

THORNTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY REPORT

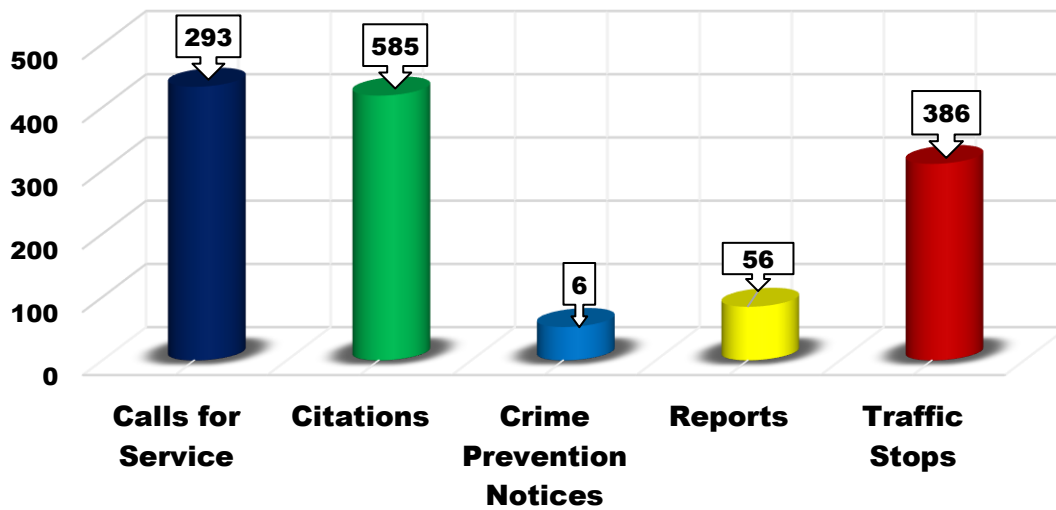
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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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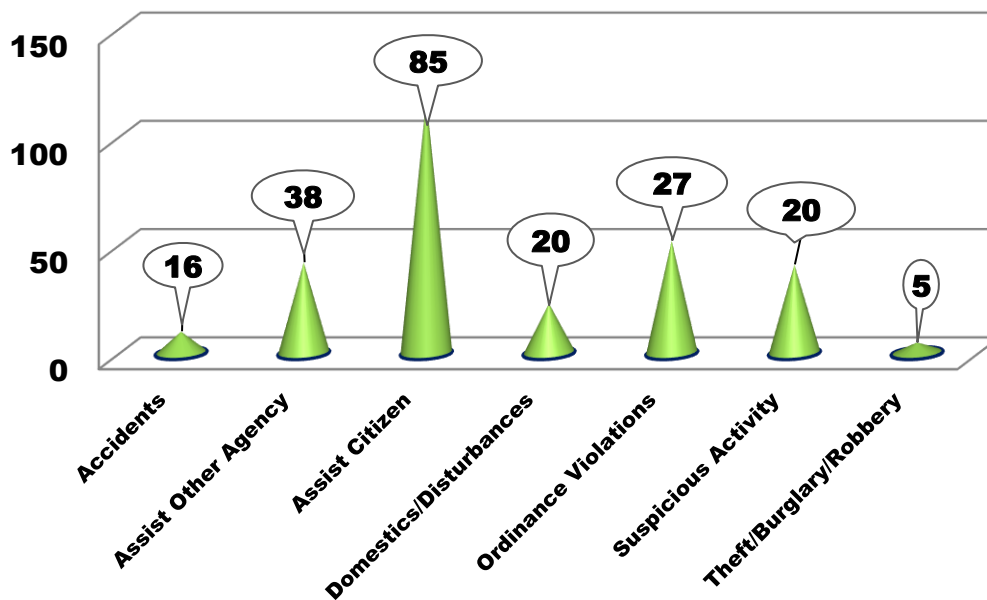
PATROL ACTIVITIES



CALL BREAKDOWN

TOTAL NUMBER OF CALLS = 679

TOTAL NUMBER OF TRAFFIC STOPS = 386



Notable Incidents

On July 2, 2026, at approximately midnight, officers conducted a traffic stop near Ridge Street and Bretz Drive after observing a vehicle traveling at an accelerated rate of speed. A registration inquiry showed the vehicle's registration was suspended for lack of insurance. During the traffic stop, officers detected the odor of an alcoholic beverage and observed signs of possible impairment. The driver admitted to consuming alcohol approximately one hour earlier. Standardized Field Sobriety Tests were administered, and the driver exhibited multiple indicators of impairment. The driver refused to provide a breath sample and was placed under arrest for Driving under the Influence. During an inventory of the vehicle prior to towing, officers located cups containing an odor consistent with tequila, as well as marijuana-related paraphernalia. The driver was transported to the police station, where the appropriate warnings were provided. The driver again refused to provide a breath sample and was advised of the resulting mandatory driver's license suspension. The driver was issued citations for Operating a Vehicle with Suspended Registration, Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle, and Driving under the Influence of Alcohol. The driver was later released to family members without further incident.

On July 6, 2026, at approximately 1501 hours, officers responded to the Police Department for a report of deceptive practice. The complainant reported unauthorized charges had been made against his bank account, nearly depleting the account. The complainant stated the bank advised him that one of the transactions appeared to be related to an auto loan. The complainant reported a similar incident had occurred approximately three to four months earlier. The complainant stated he had already taken preventative measures, including freezing his credit and changing his passwords. The complainant disputed the transactions with his bank and was reimbursed for the fraudulent charges. The complainant requested the incident be documented for his records and in the event additional issues arise with the bank or unauthorized transactions occur in the future.

On July 9, 2026, at approximately 1817 hours, officers responded to the 300 block of N. Hunter Street for a report of a domestic battery. Upon arrival, officers made contact with the involved parties. The female victim reported that an argument had occurred inside the residence regarding a dispute involving an online purchase. During the argument, the male subject allegedly grabbed the victim by both arms and shook her aggressively. The victim stated she attempted to leave the area, but the subject followed her through the residence and into the backyard. The victim reported that the subject grabbed her by the arms again and bit the left side of her face. Officers observed a visible bite mark and redness on the victim's arm. The victim also provided photographs showing a bite mark with visible teeth impressions. The injuries and photographs were documented by officers. The male subject was placed under arrest for Domestic Battery. The victim was provided with domestic violence resources and information regarding the case. The arrested subject was transported to the police station, processed, fingerprinted, and charged with Domestic Battery. Complaints were signed by the victim. The subject was subsequently transported to the Markham Courthouse for a court appearance.

On July 12, 2026, at approximately 1446 hours, officers conducted a traffic stop near Margaret Street and Williams Street after observing a vehicle traveling eastbound on Margaret Street with a rear license plate cover. Officers made contact with the driver and conducted a driver's license inquiry through LEADS. The inquiry showed the driver's Illinois driver's license was revoked. The driver was taken into custody without incident. An inventory search of the vehicle was conducted prior to the vehicle being towed from the scene. The driver was transported to the Thornton Police Department and issued citations for an improper license plate cover and Driving While License Revoked. The driver was subsequently released from police custody.

While on patrol, officers observed a vehicle parked and running with no apparent occupants in front of a residence in the area of E. Margaret Street. After completing a nearby traffic stop, officers observed the vehicle was still running and approached to investigate. Officers discovered an individual asleep in the driver's seat with the vehicle running and the driver's foot on the brake. After officers knocked on the window, the individual woke and attempted to place the vehicle into drive. Officers identified themselves and observed a strong odor of alcohol and vomit coming from the individual. An ambulance was requested due to the individual's condition. The individual was unable to produce a driver's license or identification after multiple requests. Officers observed several bottles of vodka inside the vehicle, including an empty bottle and a partially filled bottle. The individual admitted to consuming alcohol. The individual became verbally aggressive and uncooperative while exiting the vehicle and was subsequently transported by ambulance to a local hospital for medical evaluation. At the hospital, the individual remained uncooperative with medical staff and repeatedly attempted to get off the stretcher. Officers assisted hospital staff, and the individual was secured to the stretcher with handcuffs. Officers attempted to complete the required observation period and provide the Warning to Motorists. The individual remained asleep and unresponsive and did not respond to requests to submit to chemical testing.

On June 22, 2027, at approximately 2008 hours, officers responded to the Thornton Police Department lobby for a report of a juvenile who had been battered. Upon arrival, officers met with a juvenile female and her parent. The juvenile reported that she and a friend were walking in the area of Indianwood when they passed three female subjects. The juvenile stated that after a verbal exchange, the three females approached her and her friend and began striking them. The juvenile reported she was slapped and struck in the head, while her friend was slapped. The juvenile described the three subjects as females wearing pajama-style pants or dark-colored shorts and bonnets. One of the subjects was reported to have a sleeve-style tattoo. Officers observed redness to the juvenile's cheeks and a raised area on the left side of her head. The injury was documented with a photograph. The juvenile and her parent declined medical attention.

On July 25, 2026, at approximately 1558 hours, officers responded to a business in the 17600 block of N. Williams Street for a delayed report of a possible burglary to commercial vehicles. The manager reported that surveillance footage from approximately 0127 hours showed a black Chevrolet SUV enter the company's parking lot and slowly drive through the area of several parked commercial trucks. The vehicle eventually stopped near multiple Freightliner trucks. Surveillance footage showed an unidentified male exit the SUV and approaches a parked Freightliner truck. The male used a flashlight, opened the hood, and appeared to inspect the engine compartment. The male then approached a second Freightliner truck, opened the hood, and again appeared to inspect the engine compartment. The company's alarm subsequently activated, causing the male to stop and return to the Chevrolet SUV. The male entered the vehicle, which then fled the parking lot northbound on Williams Street. At the time of the report, the company was unaware of any property being stolen or damage occurring to the vehicles. Officers requested a copy of the surveillance footage for evidence and advised the manager to contact the police department if any missing property or damage was discovered.

On July 28, 2026, at approximately 0255 hours, officers responded to the 100 block of Bonnie Court for a 911 hang-up call. Upon arrival, officers made contact with a male and female involved in a domestic disturbance. The female reported that an argument began after the male demanded money from her. She stated that after she provided him with money, he became upset and demanded additional funds. The female reported that the male approached her aggressively, causing her to fear for her safety. She stated she kicked toward him to keep him away. The female reported the male then took her cell phone and struck her multiple times in both legs with the phone. She also stated the male struck her legs with his hands and spit on her during the incident. Officers observed markings and swelling on both of the female's legs and documented the injuries with photographs. The male acknowledged taking the female's phone and stated the incident became physical after the female kicked him. He also admitted to spitting on the female during the incident. Based on the statements provided, the observed injuries, and the male's admissions, he was placed under arrest for Domestic Battery. He was transported to the Thornton Police Department for processing and was held pending transfer to the custody of the Cook County Sheriff. Several children were present in the residence during the incident. It was reported that three of the children did not witness the incident. A fourth child was being held by the female during the disturbance.

Officers responded to the police department for a report of deceptive practice involving a suspected employment scam. The complainant reported that while searching for work-from-home employment, he was contacted through the Telegram messaging application by an individual claiming to be affiliated with Amazon's recruitment team. The complainant stated he was offered employment and instructed to complete various tasks. The complainant reported that the arrangement required him to deposit money into his Cash App account and then transfer the funds to the individual using Bitcoin. The complainant stated he successfully completed two tasks and received compensation for those transactions. For a subsequent task, the complainant was instructed to deposit an additional \$1,000 in order to receive a purported payout ranging from \$1,200 to \$10,000. The complainant became suspicious and refused to send the additional funds. The complainant requested a police report in an effort to document the incident and seek reimbursement for the funds previously transferred. A report number was provided, and the incident was documented as a suspected employment scam.

Departments assisted: Glenwood, CC Hills, Homewood, Lansing, South Holland, Lynwood, ISP, SSERT, SMART, NET 3 TAC

