

# **THORNTON POLICE DEPARTMENT**

## **MONTHLY REPORT**

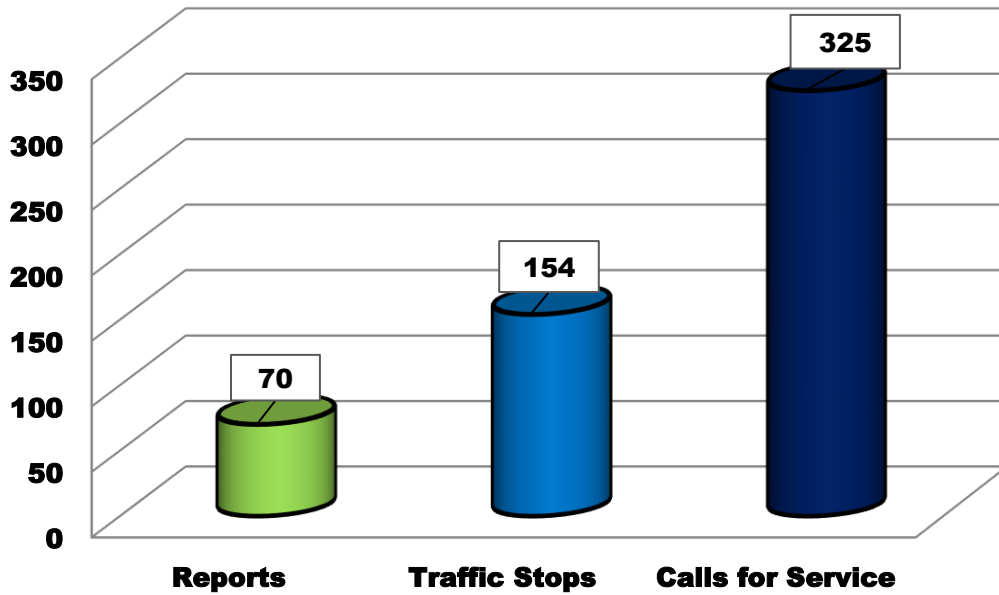
### **APRIL 2025**



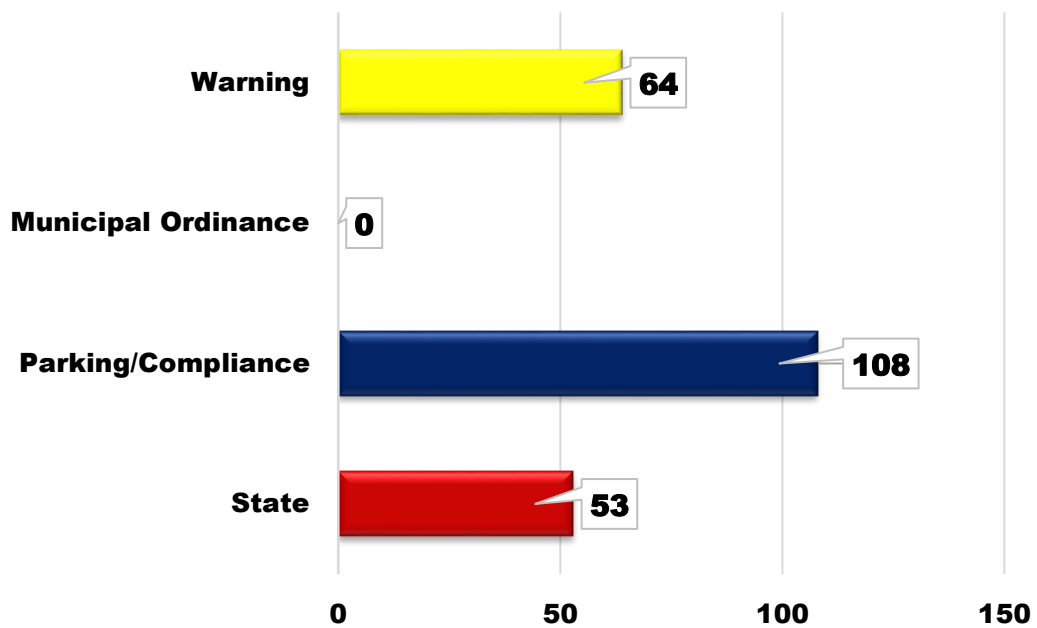
#### ***SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST***

- **Call 911 if you see any suspicious activity.**
- **Due to the increased number of burglaries to motor vehicle and stolen vehicle in the South Suburbs, residents are to remove all valuables from the vehicle and lock the vehicle upon exiting.**
- **Beware of text scams from EZ Pass stating that you have an overdue bill. Do not “click” on the link.**

## PATROL ACTIVITIES



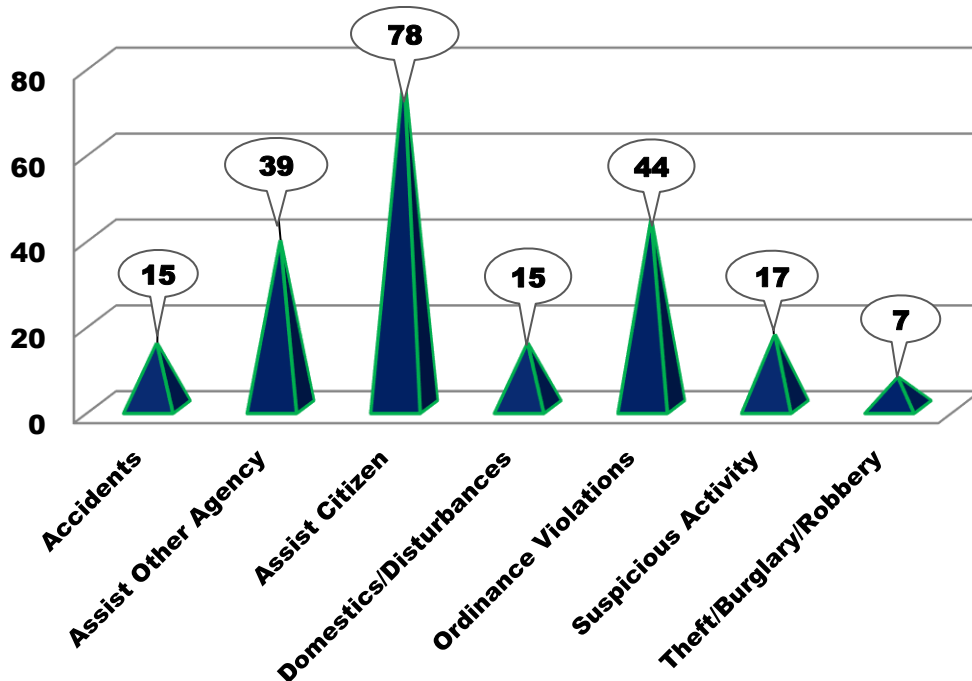
## CITATION BREAKDOWN



## CALL BREAKDOWN

TOTAL NUMBER OF CALLS = 479

TOTAL NUMBER OF TRAFFIC STOPS = 154



### Notable Incidents

Thornton Officers responded to a domestic dispute involving a child custody issue. Upon arrival, officers spoke with a male individual who stated he had come to pick up his child. The female involved refused to bring the child outside and advised he could return the next day. There were no court custody orders presented by either party. Officers advised the male to return the following day, which led to him becoming irate before leaving the scene. No further incidents occurred. The situation remained non-violent, and body-worn cameras were active during the interaction.

Thornton Officers responded to a report of a previously trespassed individual returning to Koch's Lounge and refusing to leave. Officers located the subject walking nearby and detained him for investigation. It was confirmed the individual had been trespassed from the property, and the business owner had agreed to sign complaints if he returned. During a search incident to arrest, officers recovered a glass pipe used for ingesting crack cocaine. The individual was arrested for Criminal Trespassing and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was processed at the police department, advised of his court date, and released under pre-trial conditions. The paraphernalia was placed into evidence.

Thornton Officers responded to a delayed burglary to vehicle report at a commercial freight facility.

The complainant reported that five truck tractors had been burglarized, with CPC (common powertrain controller) units stolen from each. The incident is believed to have occurred between midnight on Friday, April 4, and 0630 hours on Monday, April 7.

A 2021 white Infiniti Q50 was reported stolen between 0100 and 0415 hours from a parking area near the intersection of Williams St and W Juliette St. The vehicle owner was notified of the theft by a co-worker when the car was found missing from its usual parking spot. The vehicle contained personal items including debit cards, a driver's license, a concealed carry license, and a .380 caliber handgun, all of which were stored in the center console. The serial number for the firearm is currently unknown.

South Holland PD later located the vehicle after receiving a tip from a resident about a suspicious vehicle. The only visible damage noted was a broken sunroof. The vehicle was towed to an impound lot. Upon inspection at the tow yard, the owner reported that all items except one debit card were missing, and the vehicle could no longer be started with the key fob. The case remains open, and the firearm will be entered into LEADS once the serial number is provided.

On April 10, 2025, the Thornton Police Department, assisted South Holland PD in an extensive search near Babe Ruth Field for a missing and endangered adult who was reported suicidal. The individual's vehicle had been located earlier by a Lansing PD detective and confirmed as reported missing by the Manhattan Police Department. Search efforts included K-9 tracking, aerial drone support, and ground searches through wooded areas and quarry terrain. The operation involved the cooperation of several partner agencies and specialized units. Due to safety hazards near a steep quarry ledge, the search was suspended that evening. An additional search on the morning of April 11, 2025 yielded negative results. A handwritten note indicating emotional distress was recovered from the vehicle, which was secured by South Holland PD. On April 15, 2025 the body of an unidentified male was recovered from the Water Reclamation Thornton Reservoir near the quarry. Thornton PD took jurisdiction of the investigation. On April 17, the Cook County Medical Examiner confirmed the identity as the missing subject and ruled the death a suicide due to blunt force trauma from a fall. The family has been notified.

Thornton Officers responded to a delayed burglary report at a commercial truck repair business. Upon arrival, the business owner reported that the facility's gate had been cut and several semi-trucks had been targeted. A total of five tractor trailers had their CPC (Common Powertrain Controller) units stolen, with one vehicle also sustaining a broken passenger side window. The estimated total value of the stolen CPC units is approximately \$20,000. Security footage is expected to be provided by the business for investigative review. The case has been referred to the Thornton Police Detective for follow-up.

A Thornton Officer attempted a traffic stop on a black Hyundai Sonata observed speeding eastbound on 173rd Street without taillights. After initially stopping at 173rd and South Park Ave., the vehicle fled southbound, initiating a brief pursuit. The vehicle was seen traveling through local streets and temporarily stopped in front of a furniture business on Williams Street, where a rear passenger exited and fled on foot. The vehicle then continued northbound and was last seen on State Street near Armory. A search of the area for the fleeing passenger yielded negative results. Officers followed up at the vehicle's registered address and made contact with a family member of the registered owner. It was reported that someone else had been driving the vehicle. The family was advised that the vehicle will be subject to impound if located.

Thornton Officers responded to a delayed report of property damage at a business on E. Juliette Street. The owner reported that earlier in the day, a semi-truck picking up a load from a neighboring business backed into and damaged his garage. Security footage confirmed the incident. The Thornton Fire Department and Building Department were called to assess the structural integrity of the garage. The building was deemed unsafe for entry. Thornton Officers contacted the courier company responsible for the truck, and the involved driver voluntarily reported to the Thornton Police Department. The driver admitted he believed he struck a curb, not realizing the extent of the damage. The driver was issued citations for failure to notify of property damage and unsafe backing. He was released on pre-trial conditions and provided a court date.

Thornton officers responded to a residence on Bonnie Court for an unknown problem. Upon arrival, they made contact with a male subject sitting in a vehicle outside the home, who reported that he had been involved in a verbal altercation with a family member and was allegedly struck in the mouth during the dispute. Officers made contact with the relative inside the residence, who confirmed a verbal argument had occurred but denied any physical contact. Both individuals were checked for injuries, and none were observed. The situation was resolved without further incident, and a family member later transported the complainant to another residence in South Holland.

Thornton Officers responded to a domestic dispute at a residence on N. Julian Street. The complainant's son reported a verbal altercation with his mother after he refused to go to soccer practice. In response, he punched a wall, causing minor cuts to his hand. Officers spoke with the mother, who confirmed the argument was about soccer practice. The son declined medical attention and went to his room while the mother left for the store.

The Thornton Police Department assisted the following agencies from either patrol, SSERT, SMART or SSMCTF: Burbank PD, Midlothian PD, Richton Park PD, Summit PD, Oak Lawn PD, Dolton PD, East Hazel Crest PD, Glenwood PD, South Holland PD and Illinois State Police

