

# THORNTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

## MONTHLY REPORT

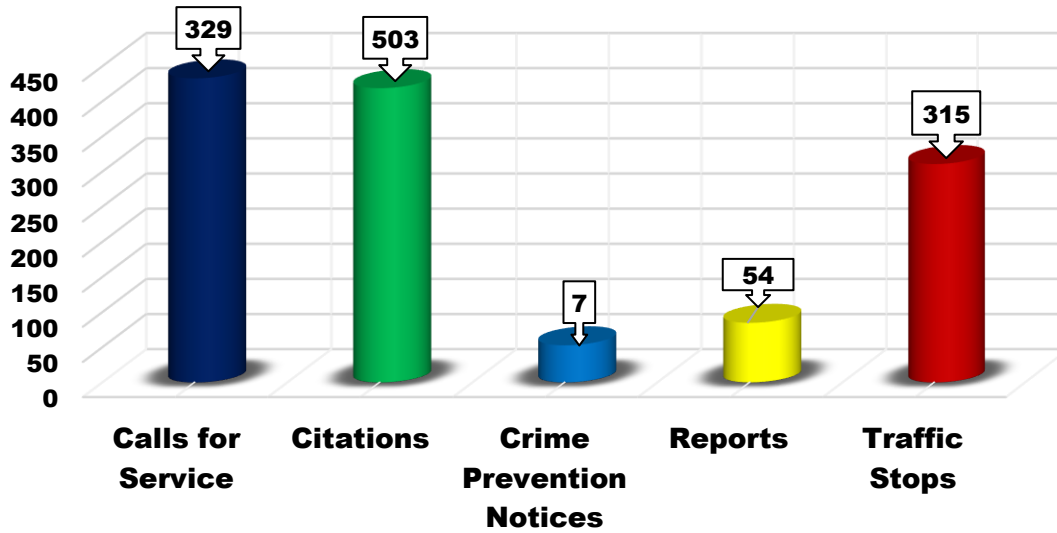
### APRIL 2026



### ***SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST***

- The Thornton Police Department would like to remind all residents that local schools will dismiss for summer break on Friday, May 29, 2026. With more children expected to be outside riding bikes, walking, and playing throughout the neighborhoods, motorists are urged to use extra caution while driving on residential streets and side roads. Please slow down, avoid distractions while driving, and remain alert for children who may unexpectedly enter the roadway. Working together can help ensure a safe and enjoyable summer for everyone in our community.
- Please remember to call **911** (Emergency) for active emergencies, such as crimes in progress, imminent threats to life, serious injuries, or fires. For non-emergencies that require police assistance, please call **(708) 877-2531**. We have been receiving calls and messages for service on our Administrative/Records telephone line and this number is not monitored after business hours.

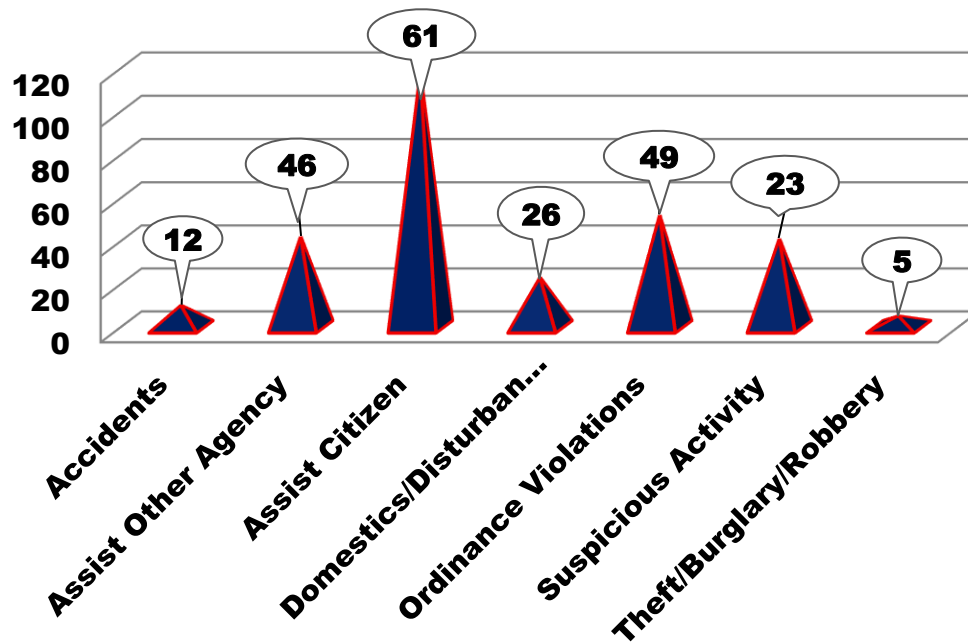
## PATROL ACTIVITIES



## CALL BREAKDOWN

TOTAL NUMBER OF CALLS = 644

TOTAL NUMBER OF TRAFFIC STOPS = 315



## **Notable Incidents**

- On 04/01/2026, Thornton Officers responded to a business located in the 200 block of Armory Drive regarding a request for an escort. Upon arrival, officers made contact with a former employee who had previously been trespassed from the property on multiple occasions. During the investigation, the individual admitted to entering the property on a prior date and taking items from the business without permission. The individual was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Thornton Police Department for processing. Charges for Criminal Trespass to Property and Theft were approved and signed by the complainant. The subject was processed and released on a citation pending a future court appearance at the Markham Courthouse. The individual was again advised not to return to the property.
- On 04/03/2026, Thornton Officers responded to a residence in the 500 block of Kinzie Place regarding an open 911 call. Upon arrival, officers spoke with a resident who alleged that a staff member had physically assaulted him. Officers conducted interviews with both the resident and staff member. The staff member stated that the resident became upset after learning a different employee was working the shift and allegedly became physically aggressive. Officers checked both individuals for visible injuries and observed no apparent marks or bruising. Due to concerns regarding the resident's mental health and escalating behavior, Thornton Fire Department personnel responded and transported the resident to a local hospital for a psychiatric evaluation. A report was completed and body-worn camera footage was recorded during the incident.
- On 04/04/2026, Thornton Officers responded to a residence in the 90 block of Indianwood Drive to assist the fire department with an unresponsive individual. Upon arrival, emergency personnel determined the subject was deceased at the scene. A family member reported the individual had complained of feeling ill the previous evening before going to bed and was later found unresponsive the following morning. Due to the circumstances and the subject's age, the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office responded to the scene for further investigation. The deceased was transported to the Medical Examiner's Office for an autopsy.
- On 04/06/2026, while on patrol, an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle observed traveling with multiple equipment violations, including no front registration plate, missing headlights, a missing front bumper, and a shattered windshield. During the investigation, officers determined the driver had an active full extradition warrant out of Vermillion County. The subject was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Thornton Police Department for processing. The subject was later transported to the Cook County Jail pending extradition to Vermillion County authorities.
- On 04/08/2026, While on patrol, a Thornton Officer observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed on Williams Street. The vehicle was clocked traveling 47 mph in a posted 25 mph zone. When the officer attempted to conduct a traffic stop, the vehicle accelerated, turned off its headlights and taillights, and fled the area at a high rate of speed. Due to public safety concerns and after obtaining the vehicle registration information, the officer discontinued the pursuit. The incident information was broadcast to surrounding law enforcement agencies, and an attempt was made to locate the vehicle at the registered owner's address. The incident was documented and recorded on body-worn camera footage.

- On 04/11/2026, While on proactive patrol, a Thornton Officer observed a suspicious vehicle parked near a vacant building in the 600 block of Ridge Road. During the investigation, a computer inquiry revealed the vehicle had been reported stolen. The vehicle identification number was verified and matched the stolen vehicle report. The stolen status was confirmed through dispatch, and the vehicle was recovered and towed pending further investigation.
- On 04/15/2026, Thornton Officers responded to the 300 block of South Hunter Street regarding a domestic disturbance. While enroute, dispatch advised that the involved subject had left the scene in a gray Dodge van. Officers located and stopped the vehicle nearby. During the investigation, the driver admitted to being involved in a verbal argument and acknowledged that his driver's license was revoked. A records check revealed the driver had active warrants from multiple jurisdictions. The subject was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Thornton Police Department for processing. Citations were issued for Driving While License Revoked, and the vehicle was towed from the scene. The subject was later transported to the Cook County Correctional Center. The incident was recorded on body-worn camera footage.
- On 04/20/2026, Thornton Officers responded to the 100 block of Harriet Street regarding a disturbance involving a possible physical altercation. Upon arrival, officers located a complainant outside a nearby residence cleaning broken glass from damaged apartment windows. Officers observed signs consistent with a recent altercation. During the investigation, officers located the involved male subject nearby and took him into custody without incident. Both parties displayed visible injuries, and officers determined the incident appeared to involve mutual combat. Further investigation revealed the subject had previously been trespassed from the residence. The subject was transported to the Thornton Police Department for processing and was issued citations for Criminal Trespass to Residence and Criminal Damage to Property before being released pending a future court appearance.
- On 04/21/2026, While traveling in the area of Route 6 and Halsted Avenue in Harvey, a Thornton detective observed a violent altercation involving multiple individuals and the driver of a semi-truck during what appeared to be a funeral procession. The detective observed several individuals block the truck in traffic, forcibly remove the driver from the vehicle, and physically attack him in the roadway. Despite verbal commands and the activation of emergency lights and sirens, the assault continued until the detective intervened and secured the victim in a police vehicle for safety. During the incident, the detective was surrounded by several individuals who made threats toward him. Additional law enforcement agencies responded to assist with crowd control and the investigation. The victim sustained injuries and advised he wished to pursue criminal charges. Multiple offenders were identified and taken into custody. The investigation was turned over to the Harvey Police Department for further investigation and prosecution.
- On 04/21/2026, Thornton Officers responded to the 200 block of South Hunter Street regarding a disconnected 911 call in which the caller requested police assistance before hanging up. Upon arrival, officers heard a female crying inside the residence and made contact with the caller. The caller advised officers she had been involved in a verbal domestic dispute with her husband, who had left the residence prior to police arrival. Officers observed visible facial injuries on the caller, who declined to report any physical altercation and stated the injuries were the result of a fall. Thornton Fire Department personnel responded to evaluate the caller's injuries, and she later refused further medical treatment. Officers provided the caller with domestic violence resource information and explained the process for obtaining an order of protection. Children were present inside the residence during the incident, and a report was submitted to the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services for documentation purposes. The incident was recorded on body-worn camera footage.

- On 04/27/2026, Thornton Officers responded to a residence in the 26 Blackhawk Drive area for a reported disturbance involving a domestic incident and possible armed subject. Initial information indicated that an armed individual was inside the residence with multiple occupants, including juveniles. Upon arrival, officers observed individuals fleeing the residence while reporting that the subject inside was armed. Officers established a perimeter, secured the scene, and requested mutual aid from surrounding jurisdictions and the South Suburban Emergency Response Team (SSERT). The subject was later taken into custody by SSERT without incident, and all juveniles were safely recovered. Multiple individuals were interviewed, and it was reported that the subject had allegedly made threats of violence and was in possession of firearms, including an AR-style rifle. A search warrant was executed at the residence, and multiple firearm-related items and ammunition were recovered. No firearms were located during the search. The scene was secured, evidence was collected, and the investigation was turned over for further follow-up. All actions were recorded on body-worn camera.
- The Thornton Police Department assisted the following agencies from patrol, SSERT, SSMCTF and SMART: Dolton PD, Park Forest PD, Burbank PD, Glenwood PD, Homewood PD, Illinois State Police and South Holland PD

**Chief's Note:** *I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to Thornton Patrol Officers for their rapid response, professionalism, and decisive actions during this critical incident. Your ability to quickly establish containment, secure the scene, and ensure the safety of all occupants, especially the juveniles involved, reflects the highest standards of policing. I also want to recognize and thank the South Suburban Emergency Response Team (SSERT) for their expert assistance and successful resolution of this high-risk situation. Their coordinated efforts and safe apprehension of the subject without injury were instrumental in bringing this incident to a safe conclusion. The teamwork, discipline, and restraint demonstrated by all responding personnel are commendable and directly contributed to the positive outcome of this incident.*

