

THORNTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY REPORT

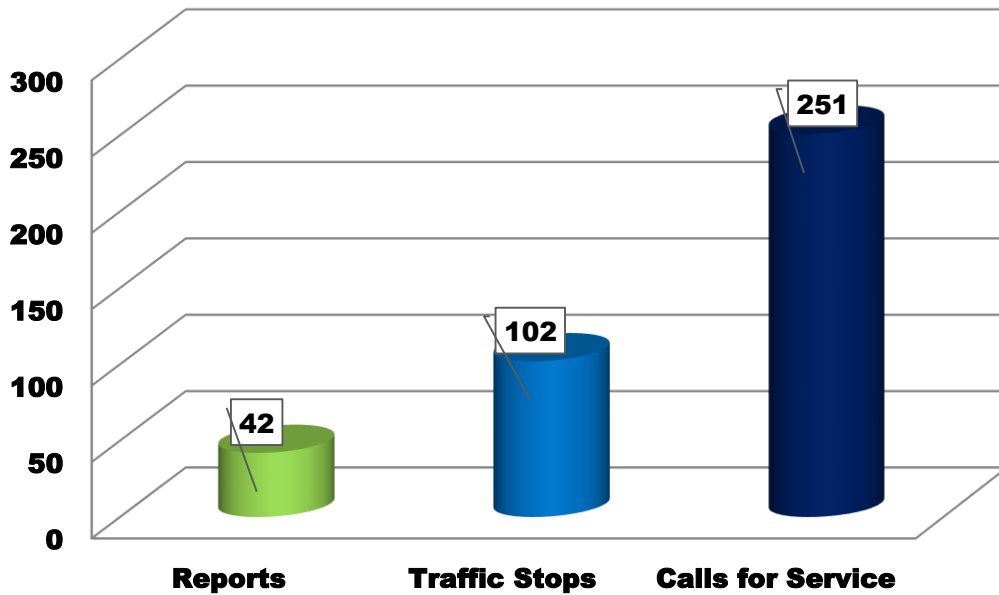
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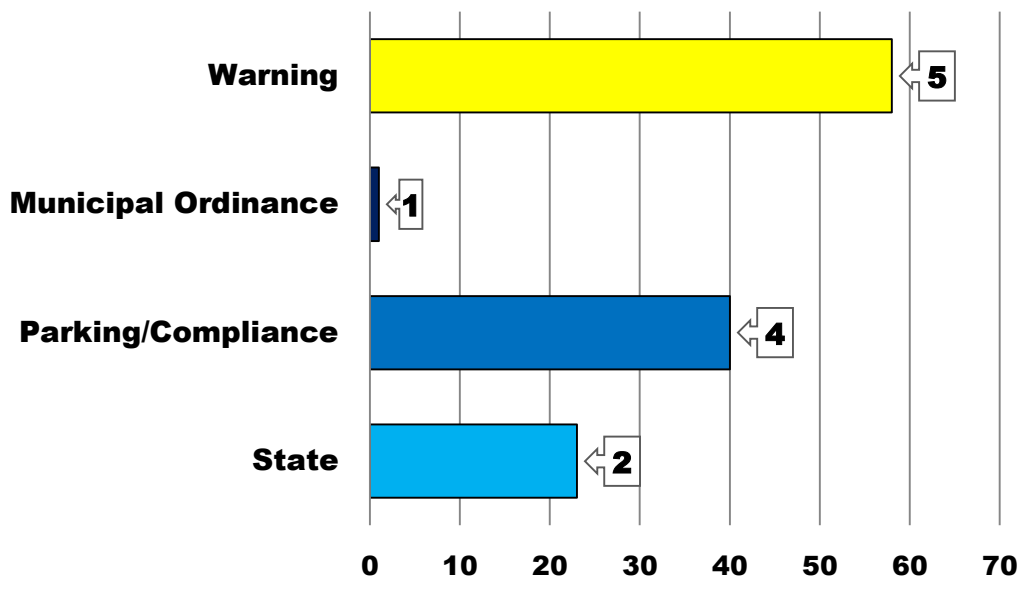
Special Points of Interest

- **Increased patrol staff by hiring three new lateral officers.**
- **Increased call volume regarding telephone and email scams. Please safeguard your personal information. Always verify with the company by contacting them directly.**
- **Please remember to always lock your vehicle and residential doors. Call 911 if you see any suspicious activity.**

PATROL ACTIVITIES



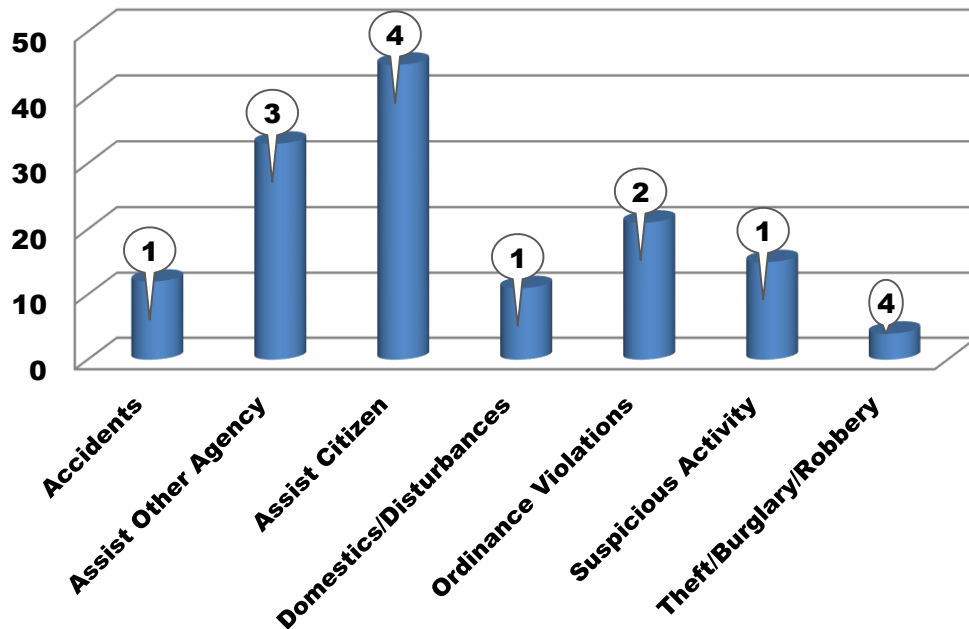
CITATION BREAKDOWN



CALL BREAKDOWN

TOTAL NUMBER OF CALLS = 353

TOTAL NUMBER OF TRAFFIC STOPS = 102



Notable Incidents

Thornton police were alerted via high-band radio to an ongoing investigation in Glenwood following a shots-fired call. Glenwood officers identified a vehicle of interest and attempted a traffic stop. The vehicle, a blue Chevrolet Monte Carlo, fled at high speeds toward Thornton. Thornton officers responded, joining the pursuit of the fleeing vehicle. The vehicle, occupied by three individuals, endangered public safety by traveling at speeds significantly above posted limits and disregarding multiple traffic control devices. During the pursuit, the vehicle was observed reaching speeds of over 70 mph in residential zones, two passengers exited the vehicle and fled on foot at one point and the pursuit continued until the vehicle eluded capture after another agency's vehicle inadvertently obstructed the pursuing squad car. Despite an extensive search effort, including aerial assistance, the vehicle was not located.

Thornton officers were dispatched to a residence on Mallette Street in response to a reported disturbance. Upon arrival, officers investigated an altercation between two family members. The investigation revealed that the altercation began when one individual entered the residence, gathered belongings, and was confronted by a relative about being on the property without permission. The situation escalated into a physical altercation, during which the individual struck the relative multiple times. Further evidence, including doorbell camera footage, corroborated the sequence of events, showing the individual and several unidentified acquaintances entering and exiting the residence during the incident. The relative declined to file criminal complaints, prompting officers to act on behalf of the victim. The individual was arrested and charged with one count of domestic battery. They were processed at the Thornton Police Department and are awaiting a bond hearing.

Thornton police responded to a report of a suicide attempt at a residence on Arapaho Drive. Upon arrival, officers were informed by the caller that their child had attempted to overdose on painkillers following a personal conflict with a friend. The individual was found conscious in the basement and had made several concerning statements about their desire to end their life. While the type and quantity of medication taken were unclear, pills and open prescription bottles were recovered and provided to the Thornton Fire Department. The individual was transported to a local hospital for medical treatment. No further details are available at this time.

Thornton police responded to a reported accident with injuries near Margaret and Schwab Streets. Upon arrival, officers located a heavily damaged vehicle and its driver, who appeared disoriented and exhibited signs of intoxication, including slurred speech, bloodshot eyes, and the odor of alcohol. The driver claimed to have been cut off by another vehicle but was unable to provide further details. A partially consumed bottle of whiskey was discovered inside the vehicle during an inventory search. Witnesses reported hearing the crash and observed the driver exiting the vehicle through the window. The driver was transported to the hospital for treatment, where they later became combative with staff and required sedation. The driver has been identified and is scheduled to appear at the 6th District Markham Courthouse.

Thornton officers took a report for a work van burglary. The vehicle, parked on the street overnight, was found with a broken rear passenger window. Unknown suspects gained entry and stole various tools and equipment valued at over \$800, including power tools, hand tools, and other work-related items. There are no suspects or witnesses at this time. The case has been forwarded to investigations and may be connected to a related incident. This highlights the importance of continued vigilance and community efforts to deter property crimes. Residents are encouraged to report any suspicious activity to authorities promptly.

Thornton police were contacted regarding a series of burglaries at a freight yard located on Westview Avenue. The complainant reported that at approximately 4:25 AM, an unknown vehicle entered the yard and targeted three semi-tractors: Unit 14014, window broken and the CPC4 module removed from the dash, Unit 23424, passenger door accessed (unlocked), and the CPC4 module removed and Unit 15642, window broken, but no items taken as it had previously been burglarized. Exterior video surveillance of the incident was collected and logged as evidence. The investigation is ongoing.

While on patrol near Gallagher Asphalt, Thornton police observed a vehicle traveling northbound at 76 mph in a marked 35 mph zone. The vehicle was also straddling the center lane divider. Officers initiated a traffic stop near Harriet and Williams. The driver provided identification but had an expired insurance card. After further investigation, the driver was taken into custody and transported to the Thornton Police Department for processing. The vehicle was towed from the scene. The driver received the following citations: State Citations for speeding 35+ mph over the limit (Class A misdemeanor), operating an uninsured motor vehicle, and improper lane usage and local citations for expired state registration and no front registration plate. The driver was released pending their court date at Markham Courthouse.

A Thornton resident reported being the victim of a scam. The individual stated they were contacted by a person identifying himself as "George Goodman," who claimed to offer a 2025 Mercedes in exchange for an initial payment. After negotiations, the individual agreed to send \$2,500 via cashier's check to an address in Baltimore, Maryland. Following the payment, the complainant contacted the purported dealership and was informed that no such transaction existed and they had been scammed. The individual was advised to notify their bank for further assistance. The scam involved phone numbers originating from two out-of-state area codes and the matter is under investigation.

Thornton officers were dispatched to a residence on Sunnyside Drive for a well-being check. A family member reported concerns after not hearing from the resident for over a month and observing signs such as an unattended vehicle, overflowing mail, and no response at the door. Upon entry into the residence, officers discovered the resident deceased in an advanced state of decomposition. Thornton Fire Department and the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office were contacted, and the body was transported for further investigation. The residence was secured and turned over to the reporting family member.

