

# **THORNTON POLICE DEPARTMENT**

## **MONTHLY REPORT**

### **December 2025**



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

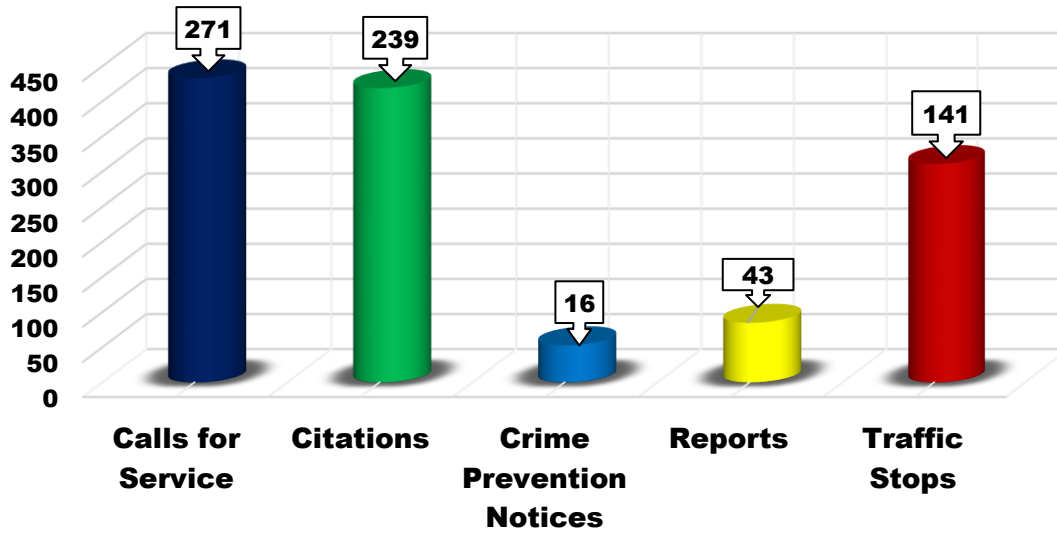
- **Call 911 if you see any suspicious activity.**
- **In 2024, the Thornton Police Department had 3600 calls for service and conducted 973 traffic stops that resulted in 1,143 citations and warnings. In 2025, our department had 7053 calls for service and conducted 2,498 traffic stop that resulted in 3,577 citations and warnings. Percentage increase one year:**

**Calls for Service-96%**

**Traffic Stops-157%**

**Citations/Warnings-213%**

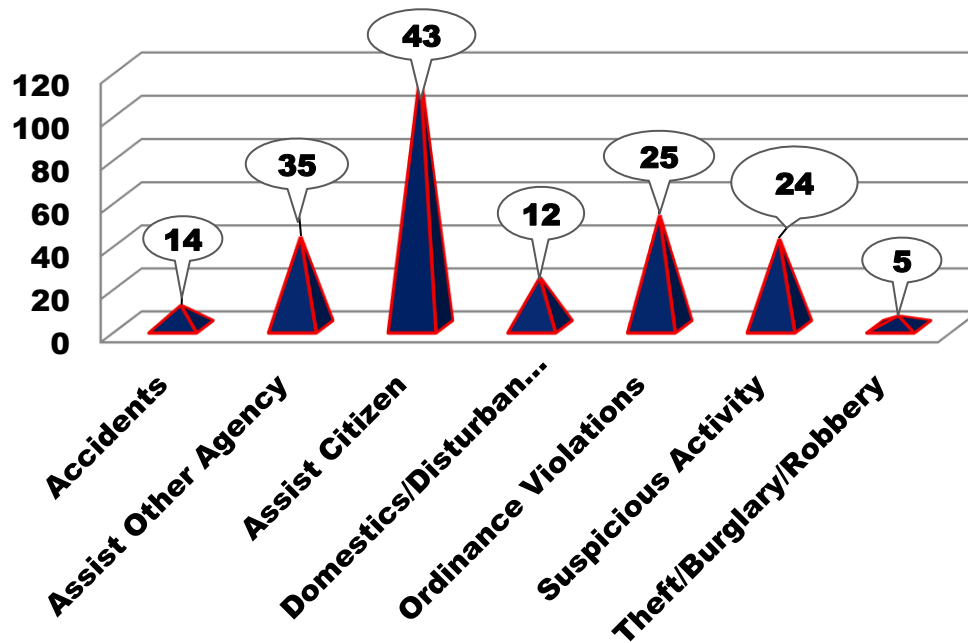
## PATROL ACTIVITIES



## CALL BREAKDOWN

TOTAL NUMBER OF CALLS = 412

TOTAL NUMBER OF TRAFFIC STOPS = 141



## **Notable Incidents**

- On December 1, 2025, Thornton Police responded to a report of debit card fraud. A resident reported being notified by their financial institution of suspicious activity on their account. An investigation revealed multiple unauthorized transactions had been made at retail businesses in the Chicago area, including electronics and retail stores. The total amount of the fraudulent charges was approximately \$2,796.91. The victim confirmed the purchases were not authorized and has initiated a fraud claim with their credit union. The matter has been forwarded to the financial institution's fraud department for further investigation. No suspects have been identified at this time. The case remains under review.
- On December 4, 2025, a Thornton Police Officer observed a vehicle traveling with a temporary registration plate that appeared altered and inconsistent with official records. A records check showed the registration to be expired, despite the displayed tag showing a later expiration date. The officer conducted a traffic stop and determined the temporary registration was fictitious. The plate was seized as evidence. The driver was issued multiple local ordinance citations related to expired and altered registration and was provided a court date. The driver was released from the scene without incident. The incident was documented and recorded on body-worn camera, and photographic evidence of the altered registration was collected for processing and destruction.
- On December 7, 2025, Thornton Police officers responded to a report of a neighbor dispute regarding a parking lot and vehicle placement for snow removal. Two residents were involved in a verbal argument related to vehicles being moved so the lot could be plowed. One resident alleged that the other had damaged her vehicle, though no visible damage could be confirmed. The second resident later reported that her truck had been damaged and that a witness observed the first resident strike the vehicle. Officers took one individual into custody based on the investigation and witness statements. The subject was transported to the Thornton Police Department, charged with criminal damage to property, and released on a citation with a pending court date.
- On December 13, 2025, Thornton Police officers were dispatched to assist the Thornton Fire Department regarding a report of an unresponsive male. Fire personnel arrived first and confirmed the individual was deceased. Officers entered the residence and located a male in a bedroom who showed signs consistent with having been deceased for an extended period. Medical equipment was present, and the area appeared undisturbed. Family members were on scene and provided medical history information, indicating the individual had several preexisting health conditions. The Cook County Medical Examiner's Office was notified and, after reviewing the circumstances, declined to respond and authorized the release of the body to the family. The family advised they would make arrangements with a funeral home. Officers noted that a welfare check had been conducted at the same location the day prior after the individual failed to report to work, but no contact was made at that time.

- On December 13, 2025, Thornton Police officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject inside a vehicle. The vehicle owner requested that a passenger be removed from the vehicle. Officers gave the subject multiple lawful orders to exit the vehicle and offered to provide transportation to another location. The subject refused to comply. After repeated warnings, officers attempted to remove the subject from the vehicle, at which point the subject actively resisted by pulling away, kicking, and swinging their arms. During the struggle, the subject struck one of the officers. Officers used less-lethal force to gain compliance and were able to take the subject into custody. The subject continued to resist before being secured in handcuffs. The Thornton Fire Department responded and transported the subject to a local hospital for evaluation. After being medically cleared, the subject was processed at the Thornton Police Department and charged with multiple counts of resisting and battery on a police officer, along with a local ordinance violation for criminal trespass to a vehicle. The incident was recorded on body-worn camera.
  
- On December 22, 2025, Thornton Police officers responded to a residence regarding a report of suspicious activity involving individuals attempting to access a boarded-up property. Officers determined the individuals were authorized contractors for the financial institution that owns the property. Police were also advised of a valid court order allowing a former resident to enter the home for a limited time to retrieve personal property. Officers remained on scene to ensure compliance with the court order and to keep the peace while the authorized individual removed belongings from the residence. The property was removed without incident, and the contractors re-secured the home once the process was complete. All parties then left the area. No further action was required.
  
- On December 27, 2025, a Thornton Police officer responded to a disturbance in the parking lot of a local bar. Two adult females were observed involved in a physical altercation. An investigation determined that one individual struck the other in the face. The victim declined to pursue criminal charges. Due to a large crowd forming in the area, officers from several neighboring police departments assisted to ensure the situation was safely controlled. Both individuals were separated and left the area without further incident. The event was recorded on body-worn cameras. No further action was taken.
  
- The Thornton Police Department assisted the following agencies from either patrol, SSERT, SMART or SSMCTF: Burbank PD, Glenwood PD, Illinois State Police, South Holland PD, and Tinley Park PD

