

THORNTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY REPORT

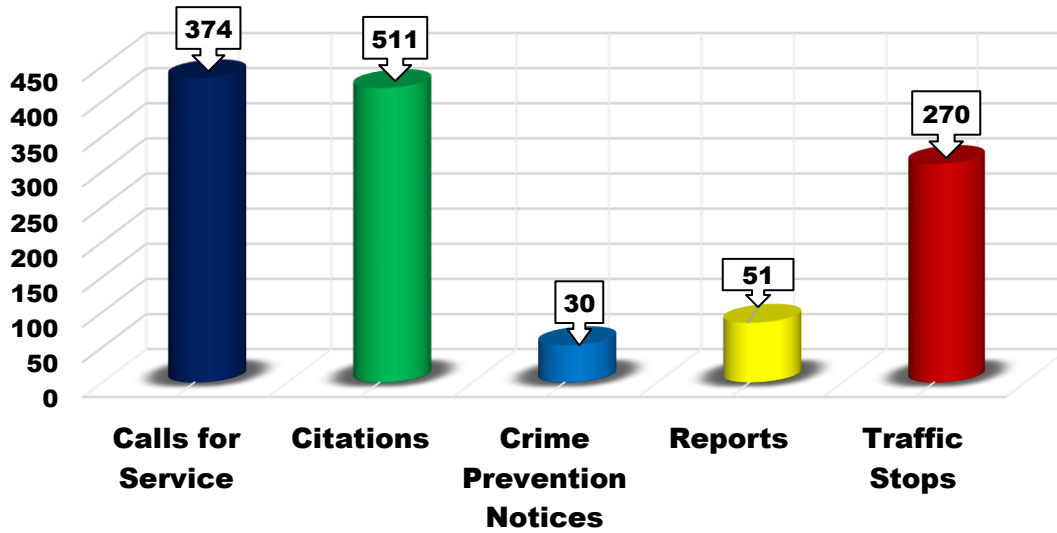
January 2026



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

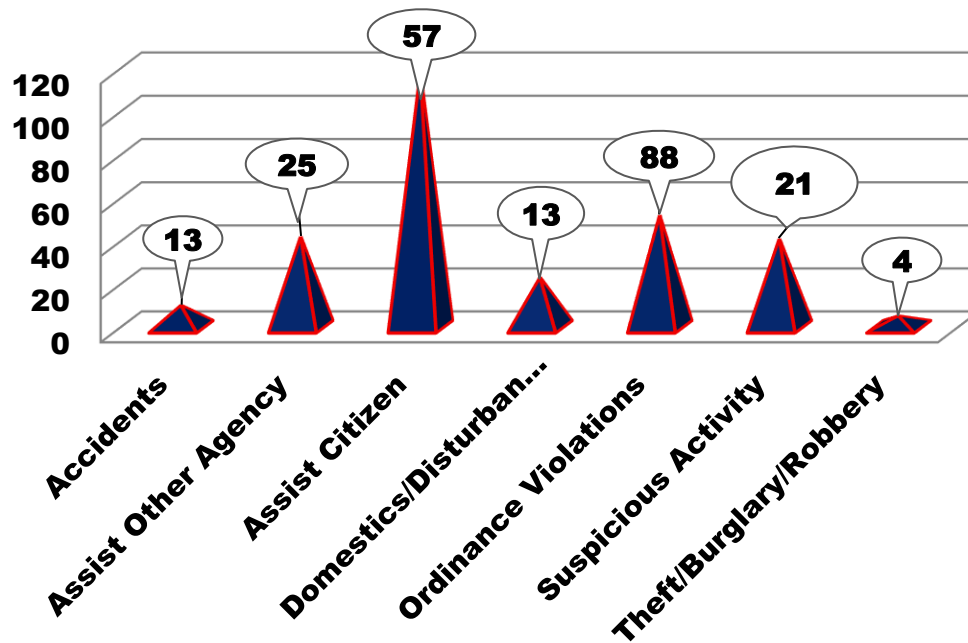
- **Call 911 if you see any suspicious activity.**
- **Over the past six months our officers have been issuing Crime Prevention Notices to residents and businesses within the village. These notices are NOT citations, but merely a notification to the resident or business owner that about their vulnerability to crime. By issuing Crime Prevention Notices, the officer is making the homeowner or business owner aware of a specific condition which may pose a threat to property or safety. The condition is indicated on each notice issued.**

PATROL ACTIVITIES



CALL BREAKDOWN

TOTAL NUMBER OF CALLS = 644
TOTAL NUMBER OF TRAFFIC STOPS = 270



Notable Incidents

- Thornton Officers responded to the police station to meet with a complainant reporting a battery and theft that allegedly occurred at an off-site location during a private gathering on January 1, 2026. The complainant stated that an argument with an acquaintance escalated into a physical altercation, resulting in visible injuries. The complainant also alleged that personal property was taken following the incident and reported attempted fraudulent transactions. Photographs of the reported injuries and related documentation were collected as evidence. A witness was contacted and provided limited corroboration but was unable to identify who initiated the physical confrontation. The accused denied that any physical incident occurred. The case was presented to the Cook County State's Attorney's Office for felony review and was initially held due to insufficient witness cooperation. After a follow-up review, prosecutors authorized continued investigation and advised officers to attempt the required physical contacts prior to seeking a felony arrest warrant. The investigation remains ongoing.
- On January 2, 2026, at approximately 2310 hours, Thornton Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person near a residence. A neighbor reported observing an unknown individual on two occasions walking up the driveway of a nearby home. Officers checked the property and discovered the front door unsecured. Additional officers assisted with clearing the residence, and no occupants or signs of criminal activity were located. Attempts were made to contact the homeowners through available information but were initially unsuccessful. Officers were ultimately able to secure the residence and requested notification be made to the homeowners regarding the incident. Body-worn camera footage was recorded.
- On January 4, 2026, at approximately 2317 hours, Thornton Officers responded to a local restaurant for a report of an aggravated assault involving a knife. Dispatch advised that the suspect had brandished a weapon and attempted to leave the area on foot. Officers located and detained the individual nearby, recovering two knives during a protective search. The victim reported that the suspect became disorderly inside the establishment, was escorted out, and then struck her in the face with an open hand before displaying a knife during the confrontation. Officers observed visible injuries, and the victim declined medical attention. Witnesses on scene corroborated the account. Due to the parties having a child in common, the incident was classified as domestic in nature. The suspect was placed under arrest for Domestic Battery, provided Miranda warnings, and transported to the police department for processing. Required domestic violence information was provided to the victim. Security video is pending retrieval, and the suspect was scheduled for an initial court appearance. Body-worn camera footage was recorded.

- On January 10, 2026, at approximately 0054 hours, Thornton Officers responded to a residence for a reported domestic disturbance. Both parties reported a verbal altercation that allegedly became physical; however, each provided conflicting accounts of what occurred. Officers did not observe any visible injuries on either individual, and no physical evidence of a battery was found. Due to the inconsistent statements and lack of observable injuries, no arrest was made. The parties were separated for the evening to prevent further conflict. Body-worn camera footage was recorded.
- On January 16, 2026, Thornton Officers responded to a report of trespassing at a local grocery store. While enroute, an officer observed an individual matching the provided description walking nearby and made contact. The individual was taken into custody based on prior trespassing incidents at the same location. Store management confirmed they wished to pursue complaints for both a prior trespass incident in December and the current incident. Officers issued citations for trespassing to real property related to both dates and provided the individual with a Notice to Appear in court. The individual was processed at the police department, issued pretrial release conditions, and released without incident. Body-worn camera footage was recorded.
- Thornton Officers responded to a residence for a reported domestic disturbance involving a family member who was allegedly damaging the front door and throwing rocks at the home. Upon arrival, the individual had fled the scene. Family members reported the individual became upset during a household dispute, forced his way out of the residence, and later attempted to re-enter, causing minor property damage. A family member sustained a minor injury during the encounter. Officers conducted an area search and located the individual in a neighboring jurisdiction. The individual was transported to the police department, where a mental health evaluation was conducted. He voluntarily agreed to be transported to a local hospital for psychiatric treatment. The family was notified of the outcome. Body-worn camera footage was recorded.
- On January 17, 2026, at approximately 2334 hours, Thornton Officers responded to an apartment building for a reported disturbance on the second floor. Upon arrival, officers checked multiple units but did not hear any active shouting or signs of a disturbance. Residents advised they had heard loud voices in the hallway; however, no one reported being involved in an altercation or requiring assistance. One caller appeared to be under the influence of alcohol but was not in distress. After checking the area and confirming no evidence of criminal activity or ongoing disturbance, officers cleared the scene. Body-worn camera footage was recorded.
- On January 21, 2026, Thornton Officers responded to a residence initially for an assist fire call that was later determined to involve a domestic disturbance. Upon arrival, officers located the involved parties outside while fire personnel evaluated an individual who had fainted and sustained minor scratch injuries. The investigation revealed that a verbal dispute escalated when one individual allegedly armed themselves with a knife, made threatening statements toward a family member, and stabbed the knife into a bar stool during the confrontation. Officers recovered the knife from the scene. Based on the totality of the circumstances, officers established probable cause for arrest. The offender was taken into custody at a local hospital, transported to the police department for processing, advised of Miranda rights, and subsequently charged with Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon. The offender was held pending a first court appearance. Body-worn camera footage was recorded.

- Thornton Officers responded to a residence in the 100 block of Indianwood Drive to assist the Thornton Fire Department with a report of an unresponsive male. Upon arrival, officers made contact with family members, who advised the subject suffered from several serious medical conditions. The Thornton Fire Department transported the individual to Ingalls Hospital for further medical attention. This incident appears medical in nature. No foul play is suspected at this time.

- While on patrol, a Thornton Officer conducted a traffic stop on a tow truck observed traveling without a front registration plate and towing a vehicle that displayed no illuminated stop bar or tow registration. A LEADS inquiry revealed the towed vehicle, a red Jeep, was reported stolen out of Chicago on October 29, 2025. Dispatch confirmed the stolen status, and the vehicle was recovered without incident. The driver of the tow truck cooperated with officers and was released at the scene. The recovered vehicle was towed to Ray and Wally's for safekeeping, and the registered owner was notified of its recovery. Body-worn camera footage was active during the incident.

- The Thornton Police Department assisted the following agencies from either patrol, SSERT, SMART or SSMCTF: Glenwood PD, Illinois State Police, South Holland PD, Posen PD, Calumet City PD, Dolton PD, Midlothian PD and Tinley Park PD

