

THORNTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY REPORT

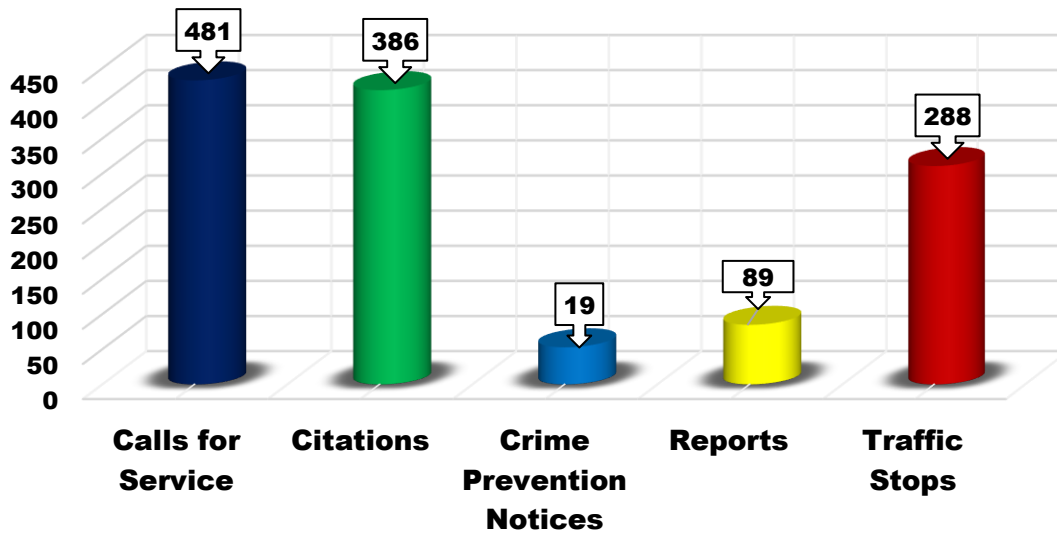
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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

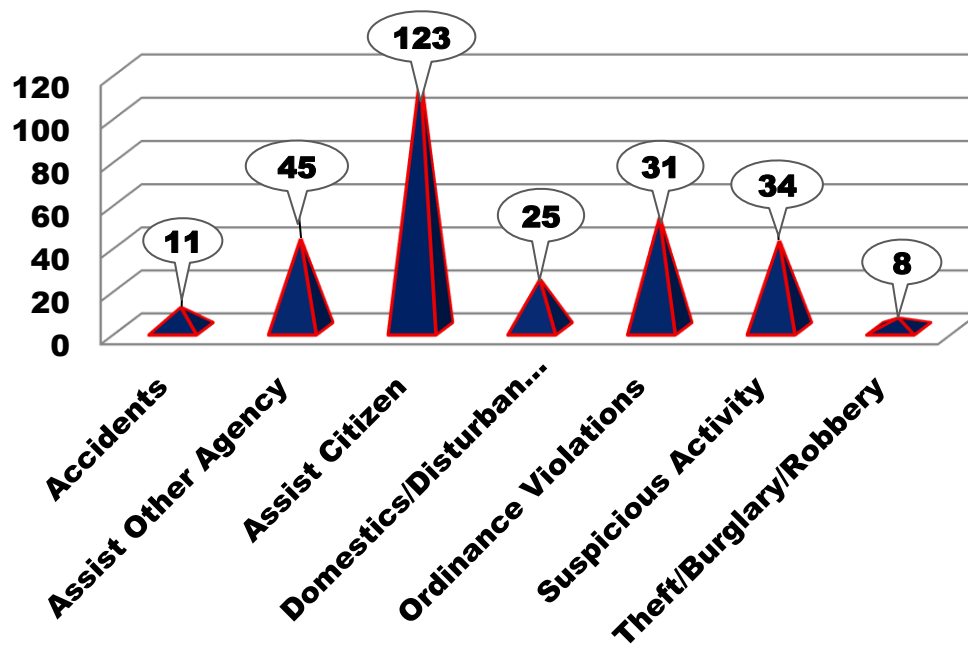
- **Call 911 if you see any suspicious activity.**
- **As a reminder, there is No Parking on any village street when snowfall is 2 inches or more.**
- **Please notify the police department or code enforcement department of any vacant properties in your area.**

PATROL ACTIVITIES



CALL BREAKDOWN

TOTAL NUMBER OF CALLS = 769
TOTAL NUMBER OF TRAFFIC STOPS = 288



Notable Incidents



- Thornton Officers responded to a report of stolen Halloween decorations from a residence on Hunter Street. The complainant reported that when he awoke in the morning, two large Halloween decorations, each approximately seven feet tall and valued at \$180, were missing from his yard. Home security footage showed an unknown pickup truck pulling a flatbed trailer stopping near the property. A subject exited the vehicle, removed the decorations, and placed them on the trailer before leaving the area southbound on Hunter Street. Shortly after the incident was reported, an officer from the Glenwood Police Department contacted Thornton Police after conducting a prior traffic stop involving a pickup truck pulling a flatbed trailer on Cottage Grove Avenue. During that stop, the officer observed Halloween decorations matching the description of the stolen items. A Thornton officer on scene photographed the decorations, one of which was later confirmed to be identical to the stolen property. The driver of the vehicle was identified and issued a citation for operating without insurance by Glenwood Police. Efforts to contact the suspect have been unsuccessful.
- Thornton Officers responded to Koch's Lounge for a report of a disturbance involving several patrons. Upon arrival, officers spoke with an employee who reported that she had allowed two males and two females to enter the establishment as she was closing for the night. Shortly after entering, the females began using disrespectful and profane language toward the employee, with one female recording the encounter on her phone. The employee advised that she refused service to the group and, when she informed them that police had been called, all four individuals began to leave the bar. As the employee followed them outside to ensure they left the property, a verbal altercation continued, during which one of the males physically intervened by lifting the employee to prevent her from approaching one of the females. The four subjects then left the area on foot, walking southbound on Chicago Road. The employee requested that all four individuals be formally trespassed from the property and was advised to contact police if they return. Surveillance footage is being reviewed by the business owner and will be forwarded to the investigating detective.
- Officers responded to the area of Chicago Road and Water Street for a report of an unknown problem. Upon arrival, officers located a male subject near a white SUV who appeared injured and reported that he had been robbed. The victim had visible injuries, including facial swelling, a cut lip, and bleeding on his shirt. Thornton Fire Department responded and transported the victim to Ingalls Hospital for treatment. The victim reported that he had arranged to meet a female acquaintance outside an apartment complex on Chicago Road. When he arrived, the female entered his vehicle and requested to retrieve personal belongings. Shortly after, two unidentified males approached and began striking the victim. One of the offenders was reportedly armed with a knife. The offenders took the victim's wallet containing cash, identification, and debit cards before fleeing the area on foot. The victim provided officers with information identifying the female involved, along with photographs of her and a vehicle possibly connected to the suspects. Detectives interviewed the victim at the hospital and documented his injuries. Due to the extent of those injuries, the victim was later transferred to the University of Chicago Hospital for further medical treatment. The investigation has been turned over to the Thornton Police Department Detective Division for follow-up.

- Officers were dispatched to a residence on Bonnie Court for a report of a disturbance, with additional information from dispatch indicating a possible fight in progress. Upon arrival, officers were met by a visibly upset woman who allowed them into the residence. Inside, officers encountered two additional individuals who were uncooperative and argumentative. The dispute reportedly stemmed from an altercation involving grease being thrown at another individual. When asked if anyone wished to pursue charges, all parties declined and refused to provide identification. One male at the scene requested shelter information, which was provided by the responding supervisor. No further police action was requested or required. The incident was documented, and body-worn camera footage was collected.
- While on patrol, an officer was flagged down by a resident reporting that their vehicle had been stolen from their driveway. Upon arrival, the officer observed broken glass in the driveway, indicating a possible forced entry into the vehicle. The resident stated that the theft occurred while they were out to dinner, sometime between 9:00 p.m. and 12:24 a.m. The vehicle, a 2013 Hyundai Elantra bearing Illinois registration, was last seen parked in the driveway with both license plates attached. The registered owner was contacted and provided insurance information for documentation. The resident advised that their home security cameras did not capture the theft, though a nearby neighbor may have surveillance footage. It was also noted that a window near the garage appeared to have been tampered with, though there was no evidence of entry into the residence. The vehicle was entered into LEADS as stolen and also listed with FLOCK Safety, which later captured a hit showing the vehicle northbound on the Dan Ryan Expressway at 79th Street. The vehicle's estimated value ranges between \$3,468 and \$5,415. The case has been turned over to the Thornton Police Department Investigations Division for follow-up.
- Thornton Police officers were dispatched to 7-Eleven, for a report of a male subject entering an occupied vehicle without permission. Upon arrival, officers located a male subject matching the description provided by witnesses walking near Boz Hot Dogs, 201 S. Williams Street. As officers attempted to detain the individual, he refused to comply with verbal commands and physically resisted officers. During the encounter, the suspect attempted to flee and took a fighting stance toward an officer. A brief struggle ensued, during which an officer deployed a department-issued TASER to gain control of the subject. The suspect was taken into custody with assistance from responding officers from the Glenwood Police Department. Two Thornton Police Officers sustained non-life-threatening injuries during the incident and were evaluated at Ingalls Hospital. The investigation revealed that prior to police arrival, the suspect had entered the back seat of an occupied vehicle at the 7-Eleven, alarming the driver and a juvenile passenger, and had attempted to enter other vehicles in the area. Several witnesses provided statements and one complainant signed criminal complaints. While at Ingalls Hospital, the suspect engaged in additional disorderly and inappropriate behavior toward medical staff and officers. During this time, another brief struggle occurred, resulting in minor additional injuries to one Thornton officer. The suspect was processed and released on a notice to appear. This incident was captured on officers' body-worn cameras. The case remains under review by the Thornton Police Department Investigations Division.

- Thornton Police Officers were dispatched to G&T Trackside, for a reported burglary alarm with motion detected inside the dining area. Upon arrival, responding officers observed a dark-colored Dodge Durango leaving the rear of the business at a high rate of speed. Officers activated emergency lights and attempted to conduct a stop. The vehicle, bearing Indiana, fled westbound on Margaret Street and continued north on Williams Street toward State Street. The pursuit was terminated shortly thereafter due to safety considerations. Upon returning to the business, officers discovered a rear door propped open with a signboard and observed extensive damage inside the establishment. Several slot machines had been forcibly opened or damaged, and debris was scattered across the floor. The business owner arrived on scene and provided access to security footage. The video showed a gray Dodge Durango arriving at the rear of the building before three masked suspects exited the vehicle. The suspects, dressed in hooded sweatshirts, used tools including sledgehammers and a crowbar to forcibly open multiple gaming machines. The offenders were seen removing a silver-colored box before fleeing as police arrived. Evidence technicians from the Illinois State Police and Accel Entertainment, the gaming machine operator, processed the scene. A short time later, the Harvey Police Department located the suspect Dodge Durango near 145th Street and Vincennes Road. The vehicle had sustained tire damage consistent with the pursuit observations. This investigation remains active and has been turned over to the Thornton Police Department Investigations Division in coordination with the Illinois State Police and Accel Entertainment investigators.

- The Thornton Police Department assisted the following agencies from either patrol, SSERT, SMART or SSMCTF: Glenwood PD, East Hazel Crest PD, Illinois State Police, South Holland PD, and Calumet City PD.