

River Forest Police Department

1st Quarterly Community
Crime and Safety Meeting



Department History

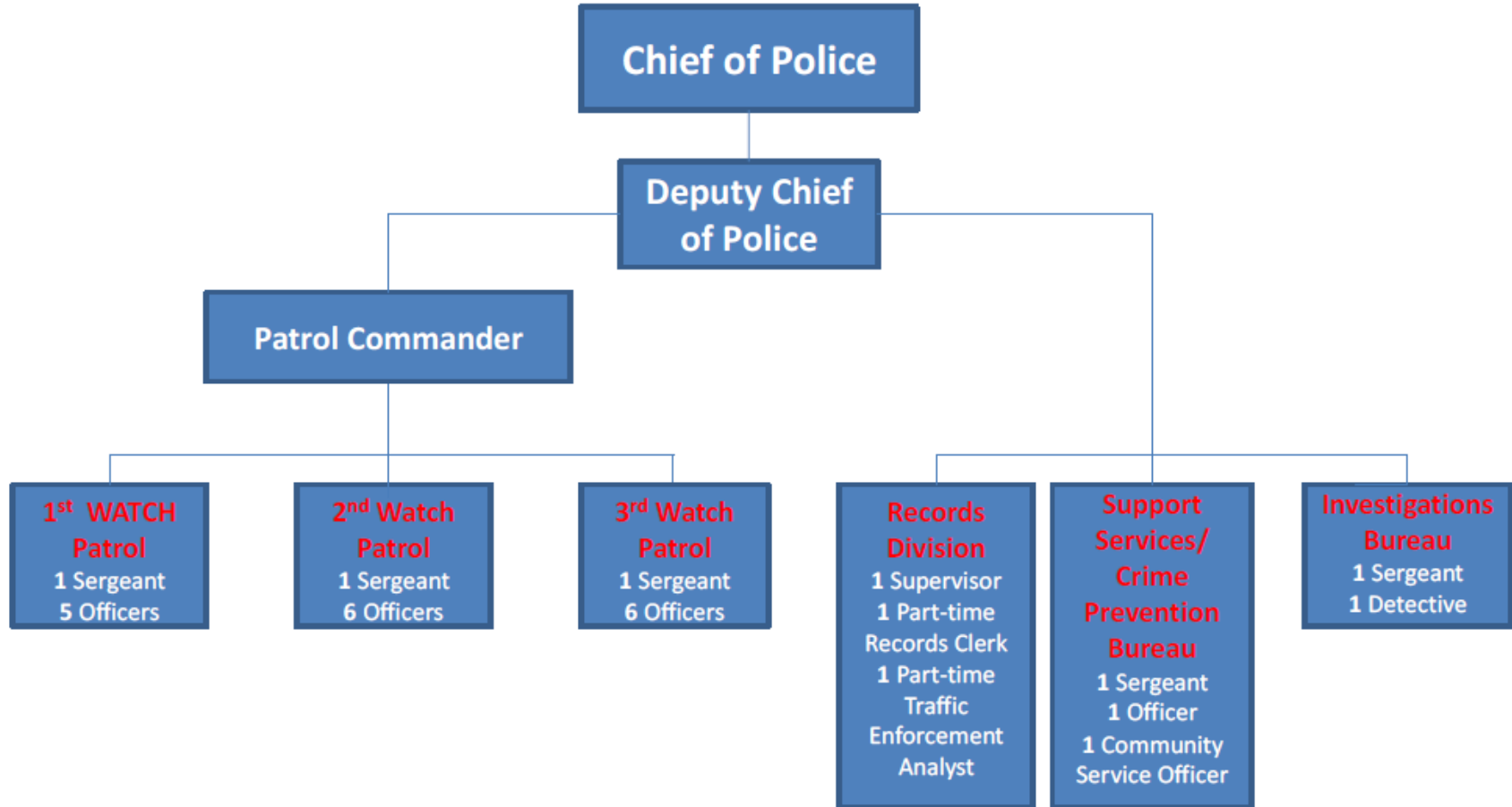
- 1840's – First “Constable On Patrol” (C.O.P.) begins patrolling Proviso Township including area of River Forest.
- 1880 – Village of River Forest incorporated.
- 1880 -1890 – Village hires first three constables.
- 1910 – River Forest Police Department established.
- 1910 – First police vehicle purchased – motorcycle.
- 1920 – First police car purchased.
- 1928 – Carl W. Soderlin begins 26 years (longest) as Chief.
- 1932 – First in-car radio system built by officers.
- 1974 – First CAD system installed.
- 1994 – Fire destroys River Forest police station.
- 1994 – First computers installed in RFPD squad cars.
- 1996 – Current Village Hall and police station built.
- 2002 – RFPD consolidates dispatch with Oak Park, Elmwood, Park, creating what is now WSCDC.

RFPD Today

- 28 Full-time, sworn police officers, 2 full-time civilian employees, 2 part-time civilian employees
 - 1 Chief, 1 Deputy Chief, 1 Patrol Commander, 5 Sergeants, 20 Patrol officers.
 - 1 Administrative Sergeant, 1 Detective Sergeant, 3 Patrol Sergeants.
 - 3 Corporals, 1 Detective, 1 Traffic/Tactical Officer, 1 Crime Prevention Officer.
- 17 Vehicles: 9 marked patrol, 2 semi-marked patrol, 1 marked service vehicle, 2 unmarked investigation, 3 administrative vehicles.



Department Structure



WSCDC

- West Suburban Consolidated Dispatch Center



W.E.D.G.E. Task Force

- West Suburban Drug and Gang Enforcement Task Force
- Membership agencies:

River Forest

Forest Park

Oak Park

Berwyn

Riverside

North Riverside

Stickney

Elmwood Park

River Grove

Brookfield



N.I.P.A.S

- Northern Illinois Police Alarm System
- Over 100 Member Agencies
- Mobile Field Force, Bike Response Team, Emergency Services Team



WESTAF

- West Suburban Major Crimes Task Force
- Membership agencies:

Bellwood

Berkeley

Berwyn

Broadview

Cicero

Cook County Sheriff PD

Elmwood Park

Forest Park

Franklin Park

Hillside

Illinois State Police

LaGrange Park

Melrose Park

North Riverside

Northlake

Oak Park

Riverside

River Grove

Schiller Park

Stone Park

Triton College PD

Westchester



Department Special Training

- Bicycle Officer
- Breath Testers
- Crisis Intervention team
- ★ Child Passenger Safety Technician
- Elderly Service Officer
- ★ Evidence Technician
- Hostage/Crisis Negotiator
- Juvenile Officer
- ★ Lead Homicide Investigator
- Narcotics Investigator
- ★ Truck Enforcement Officer
- School Resource Officer
- In-house Training:
 - Air-Soft Instructor
 - ASP (Baton) Instructor
 - Defensive Tactics
 - FATS/MEGGIT
 - Firearms Instructor
 - ★ Field Training Officer
 - Less-Lethal Instructor
 - OC Instructor
 - RAD Instructor
 - Rapid Deployment Instructor
 - MACTAC Instructor
 - Shield Instructor
 - TASER Instructor

Evidence Technician



Field Training Officer



Truck Enforcement



Emergency ID Bracelet Program



CONTACT RIVER FOREST PD
708-366-7125 / ID# RF000
NON-VERBAL
SPEAK SOFTLY
NUT ALLERGY

Project ChildSafe

- Free Gun Locks
- Projectchildsafe.org



Too Good For Drugs



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Junior Citizen's Police Academy



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Vacation Watch

- Call non-emergency
(708) 366-7125
- Email Donna Ludvik
dludvik@vrf.us
- Email Ofc. Czernik
gczernik@vrf.us



Residential Security Survey

- Free
- Contact Ofc. Glen Czernik to schedule



River Forest Police Department
400 Park Ave.
River Forest, IL 60305

Residential Security Survey

Resident: _____ Phone: _____
 Incident Number: _____
 Address: _____ Surveying Officer: _____
 Date: _____

This confidential Residential Security Survey is a free service offered to you by the River Forest Police Department. It is designed to reduce your vulnerability to crime by identifying existing or potential security weaknesses. Although the recommendations are effective, there is no guarantee you will not be victimized by crime. If good security practices are in effect, all applicable questions will be answered "Yes". A "No" to any question indicates your home could be more secure and to follow the officer's recommendations. (Y=Yes, N= No, N/A = No Applicable)

Perimeter
 ___ Are fences maintained in good condition?
 ___ Does the fence allow visibility from outside the property?
 ___ Are the gates serviceable and equipped with an adequate locking device?
Landscaping
 ___ Are house numbers illuminated at night?
 ___ Are trees trimmed to deny access to upper windows and roof areas?
 ___ Are the bushes located and maintained in such a manner as to deny concealment to an intruder?
Tools
 ___ Are all ladders stored inside the building or otherwise secured?
 ___ Are other tools, such as hammers, crowbars or shovels secured inside buildings?
Exterior Lighting
 ___ Is sufficient lighting available at each entrance to allow the recognition of physical features?
 ___ Is there sufficient lighting to eliminate blind spots or shaded areas?
 ___ Are motion detectors, photoeyes or timers utilized on exterior lights?
 ___ Are house numbers easily seen from the street?
Alarms
 ___ Is the alarm system operable?
 ___ Are the members of the household familiar the alarm's operation and the procedure to follow when accidentally activated?
Exterior Doors
 ___ Is the spacing between the doors and frame close enough to prevent access of a heavy pry tool?
 ___ Are the doors metal clad or solid core wood?
 ___ Are exterior doors minimally equipped with a spring latch lock?
 ___ Are all dead bolts at least a one-inch throw equipped with an inside thumb-turn?
 ___ Are the door hinges non-removable and mounted inside the door?
 ___ Are all strike plates reinforced with three-inch wood screws?
 ___ Do the exterior doors have a viewer?

Screen Doors
 ___ Can the screen doors be locked for additional security?
 ___ Are screens and storms securely fastened to the frame?
Sliding Doors
 ___ Are sliding glass doors / windows secured with locks?
 ___ Are anti-slide / anti-lift devices used?
Windows
 ___ Are the windows secured with functioning locks?
 ___ Are the screens and storms secured securely to the structure?
 ___ Are double hung windows secured with security pins/ other devices?
 ___ Are window frames in good condition?
Safes
 ___ Is the safe secured to the structure?
 ___ Is the safe concealed?
 ___ Is the safe fire or burglary rated?
Sheds / Out Buildings
 ___ Is the shed well maintained?
 ___ Are doors equipped with locks?
Padlocks and Hasps
 ___ When the hasp is locked, does the hasp cover the screws?
 ___ Is the lock locked on the "U" hook even when the hasp is open?
 ___ Is the lock a case hardened type, which secures at both the heel and toe?
 ___ Is the key removed from the bottom of the lock?
Vehicles
 ___ Are vehicles equipped with an anti-theft device?
 ___ Are vehicles kept locked when parked?
 ___ Are valuables (phones, packages) removed from vehicles?
Other
 ___ Are your valuables marked with Operation Identification?
 ___ Does your neighborhood participate in Neighborhood Watch?

Child Safety Seat Inspection Program



R.A.D.

- Rape Aggression Defense
- Personal self defense for women
- Taught to all freshman females at OPRF
- Taught at Concordia University, open to the public



Outside Community Partners

- Oak Park Township Youth Services
- Oak Park Township Senior Services
- River Forest Township
- Sarah's Inn
- Thrive Family Services