROM: James Greenwood- Chief of Police
DATE: February 9, 2026
SUBJECT: January 2026 Monthly Report

Crime Statistics

The month of January 2026 indicated a 43% increase in Group A offenses in comparison to January 2025. There was a 45% increase in Group B offenses compared to January 2025. There was a 13% decrease in all other offenses for January 2026, compared to January 2025.

	Jan 2026	Jan 2025	Diff. +/-	% +/-	YTD 2026	YTD 2025	Diff. +/-	% +/-
Group A	20	14	+6	43%	20	14	+6	43%
Group B	16	11	+5	45%	16	11	+5	45%
All Other	26	31	-5	-16%	26	31	-5	-16%
Reports	85	124	-39	-31%	85	124	-39	-31%
Events	732	991	-259	-26%	732	991	-259	-26%

Town Center

The Police Department responded to fifty-three (53) calls for service at the Town Center properties in January 2025; of those calls there were twenty-five (25) reported crimes, which included twelve (12) Retail Thefts and three (3) Panhandlers/Removals. There was an eight percent (8%) increase in calls for service in comparison to January 2025 statistics. In addition, there was a thirty-seven percent (-37%) decrease in retail thefts in comparison to January 2025.

Collaboration and Relationship Strengthening

- Attended the West Suburban Chief of Police meeting/training on January 7, 2026.
- Attended contract negotiations with FOP on January 8, 2026.
- Attended the Village Board Meeting on January 12, 2026.
- Attended the IRMA Eagle One Worker's Compensation presentation on January 14, 2026.
- Attended the Northwestern Staff and Command graduation for Sergeant Fries on January 16, 2026.
- Attended meeting with the Cook County Transit Task Force on January 20, 2026.
- Attended the IRMA OSHA Compliance Assessment meeting on January 23, 2026.
- Attended the Village Board Meeting on January 26, 2026.

- Attended budget meeting regarding FY 2027 budget on January 28, 2026.
- Attended the Quarterly Community Safety Meeting on January 28, 2026.

School and Community Support

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

JANUARY 2026 ACTIVITY	CSO BUS
Bank/Metra	19 Assignments 3 Hrs
Errands	2 Assignments 80 Mins
Local Ordinance Enforcement / Citations	0 Assignment 0 Citations
Parking Citations	27 Citations
Fingerprinting Assignments	1 Assignment 20 Mins
Administrative Duties	14 Assignments 31 Hrs
Animal Calls	2 Assignments 2 Hrs
Vehicle Service	15 Assignments 15 Hrs
Crossings	10 Assignments 7 Hrs
Bond Hearing / Court	1 Assignment 2 Hrs
Other Assignments	19 Assignments 14 Hrs
Adjudication / Red Light Hearing	1 Assignments 2 Hrs
Child Safety Seat Inspection/Install	0 Assignments 0 Hrs
Other Calls for Service	13 Assignments 6 Hrs

JANUARY 2026	CSO BUS	CSO BUS
VIOLATION TYPE	TICKETS	WARNINGS
Time Limit	0	
No Parking Anytime	6	
Vehicle License	4	
Fire Lane/Hydrant	2	
Handicapped	0	
Resident Only Zone	2	
Permit Parking Only	7	
Daily Parking Fee Zone	6	
Expired Registration	0	
Other Parking Offense	0	
TOTAL	27	0

Resource/Community Service Officer Activity Summary for January 2026

Written Reports	6
Foot Patrols / Premise Checks	53
River Forest Community Safety and Too Good For Drugs Activities	4
Calls for Service	5
Other Assignments	25 Assignments, 59 hours
Special Assignments	31 Assignments, 43 hours

School and Community-Support Activity Highlights for January 2026

Crime Prevention Officers completed the following:

- Completed Elderly Service follow up and supplemental report #25-01511 on 01/06/2026.
- Completed school advice call on 01/06/2026.
- Attended Youth Network Council virtual monthly meeting on 01/08/2026.
- Completed residential security survey on 01/08/2026.
- Conducted safety presentation for Dominican PA students on 01/09/2026.
- Completed Juvenile follow up and supplemental report #25-01524 on 01/12/2026.
- Completed Elderly Service follow up and supplemental report #26-00042 on 01/12/2026.
- Met with CITE/OPRF student intern on 01/13/2026.
- Completed Evidence Technician supplemental report #26-00058 on 01/15/2026.
- Attended Opioid Task Force virtual monthly meeting on 01/16/2026.
- Attended Cook County Treatment Response Team training on 01/21/2026.
- Attended M-Team virtual monthly meeting on 01/21/2026.
- Conducted one (1) Too Good For Drugs lesson at Grace Lutheran on 01/21/2026.
- Attended safety meeting with St. Luke school and church staff on 01/22/2026.
- Conducted two (2) Too Good For Drugs lessons at St. Luke on 01/23/2026.
- Attended Coffee with a Cop at Sunrise Senior Living on 01/23/2026.

- Met with CITE/OPRF student intern on 01/27/2026.
- Conducted one (1) Too Good For Drugs lesson at Grace Lutheran on 01/28/2026.
- Conducted Quarterly Community Safety Meeting on 01/28/2026.
- Scheduled River Forest Community Safety classroom presentations for Lincoln, Willard, Roosevelt, Grace Lutheran, St. Luke, St. Vincent throughout the month.
- Reassigned to patrol 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 February 2026

Crime Prevention Officers will:

- Attend Youth Network Council virtual monthly meeting on 02/12/2026.
- Attend Opioid Task Force virtual monthly meeting on 02/20/2026.
- Meet with CITE/OPRF student intern on 02/10/2026 and 02/24/2026.
- Conduct Too Good For Drugs lessons on 02/04/2026, 02/09/2026, 02/11/2026, 02/13/2026, 02/18/2026, 02/23/2026, 02/25/2026 and 02/27/2026.
- Conduct River Forest Community Safety presentations on 02/20/2026, 02/12/2026, 02/18/2026, 02/19/2026, 02/20/2026, and 02/26/2026.
- 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:

- 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 | 11500 Block Franklin



River Forest Police Staff assisting with the donation of numerous bicycles to ‘Working Bikes.’”

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
Power	Home Remodeling Estimates	11/04/2026

Budget and Fiscal Monitoring

January 1 – January 31, 2026

January is the ninth month of Fiscal Year 2026. There was an 87% increase in overtime costs in comparison to January 2025. Overtime costs increased by 20% YTD comparing Fiscal Year 2026 to Fiscal Year 2025.

Revenue/Expenditure Summary

Category	Total # Paid FY26 01/26	Total # Paid FY26 Y-T-D	Expenditure/ Revenue FY26 01/26	FY26 Y-T-D Expenditure/Revenue
Parking/Compliance Citations	241	1,801	\$14,385	\$140,444
Admin. Tows	25	194	\$12,500	\$104,000
Local Ordinance	2	29	\$542	\$7,086
Overtime	576.5hrs	3,472.75hrs	\$39,768	\$316,819

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 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 North Avenue. Officers completed thirty-nine (39) stops which resulted in fifty-two (52) citations, twelve (12) warnings, three (3) DUI arrests, and three (3) traffic related arrests. The shift also conducted LPR enforcement which resulted in six (6) stops, thirteen (13) citations, and two (2) traffic related arrests. The LPR enforcement missions resulted in two (2) administrative tows.

Day shift focused our traffic enforcement efforts primarily on North Avenue, Thatcher Avenue, Washington Boulevard, and Madison Street. Officers completed thirty-three (33) stops which resulted in thirty-one (31) citations, sixteen (16) warnings, and four (4) traffic related arrests. The traffic enforcement missions resulted in four (4) administrative tows. The shift also conducted LPR enforcement which resulted in two (2) stops, four (4) citations, and one (1) felony arrest. The LPR enforcement missions resulted in three (3) administrative tows

The afternoon shift conducted LPR enforcement which resulted in seven (7) stops, nineteen (19) citations, and six (6) traffic related arrests. The LPR traffic enforcement missions resulted in seven (7) administrative tows.

Notable Events and Arrests:

26-00008 Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol

On January 3, 2026, 1:15AM, 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's speed using a radar device revealed the vehicle was traveling 51 MPH in a 30 MPH. The officer conducted a traffic stop at the 1500 block of Harlem Avenue. The driver was identified as a 27-year-old male from Chicago. The driver exhibited multiple signs of alcohol impairment, failed 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 12-hour DUI hold.

26-00013 Unlawful Display of Registration

On January 4, 2026, 8:59AM, a River Forest officer conducting traffic enforcement on the 8000 block of Madison Street observed a vehicle displaying a suspicious registration. The vehicle was stopped and the driver, a 34-year-old male from Chicago, could not provide proof of insurance for the vehicle. An investigation revealed that the vehicle was unregistered and the displayed registration was fraudulent and/or belonged to a different vehicle. He was arrested for Unlawful Display of Registration, processed, and later released on a Citation and Notice.

26-00030 Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol

On January 8, 2026, 2:00AM, a River Forest officer on patrol near the 7500 block of North Avenue observed a vehicle with expired registration. The officer conducted a traffic stop at the 1500 block of Lathrop Avenue. The driver was identified as a 47-year-old male from Maywood. 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, he provided a breath sample revealing a Blood Alcohol Content of 0.166. 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.

26-00036 Violation Order of Protection, Warrant & Traffic Offenses

On January 9, 2026, 12:53PM, River Forest officers were dispatched to the 7900 block of North Avenue for a known subject violating an order of protection by attempting to enter a protected address. Upon arrival, the subject, a 39-year-old male from Chicago, was located nearby driving a vehicle and was stopped. He was found to be driving on a suspended license, suspended for mandatory insurance violations. He also could not provide proof of insurance for the vehicle. The driver was also found to be wanted by Madison County Sheriff (IL) on an unrelated vehicle theft charge. The driver was arrested for Violation of Order of Protection, Driving While License Suspended, and the warrant. He was processed and later transported to the Maybrook courthouse for a detention hearing. The vehicle was towed with an administrative hold placed on the vehicle.

25-00047 Retail Theft & Arrest Warrant

On January 12, 2026, 5:37PM, a River Forest officer was on patrol and observed a vehicle driving recklessly near Lake Street and Harlem Avenue. The officer observed the unoccupied suspiciously parked vehicle in the Jewel parking lot located at 7525 Lake Street. The officer determined from the license plate that the registered owner had an arrest warrant out of DuPage County for possession of a controlled substance. The officer waited for the occupants to return to the vehicle and observed two subjects exit the Jewel and eventually entering the vehicle. One subject, a 57-year-old female from Chicago, was identified as the registered owner. The second male subject was determined to have committed a retail theft. The male subject was given a criminal trespass warning and released without charge. The female subject was arrested for the outstanding warrant and transported to the DuPage County Jail for processing.

26-00049 Unlawful Display of Registration & Traffic Offenses

On January 13, 2026, 11:10AM, a River Forest officer on patrol near Chicago Avenue and Thatcher Avenue observed a vehicle displaying suspicious registration. The vehicle was stopped and the driver, a 28-year-old male from Chicago, was found to be driving on a suspended license, with seven different suspensions for mandatory insurance violations and failure to appear at court after a traffic violation. He also could not provide proof of insurance for the vehicle. An investigation determined that the vehicle was unregistered and the displayed registration was fraudulent and/or belonged

to a different vehicle. He was arrested for Unlawful Display of Registration and 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.

26-00055 Retail Theft

On January 14, 2026, 8:03AM, River Forest officers were dispatched to Walgreens for a Retail Theft where a subject took \$80.39 worth of merchandise without paying. Officers checked the area and located a 26-year-old male from Maywood, who matched the provided description, possessed the merchandise, and was identified by store personnel. He was arrested for misdemeanor Retail Theft, processed, and later released on a Citation and Notice. He was also issued a Criminal Trespass Warning prohibiting him from returning to Walgreens.

26-00056 Failure to Register as a Violent Offender & Traffic Offenses

On January 14, 2026, 10:11AM, a River Forest officer on patrol near Lake Street and Harlem Avenue observed a vehicle driving on Harlem Avenue bearing two different stolen registration plates. The vehicle was stopped, and the driver, a 35-year-old male from Cicero, was found to be driving despite having a revoked driver's license, with eleven different revocations and suspensions for DUI and mandatory insurance violations. He also could not provide proof of insurance for the vehicle. The driver was also found to be wanted by the Cook County Sheriff for a felony charge of Criminal Damage to Property. An investigation also revealed that he was in violation of his requirements to register as a violent offender against youth. The driver was arrested for Possession of a Stolen Registration (felony), Failure to Register as a Violent Offender Against Youth (felony), Driving While License Revoked (felony), and the warrant. He was processed and later transported to the Maybrook courthouse for a detention hearing. The vehicle was seized pending Article 36 asset forfeiture proceedings.

26-00066 Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol

On January 17, 2026, 11:23PM, a River Forest officer on patrol near the 7900 block of North Avenue observed a vehicle commit a lane violation. The officer conducted a traffic stop at North Avenue and the Des Plaines River. The driver was identified as a 48-year-old female from Chicago. The officer 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, she provided a breath sample revealing a Blood Alcohol Content of 0.88. The driver was charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and other traffic offenses. She was processed and later released on a Citation and Notice. The vehicle was towed with an administrative 12-hour DUI hold.

25-00072 Driving while License Suspended & Arrest Warrant

On January 19, 2026, 3:44PM, a River Forest officer was on patrol and received a license plate reader (LPR) hit on a vehicle with suspended registration traveling westbound on Chicago Avenue. The officer verified the license plate was suspended and conducted a traffic stop on the 7900 block of Chicago Avenue. The driver was identified as a 33-year-old female from Peoria, IL. The officer determined the driver was driving on a suspended driver's license and had an outstanding DuPage County warrant for driving on suspended driver's license. The driver was arrested and transported to the station for processing. DuPage County did not want to extradite and provided the driver with a new DuPage County court date. The driver was issued citations, given a misdemeanor court date, and released on a Citation and Notice.

26-00075 Retail Theft, Failure to Register as a Sex Offender & Warrant

On January 20, 2026, 1:07PM, River Forest officers were dispatched to Jewel, located at 7525 Lake Street for the retail theft in progress. A subject matching the description of the offender was located at Lathrop Avenue and Brown Avenue in Forest Park. The subject, a 49-year-old-male from Niles, was positively identified by the employee as the retail theft offender. The stolen Jewel merchandise was located and returned to the store. The offender was arrested and transported to the station for processing. The officer determined the offender also had an outstanding Cook County warrant for possession of a controlled substance and was a non-compliant registered sex offender. The offender was charged with Retail Theft, Failure to Register as a Sex Offender, and the outstanding warrant. The offender was given a felony court date and transported to the Maybrook courthouse for a detention hearing.

26-00088 Driving Under the Influence & Leaving the Scene of an Accident

On January 23, 2026, 8:56AM, River Forest officers were dispatched to the area of Madison Street and Lathrop Avenue regarding a vehicle stopped in traffic with the driver asleep at the wheel. The driver, a 19-year-old female from Wood Dale, exhibited signs of alcohol impairment, failed Standardized Field Sobriety Tests, and was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. At the station, she provided a sample revealing a Blood Alcohol Content of 0.201, resulting in a Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol charge. Further investigation revealed that the female driver had also struck a parked car elsewhere in the village prior to being contacted, so she was also charged with Leaving the Scene of a Property Damage Accident. She was processed and later released on a Citation and Notice. The vehicle was towed with an administrative hold placed on the vehicle.

26-00092 Battery, Criminal Damage to Property & Traffic Offenses

On January 24, 2026, 1:37PM, River Forest officers were dispatched to the area of North Avenue and Harlem Avenue regarding a vehicle accident and a subsequent fight. An investigation revealed that a vehicle (Unit 1) struck another vehicle (Unit 2) and a passenger of the at-fault vehicle (Unit 1) subsequently battered the driver of the other vehicle (Unit 2). The offending vehicle fled the scene, but the victim followed it into Oak Park, where offending vehicle stopped and the same passenger exited and damaged the victim's vehicle. The offending vehicle was subsequently located in Oak Park, stopped, and the driver, a 31-year-old female from Texas, was arrested for Leaving the Scene of a Property Damage Accident. She also could not provide proof of insurance for the vehicle. The offending passenger, a 33-year-old male from Wadsworth, IL, was arrested for Battery and Criminal Damage to Property. Both the male and female were processed and later released on Citation and Notice forms. The vehicle was towed with an administrative hold placed on the vehicle.

26-00101 Assist Other Police Department-Armed Robbery Investigation

On January 27, 2026, 2:57AM, a River Forest officer observed a vehicle he believed to have been used in several armed robberies of 7-Eleven stores that morning in several surrounding towns. Prior to a traffic stop being conducted on the vehicle, the vehicle began traveling at a high rate of speed westbound on Division Street from Harlem Avenue. The vehicle continued to drive recklessly and crashed into another vehicle at the intersection of Division Street and Lathrop Avenue. The three occupants of the vehicle fled on foot and were chased by the River Forest Police officer. The driver whose car was struck was not injured. With the assistance of Forest Park and Oak Park officers, all three offenders were located nearby and arrested. The vehicle was confirmed to have been stolen, and the three subjects, all from Chicago, were identified as male juveniles. Melrose Park Police Department arrived on scene and took custody of the three juveniles. The juveniles were later charged with Armed Robbery by numerous other agencies.

26-00120 Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol

On January 31, 2026, 12:52AM, River Forest Police officers were dispatched to a single vehicle traffic crash near Lake Street and the Des Plaines River. Upon arrival, officers located a vehicle that had veered off the road and struck a Village street light pole. The street light pole had completely fallen on top of the vehicle. The driver, a 24-year-old male from Maywood, was not injured. Officers observed numerous cans of open alcohol inside the vehicle. The driver exhibited multiple signs of alcohol impairment and failed Standardized Field Sobriety Tests. The driver was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. At the station, he provided a breath sample revealing a Blood Alcohol Content of 0.069. 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 12-hour DUI hold.

	Midnights 2230-0630	Day Watch 0630-1430	Third Watch 1430-2230
Criminal Arrests	0	12	1
Warrant Arrests	0	4	3
D.U.I Arrests	6	1	0
Misdemeanor Traffic Arrests	7	2	14
Hazardous Moving Violations	147	102	60
Compliance Citations	53	8	14
Parking Citations	195	3	1
Traffic Stop Data Sheets	188	119	75
Quasi-Criminal Arrests/ L.O.	2	0	4
Field Interviews	3	5	10
Premise Checks/Foot Patrols	345	518	328
Written Reports	21	49	57
Administrative Tows	13	12	14
Sick Time used (in days)	2	3	6

Detective Division

Detective Sergeant Labriola worked nineteen (19) days performing detective duties.

Detective Zermeno worked twenty (20) days performing detective duties.

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

Detective Zermeno was assigned to WEDGE for two shifts.

Detective Sergeant Labriola was activated as a supervisor for the West Suburban Major Crimes Task Force for a homicide that occurred in Forest View.

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.

The Detective Unit completed a background investigation of a River Forest Fire Department Fire Marshall and completed background investigations for three (3) police candidates.

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

During the month of January, the Detective Unit opened up/reviewed four (4) cases for potential follow-up. Of those cases, two (2) were exceptionally cleared, and two (2) are still active. The Unit also continued to investigate open cases from previous months, as well as assisting 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

January 2026 Case Assignment Summary

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

January 2026 Juvenile Arrests

Offenses	Adjusted	Cited	Petitioned	Referred
Aggravated Speeding		1		
Retail Theft		1		
Total (2)	0	2	0	0

New Investigations

25-01570 Retail Theft

On December 31, 2025, 11:27AM, a River Forest Officer received a call from Ulta located at 7231 Lake Street in reference to a retail theft that occurred on December 29, 2025, at 7:24PM. The employee related that two male subjects removed numerous items having a retail value of over \$5,700 from the store and were last seen walking from the store. Investigators identified both subjects who have had contacts with other law enforcement agencies and one subject is wanted by the United States Marshalls. This case is still active pending the arrest of both subjects.

26-00012 Fleeing and Eluding

On January 4, 2026, 2:44AM, a River Forest Officer attempted to stop a vehicle in the 800 block of Harlem Avenue for expired registration. The vehicle fled from the officer who did not pursue. On January 22, 2026, at 8:30PM, an automated license plate reader alert notified officers that the offending vehicle was at Harlem Avenue. and Division Street. The vehicle was located in Oak Park and towed with an administrative hold. This case was exceptionally cleared.

26-00020 Aggravated Fleeing and Eluding

On January 6, 2026, 2:05AM, a River Forest Officer observed a vehicle committing numerous Illinois Vehicle Code Violations while traveling on North Avenue. The Officer activated the emergency equipment, and the vehicle made a U-Turn and fled from the Officer at excessive speed. Investigators have been unable to locate the vehicle at this time, and this case is active.

26-00111 Hit & Run

On January 28, 2026, 10:16PM, a River Forest Officer responded to Washington and Thatcher for a hit and run accident. The offending vehicle was identified through Village of River Forest Street cameras and automated license plate readers. On January 30, 2026, at 6:57PM, Officers received an automated license plate reader alert that the offending vehicle was at Chicago and Thatcher. The vehicle was located and towed with an administrative hold. This case was exceptionally cleared.

Old Investigations

25-00225 Fleeing and Eluding

On February 23, 2025, 8:36PM, River Forest Officer attempted a traffic stop on a Grey Hyundai Elantra near Desplaines and Madison Street. Upon the officer exiting her squad car, the vehicle fled the scene. It was observed by Forest Park Officers fleeing recklessly e/b onto I-290 from Harlem. This is pending further investigation. The vehicle was located on December 17, 2025, and towed with an administrative hold.

Training

During the month of January 2026, nineteen (19) officers/civilian employees attended different training classes for a total of five-hundred and ninety-five (595) hours of training. The Department members, courses, and total number of hours are detailed below.

Officer	Course	Start	End	Hours
Bourdeau	Child Abuse and Neglect	1/1/2026	1/31/2026	2
Bourdeau	Juvenile Law and Processing	1/1/2026	1/31/2026	1
Cassidy	Breath Operator Recertification	12/15/2025	1/10/2026	8
Coleman	Child Abuse and Neglect	1/1/2026	1/31/2026	2
Coleman	Juvenile Law and Processing	1/1/2026	1/31/2026	1
Coleman	PLI January 2026 Monthly Legal Update	1/1/2026	1/31/2026	1
Coleman	Skydio X10 Professional Operator	12/15/2025	1/1/2026	6
Coleman	Skydio Drone	1/12/2026	1/12/2026	8
Cortes	Child Abuse and Neglect	1/1/2026	1/31/2026	2
Cortes	Juvenile Law and Processing	1/1/2026	1/31/2026	1
Cortes	PLI January 2026 Monthly Legal Update	1/1/2026	1/31/2026	1
Drake	Child Abuse and Neglect	1/1/2026	1/31/2026	2
Drake	Juvenile Law and Processing	1/1/2026	1/31/2026	1
Drake	PLI January 2026 Monthly Legal Update	1/1/2026	1/31/2026	1
Fries	Child Abuse and Neglect	1/1/2026	1/31/2026	2
Fries	Juvenile Law and Processing	1/1/2026	1/31/2026	1
Fries	Staff and Command	9/8/2025	1/16/2026	400
Fries	PLI January 2026 Monthly Legal Update	1/1/2026	1/31/2026	1
Gonzalez	Juvenile Law and Processing	1/1/2026	1/31/2026	1
Gonzalez	Child Abuse and Neglect	1/1/2026	1/31/2026	2
Gonzalez	PLI January 2026 Monthly Legal Update	1/1/2026	1/31/2026	1
Gonzalez	Skydio X10 Professional Operator	12/15/2025	1/1/2026	6
Gonzalez	Skydio Drone	1/12/2026	1/12/2026	8
Grill	Illinois Trust, Voices and Way Forward	1/7/2026	1/7/2026	1.5

Officer	Course	Start	End	Hours
Grill	Organizational Risk Management	1/27/2026	1/27/2026	4
Grill	PLI January 2026 Monthly Legal Update	1/1/2026	1/31/2026	1
Humphreys	Breath Operator Recertification	12/15/2025	1/10/2026	8
Humphreys	Juvenile Law and Processing	1/1/2026	1/31/2026	1
Humphreys	Child Abuse and Neglect	1/1/2026	1/31/2026	2
Humphreys	PLI January 2026 Monthly Legal Update	1/1/2026	1/31/2026	1
Humphreys	Skydio X10 Professional Operator	12/15/2025	1/1/2026	6
Humphreys	Skydio Drone	1/12/2026	1/12/2026	8
Labriola	First Amendment Auditors	1/9/2026	1/9/2026	2
Labriola	Juvenile Law and Processing	1/1/2026	1/31/2026	1
Labriola	Child Abuse and Neglect	1/1/2026	1/31/2026	2
Labriola	PLI January 2026 Monthly Legal Update	1/1/2026	1/31/2026	1
Mika	Breath Operator Recertification	12/15/2025	1/10/2026	8
Mika	Juvenile Law and Processing	1/1/2026	1/31/2026	1
Mika	Child Abuse and Neglect	1/1/2026	1/31/2026	2
Mika	40 Hour Firearms Instructor Course	1/12/2026	1/16/2026	40
Mika	PLI January 2026 Monthly Legal Update	1/1/2026	1/31/2026	1
Niemann	Juvenile Law and Processing	1/1/2026	1/31/2026	1
Niemann	Child Abuse and Neglect	1/1/2026	1/31/2026	2
Niemann	PLI January 2026 Monthly Legal Update	1/1/2026	1/31/2026	1
Niemann	Skydio X10 Professional Operator	12/15/2025	1/1/2026	6
Niemann	Skydio Drone	1/12/2026	1/12/2026	8
Pisciotta	LEADS Security and Privacy-General	1/2/2026	1/2/2026	2
Ransom	Breath Operator Recertification	12/15/2025	1/10/2026	8
Richter	Juvenile Law and Processing	1/1/2026	1/31/2026	1
Richter	Child Abuse and Neglect	1/1/2026	1/31/2026	2
Richter	PLI January 2026 Monthly Legal Update	1/1/2026	1/31/2026	1
Swierczynski	PLI January 2026 Monthly Legal Update	1/1/2026	1/31/2026	1
Tagle	Juvenile Law and Processing	1/1/2026	1/31/2026	1
Tagle	Child Abuse and Neglect	1/1/2026	1/31/2026	2
Tagle	PLI January 2026 Monthly Legal Update	1/1/2026	1/31/2026	1
Trejo	Juvenile Law and Processing	1/1/2026	1/31/2026	1
Trejo	Child Abuse and Neglect	1/1/2026	1/31/2026	2
Trejo	PLI January 2026 Monthly Legal Update	1/1/2026	1/31/2026	1
Zermeno	Juvenile Law and Processing	1/1/2026	1/31/2026	1
Zermeno	Child Abuse and Neglect	1/1/2026	1/31/2026	2
Zermeno	PLI January 2026 Monthly Legal Update	1/1/2026	1/31/2026	1
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