

THORNTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY REPORT

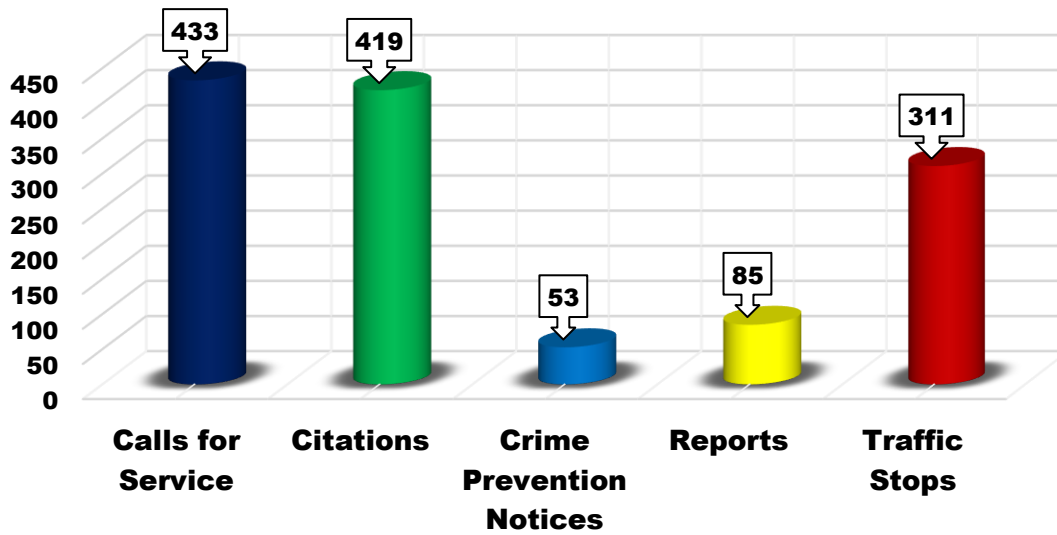
August 2025



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- **Call 911 if you see any suspicious activity.**
- **Due to the new road construction in the area, we are asking residents to be patient and slow down in construction zones.**

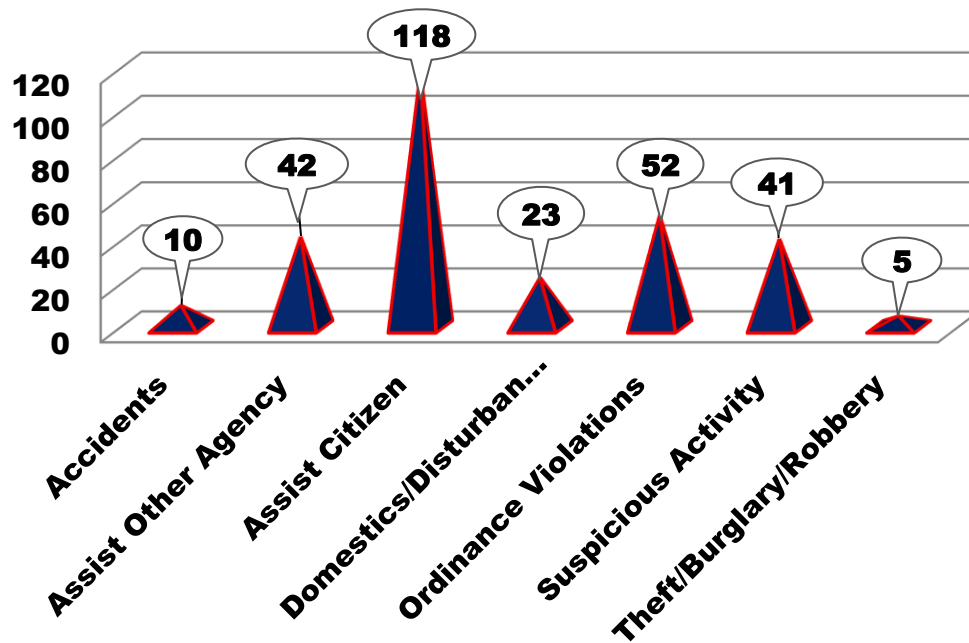
PATROL ACTIVITIES



CALL BREAKDOWN

TOTAL NUMBER OF CALLS = 744

TOTAL NUMBER OF TRAFFIC STOPS = 311



Notable Incidents

August 1, 2025 – Disturbance at Local Bar

At 11:37 p.m., Thornton Officers responded to a disturbance at a bar on Chicago Road. Upon arrival, officers found a verbal argument taking place near the entrance. The dispute reportedly began over an unpaid drink/food tab and escalated into name calling. The involved party was advised to pay the tab and leave, which she did without further incident.

August 2, 2025 – Fleeing and Eluding

At approximately 11:37 p.m., Thornton Officers stopped a vehicle for equipment violations on Williams Street. During the stop, the driver later determined to be a juvenile placed the vehicle in drive and fled at a high rate of speed, disregarding multiple stop signs. Due to the driver being identified, officers did not pursue but notified surrounding agencies. The vehicle was entered into law enforcement databases as wanted for aggravated fleeing and eluding.

August 4, 2025 – Unwanted Subject

At 2:00 a.m., Thornton Officers responded to an unwanted subject call at an apartment complex on Chicago Road. A male subject was reportedly outside throwing rocks at a window. Officers made contact with the individual, who agreed to leave without further incident.

August 5, 2025 – Fictitious Registration Plate

While on patrol, Thornton Officers located a stationary vehicle at Clark Street and Armory displaying an Indiana dealer plate. An investigation revealed the plate was fictitious and did not meet requirements of a valid registration. The plate was seized, and ordinance violations were issued. The vehicle was tagged for tow if not removed within seven days.

August 8, 2025 – Verbal Dispute

Thornton Officers responded to a report of a possible domestic disturbance near Wolcott School. Both individuals stated the incident was only a verbal argument and no physical altercation occurred. No injuries were reported, and the parties left the area without further incident.

August 10, 2025 – Unwanted Subject

Summary: Thornton Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject inside a residence. A male was found in a bedroom without the homeowner's permission and left without incident. The homeowner's daughter was advised on how to lawfully return to retrieve belongings. All parties left without further issue.

August 16, 2025 – Retail Theft

Summary: Thornton Officers documented a delayed report of retail theft at Koch's Food and Liquor. A female suspect removed a bottle of alcohol from the store and fled in a black Nissan Altima. The total loss was \$88.50, and the incident was referred to the detective for follow-up.

August 18, 2025 – Domestic Disturbance / Criminal Damage to Property

Summary: Thornton Officers responded to a domestic disturbance involving a father and his juvenile child. The father allegedly choked the mother during a struggle, and a brick was thrown through a bedroom window, causing minor injuries to a bystander. Both involved parties left the scene, evidence was collected, and a summons packet was completed for follow-up.

August 22, 2025 – Fleeing Vehicle / Arrest

Summary: Thornton Officers assisted Glenwood Police with a fleeing vehicle that crashed into a guardrail and another vehicle. The juvenile driver fled on foot but was apprehended after a brief chase. Multiple bags of suspected cannabis were recovered from the vehicle, and the suspect was transported to the Glenwood Police Department for processing.

August 23, 2025 – Burglary / Theft from Vacant Property

Summary: Thornton Officers responded to a delayed report of a burglary at a vacant property. A recently installed furnace and copper piping were removed from the basement, and new ductwork was damaged. There were no signs of forced entry, and the property had multiple contractors and cleaning crews recently. The incident was documented and referred to investigations for follow-up.

August 24, 2025 – DUI / Possession of Cannabis

Summary: Thornton Officers discovered a driver asleep in a vehicle on the roadway with alcohol and cannabis present. The driver was found to have a revoked license and was taken into custody. Cannabis and alcohol were seized, citations were issued, and the vehicle was towed per department policy.

August 24, 2025 – DUI / Drug Possession / Erratic Driver

Summary: Thornton Officers responded to reports of an erratic tow truck driver behaving dangerously in traffic. The driver was detained after running in and out of traffic and exhibited signs of drug impairment. Suspected heroin, cannabis, and drug paraphernalia were recovered, and the tow truck was impounded. The driver was cited for DUI, possession of drugs and paraphernalia, use of intoxicating compounds, and unauthorized use of red lights, then released on cite and release.

August 27, 2025 – Stolen Vehicle / Fraud Investigation / Multiple Arrests

Summary: Thornton Officers assisted the Illinois Secretary of State Auto Theft Task Force (ISATT) with surveillance of a residence at Bonnie Court, where a 2022 Alfa Romeo SUV was observed leaving the property. The vehicle was suspected stolen, having been purchased with a fraudulent cashier's check. Officers attempted a traffic stop after the vehicle fled at high speed, disregarding stop signs. The driver, a female, exited the vehicle and fled into the residence.

Multiple occupants of the residence were detained. The Alfa Romeo was confirmed stolen, and its registration was found to belong to a different vehicle. Due to a history of violence and firearms at the residence, the South Suburban Emergency Response Team (SSERT) was called to the scene. Officers established a perimeter while ISATT prepared a search warrant; however, the warrant was later rejected by the Assistant State's Attorney. The stolen vehicle was removed from the property under police supervision. Detained individuals were transported to Thornton PD for interviews. The driver of the stolen vehicle, was interviewed but not charged at that time. All were released following interviews. The investigation remains open pending further information and potential follow-up with the involved parties and auto theft task force.

The Thornton Police Department assisted the following agencies from either patrol, SSERT, SMART or SSMCTF: Illinois Secretary of State Police, Glenwood PD, East Hazel Crest PD, Illinois State Police, Country Club Hills PD, South Holland PD, and Chicago Heights PD.

