

THORNTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY REPORT

DECEMBER 2024

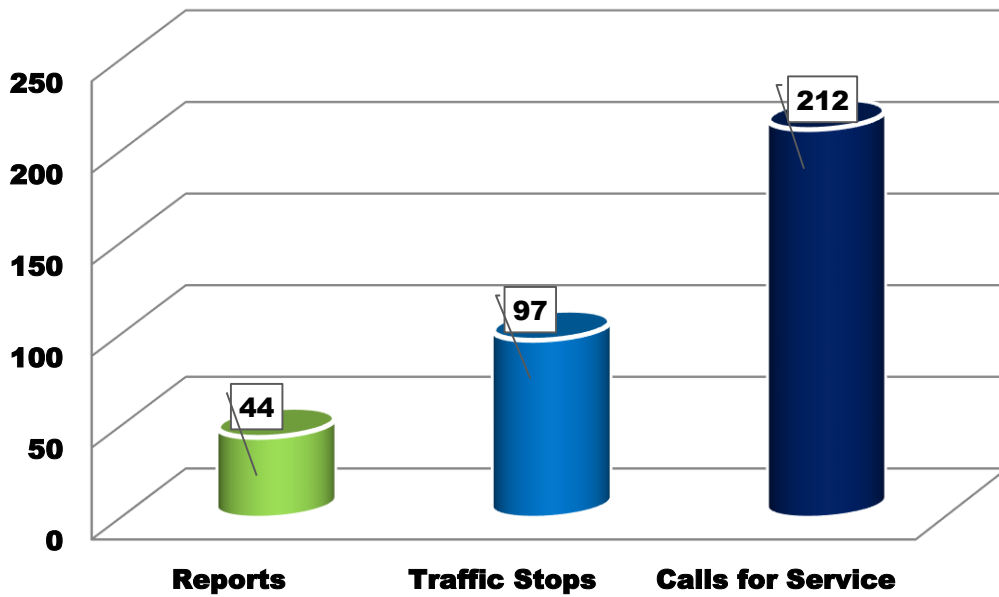


SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

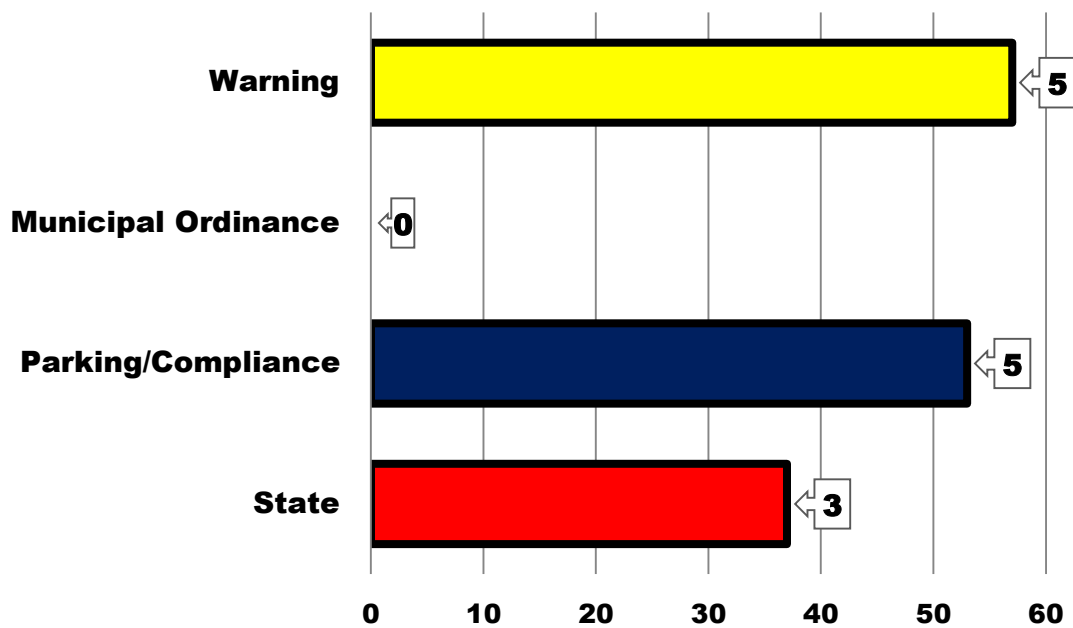
- **Call 911 if you see any suspicious activity.**
- **Please remember the Village of Thornton ordinance regarding parking restrictions during snow conditions.**

Every owner, lessee or other person having charge of any motor vehicle in the Village shall remove said vehicle from any street or highway within the geographical limits each time a snowfall of two (2) or more inches.

PATROL ACTIVITIES



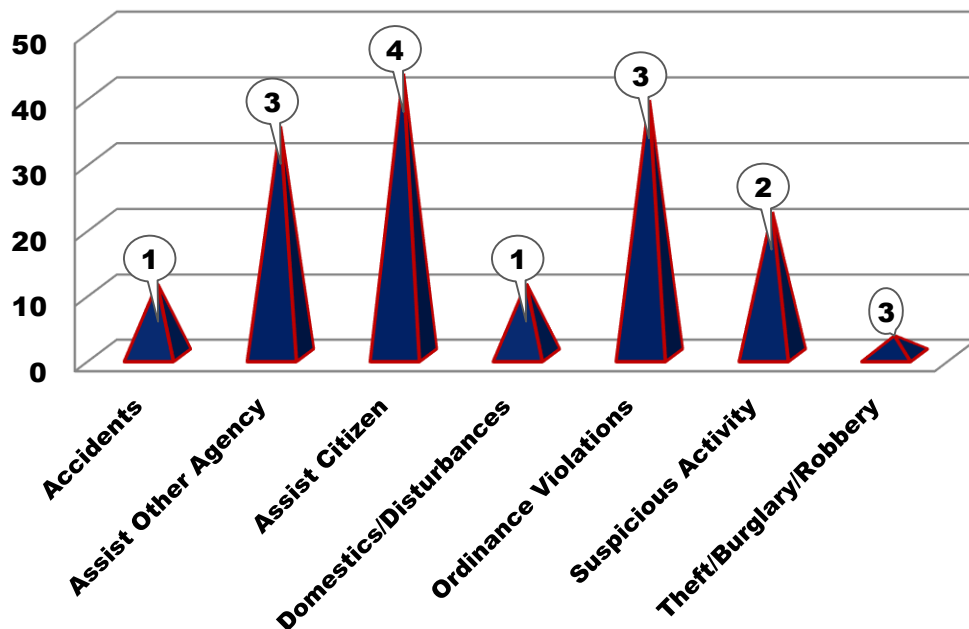
CITATION BREAKDOWN



CALL BREAKDOWN

TOTAL NUMBER OF CALLS = 390

TOTAL NUMBER OF TRAFFIC STOPS = 97



Notable Incidents

Thornton police Officers met with a complainant who reported her ex-husband violated a No Contact order from the Cook County Court. On December 2, 2024, he called her at 9:00 PM, inquiring about their child and claiming he was on vacation in South America and had \$100,000 to give her. The next morning, a package addressed to their son, containing candy, was left on her porch without postage. The complainant has two videos: one of the phone calls and another of a text exchange with an unknown person, possibly her ex-husband. The investigation is ongoing.

On December 12, 2024, at 11:38 PM, an officer was dispatched in response to a noise complaint at a local restaurant. Upon arrival, the officer contacted the bartender and requested that the music volume be reduced. While the music was not audible from outside the establishment, it was quite loud when the entrance door was opened. The bartender complied and turned the music down.

On December 13, 2024, at 2:14 AM, police responded to a call about a 17-year-old male experiencing a manic episode and potentially becoming combative due to being off his medication. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the concerned mother, who reported her son had not taken his medication, had not slept in two days, and had used marijuana. Disturbing noises were heard from the basement, and the mother indicated previous incidents where multiple officers had to subdue him during earlier evaluations. Additional police units were requested for support. Officers entered the basement, where the youth had locked himself in his bedroom. Using de-escalation techniques, they engaged him in a calm conversation. He expressed a need for help and was reassured that assistance would be provided. After gathering his belongings, he exited the residence with the officers and was transported by Thornton EMS to Ingalls Hospital for a psychiatric evaluation without further incident.

On December 13, 2024, during routine patrol near Francis and South Hunter, an officer was approached by a resident who reported that a female driver had pulled into his driveway and urinated. The officer stopped the black Mazda with Illinois registration and identified the driver as, who admitted to the act. Upon checking her identification, the officer found that the driver had suspended driving privileges and presented an expired insurance card. After being removed from her vehicle, the female driver was handcuffed and placed in a patrol car. Due to her aggressive behavior, she was transferred to a different squad car. An inventory search of her vehicle revealed suspected cannabis in a glass container labeled "Island Flower." The driver was taken to the Thornton Police Department, charged with driving while suspended, no proof of insurance, and expired registration, as well as disorderly conduct and possession of cannabis. She was released on a cite-and-release basis with a court date.

On December 17, 2024, at 8:48 PM, Thornton officers responded to reports of possible gunshots and suspicious activity at Bonnie Court and Highland Avenue. Witnesses reported seeing two individuals running toward 172nd Street and a white sedan speeding toward the Thornton Police Department. Four male individuals were in the vicinity, and four gunshots were heard, but it was unclear if anyone was injured. A white U-Haul truck was also observed making a U-turn on Highland Avenue. Upon arrival, officers encountered several uncooperative individuals who did not provide information. Vehicle checks revealed no damage or shell casings at the scene. The U-Haul truck was blocking the driveway of 913 Highland Avenue; it was cleared and towed for safekeeping. Despite a thorough search of the area, no further details or names were obtained. The information collected will be forwarded to the investigations division for review.

On December 18, 2024, at approximately 8:23 PM, Thornton Officers were dispatched to the 7-Eleven for an armed robbery. Upon arrival, dispatch provided a description of the suspect: a young Black male in a beige coat and mask who had robbed the store at gunpoint. Officers contacted the complainant, Deborah Rush, who confirmed the suspect's description and called for EMS due to her distressed state. After a negative canvass of the area, I returned to speak with Rush, who reported that around 8:19 PM, a young, skinny Black male, about 5'8", jumped the counter with a handgun, demanding money. He lifted his mask slightly, assuring her he wouldn't shoot if she complied. She opened the cash register and fled to the employee room. I also spoke with another employee, who was in the back during the incident. Thornton Detectives arrived to process the scene, and the manager provided video footage. The footage revealed the suspect was wearing blue medical gloves, a black hooded sweatshirt, and drove a light blue SUV. The victim stated that approximately \$46.00 in cash was taken.

On December 21, 2024, at approximately 5:37 PM, police received reports of multiple shots fired in a residential area. Officers responded promptly to the scene and made contact with the homeowner, who reported being inside the residence during the incident. Fortunately, there were no injuries reported. Upon investigation, officers observed significant damage to the property, including a broken front storm door and visible bullet holes in the main windows and siding. Four fired cartridge casings were located in the roadway near the residence, indicating that the shots originated from outside the home. Witnesses in the neighborhood reported hearing between 4 to 10 shots and described seeing a dark-colored van in the vicinity prior to the incident. Several neighbors confirmed having security cameras and expressed willingness to provide video footage to assist in the investigation. The State Police Crime Scene Investigation unit arrived to process the scene and collected evidence, including four 9mm cartridge casings. All evidence has been documented and submitted for further analysis. At the request of the homeowner, officers secured the exterior doors of the residence before leaving the scene. This matter will be taken over by the Thornton Investigations unit.

The Thornton Police Department assisted the following agencies in December: Glenwood Police, Illinois State Police, Burbank Police, Calumet City Police and the Park Forest Police Department. The assists were from patrol, SSERT, SMART and SSMCTF.

