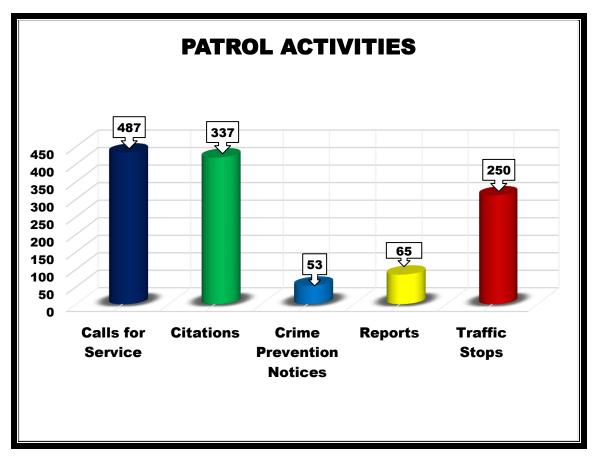
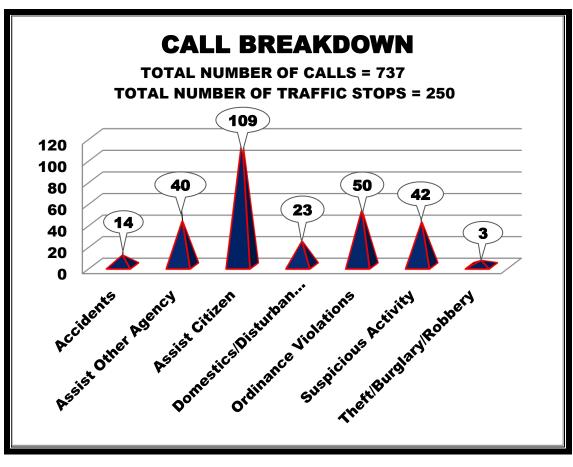
THORNTON POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT September 2025



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Call 911 if you see any suspicious activity.
- ➤ The police department has begun a new notification program for Crime Prevention. Our officers are leaving notices to make residents aware of potential vulnerabilities such as open door on cars and garages. It resembles a citation, but it is merely a notice informing you of the condition present on the property.





Notable Incidents

Thornton officers were dispatched to the 500 block of Chicago Road for a report of a disturbance involving several individuals arguing outside an apartment building. Upon arrival, officers located a juvenile outside who stated he had been locked out of his residence by his siblings. Officers attempted to make contact with the occupants of the apartment, but the children initially refused to open the door. Shortly after, the mother of the children returned home and was initially uncooperative before later cooperating with officers. She explained that her family had recently moved to the area and that one of her children has a mental health condition. After speaking with the mother and relatives, officers determined that the situation did not warrant notification of DCFS at that time, as the children appeared safe and cared for. The mother was provided with information on local resources for mental health evaluation and support. All parties were advised, and the situation was resolved without further incident.

The encounter was recorded on officers' body-worn cameras.

Thornton officers were dispatched to a residence in the 300 block of East Harriet Street for a disturbance between a mother and her daughter. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the complainant, who stated that an argument began when her daughter refused to move from the couch and became verbally aggressive. Officers made contact with the juvenile, who appeared agitated and was uncooperative during initial contact. Due to concerns regarding her behavior and mental state, officers requested Thornton Fire Department EMS to respond for a psychological evaluation. EMS personnel arrived and, after consultation with Ingalls Hospital, transported the juvenile for further evaluation. An officer accompanied EMS as a precaution, while another followed in a marked squad car. The juvenile was safely transported without further incident, though she displayed minor self-aggressive behavior upon arrival at the hospital.

- While officers were handling an unrelated call on Harriet Street, they overheard a female screaming nearby and began canvassing the area. Officers located a vehicle outside a residence in the 200 block of Water Street, where a witness reported that a disturbance was occurring inside the home. Upon arrival, officers made contact with a male and female who had been involved in a domestic altercation. The female reported that she had gone to the residence of her boyfriend and discovered him with another woman, which led to a verbal and physical argument. She alleged that the male struck her in the face. Officers observed visible bruising and swelling on her face. Thornton Fire Department paramedics were requested and treated the female on scene. She declined further medical transport. The male claimed he acted in self-defense and displayed a minor scrape on his arm, which was also checked by paramedics. After speaking with both parties, the female signed complaints for domestic battery. The male was taken into custody without incident, transported to the Thornton Police Department for processing, and later transferred to the Cook County Jail for a court appearance. A domestic violence information packet was provided to the victim. The incident was captured on officers' body-worn cameras.
- Thornton officers responded, along with Homewood Police and Cook County Sheriff's Police, to a report of a man with a gun near a cemetery in the area of Ridge Road. Upon arrival, officers observed a large crowd gathered at Washington Memory Gardens. Officers made contact with a male subject matching the description provided by witnesses. During a pat-down, officers located a loaded handgun concealed in the subject's waistband. The firearm was identified as a Glock 19 equipped with a high-capacity magazine and an illegal conversion device that rendered it fully automatic. The subject did not possess a valid Firearm Owner's Identification (FOID) card or a Concealed Carry License. The individual was taken into custody without incident, and the case was turned over to the Cook County Sheriff's Office, which assumed primary jurisdiction. The Cook County State's Attorney's Office later approved charges for Unlawful Use of a Weapon—Possession of a Machine Gun (Class X Felony) and Aggravated Unlawful Possession of a Weapon (Class 4 Felony). No injuries were reported.

- Thornton officers responded to the police department for a report of a battery between two individuals who had arrived separately. The complainant reported being struck in the face by his support worker while sitting inside a vehicle. Officers observed visible scratches and bruising on the complainant, who was later transported to Ingalls Memorial Hospital by the Thornton Fire Department for evaluation. Officers then made contact with the second individual involved at a residence in the 500 block of North Kinzie Place. He stated that the incident began after an argument at a convenience store regarding a drink that was not paid for. He claimed the complainant struck him multiple times while they were inside a vehicle, and he acted in self-defense. Officers observed minor scratches and a mark on his neck. Both parties were evaluated by medical personnel, and photographs of injuries were taken for documentation. No arrests were made at the time of the report. The incident was recorded on officers' body-worn cameras.
- Thornton officers responded to the 300 block of Blackstone Street around 12:42 a.m. for a report of a vehicle that had just been damaged during a domestic disturbance. Upon arrival, officers spoke with residents who reported that a verbal argument at a birthday gathering escalated when a male subject broke a vehicle's rear windshield with a large object before fleeing the scene on foot. Officers observed a shattered rear windshield and a large rock inside the damaged vehicle. Responding units canvassed the area and briefly spotted the suspect running across nearby railroad tracks in front of an oncoming train, but were unable to locate him afterward. The involved parties were provided Illinois Domestic Violence Act information and advised to sign complaints. One complainant later signed complaints for criminal damage to property. The suspect faces two counts of criminal damage to property. Photos were taken and attached to the case file.
- Property of a possible robbery. Upon arrival, officers located a male subject walking along Chicago Road who appeared visibly distressed and sweating heavily. The individual reported that a friend had taken his money during an argument but stated he no longer wished to pursue charges. During the encounter, officers inspected the individual's prescription medication bottle and observed plastic baggies containing pills inside. Detectives were notified, and officers were instructed to document the incident and return the medication. Thornton Fire

Department paramedics responded to the scene to evaluate the individual, who was later transported to South Suburban Hospital for further medical assessment. The incident was recorded on officers' body-worn cameras.

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

