

THORNTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY REPORT

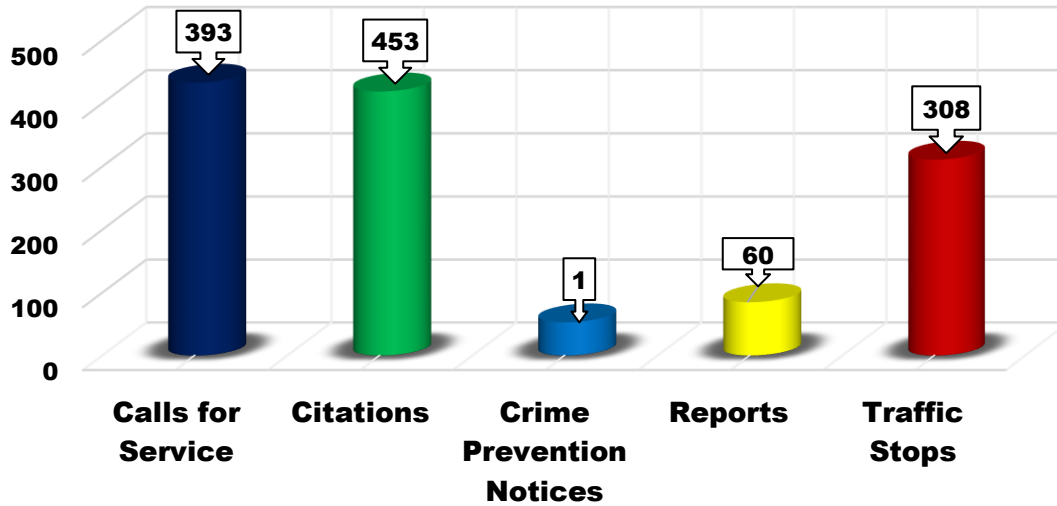
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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST



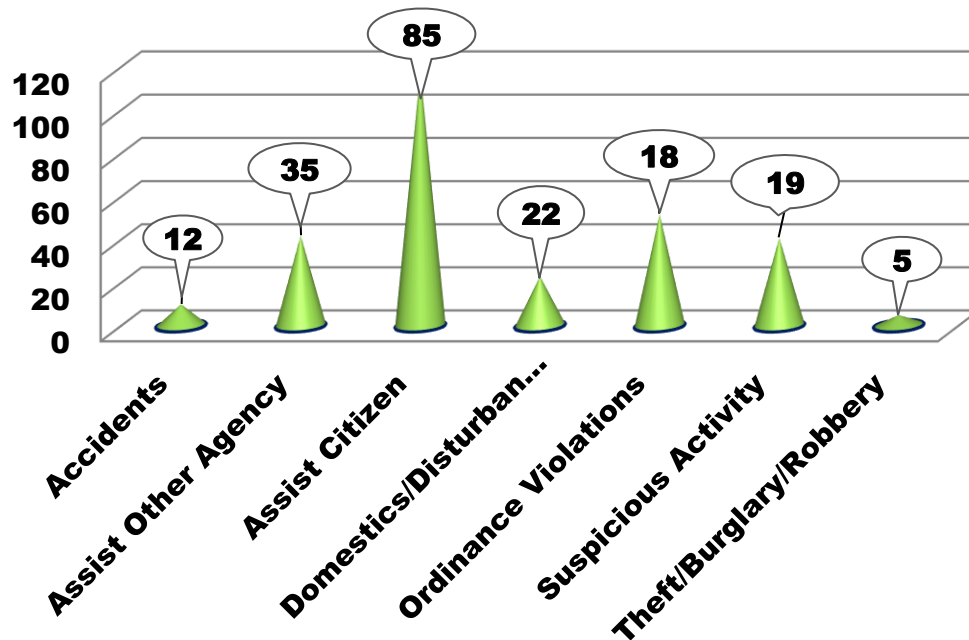
PATROL ACTIVITIES



CALL BREAKDOWN

TOTAL NUMBER OF CALLS = 701

TOTAL NUMBER OF TRAFFIC STOPS = 308



Notable Incidents

Thornton Police Officers were dispatched to a reported burglary in progress at a local business after Southland Communications received information that four subjects armed with sledgehammers were attempting to force entry into the business. Prior to officers' arrival, the subjects fled the area in two vehicles described as a white sedan and a black sedan. Officers arrived and canvassed the surrounding area in an attempt to locate the vehicles and suspects. The investigation determined that the suspects had successfully damaged and defeated the business's exterior door lock and forced the door inward. The door subsequently became jammed, preventing the suspects from gaining access to the interior. Officers reviewed available real-time crime camera footage, which captured a white Kia Stinger and a black Audi A3 in the area at the time of the incident. Further investigation, including coordination with surrounding law enforcement agencies, determined that the Kia Stinger had reportedly been associated with other burglaries. Both vehicles were subsequently determined to have been reported stolen. No suspects were located at the scene. The investigation remains ongoing.

While on routine patrol, a Thornton Police Officer observed a white Hyundai sedan disregard a steady red traffic signal at the intersection of Margaret Street and Schwab Street. The officer conducted a traffic stop after observing additional traffic violations. As the officer approached the vehicle, the vehicle suddenly accelerated from the traffic stop and fled at a high rate of speed. During the pursuit, the fleeing vehicle committed multiple additional traffic violations, including passing other vehicles in designated no-passing zones, nearly striking another vehicle and forcing it from the roadway. The vehicle was observed traveling at speeds exceeding 80 MPH in a posted 25 MPH zone while roadway conditions were wet due to rain. The vehicle also repeatedly veered outside of its designated traffic lane. The vehicle continued its reckless operation while negotiating a curve, passing additional vehicles in a no-passing zone and creating a significant danger to other motorists. Due to the excessive speed, wet roadway conditions, and the driver's continued willful and wanton disregard for the safety of the public, the officer terminated the pursuit in accordance with public safety considerations. A statewide broadcast was subsequently issued regarding the fleeing vehicle, and the vehicle was entered as a felony fleeing vehicle.

Thornton Police Officers were dispatched to a local restaurant in reference to suspicious activity after a passerby reported broken glass near the front entrance. Upon arrival, officers observed the front entrance door open with broken glass scattered on the sidewalk. Officers entered the business and conducted a thorough search of the premises. No suspects were located. During the investigation, officers discovered that six slot machines had been burglarized and damaged. An all-black Husky-brand sledgehammer was located on the floor near the damaged slot machines. The sledgehammer was collected, processed as evidence, and secured. Photographs of the scene were taken as part of the investigation. The business owner responded to the scene and advised officers that security camera footage was not immediately available. Officers provided contact information and requested that any available surveillance footage be forwarded to the Thornton Police Department. A Thornton Police Department detective was notified of the incident, and the investigation remains ongoing.

The Thornton Police Department, along with officers assigned to the Network 3 Tactical Unit, responded to the area of Pawnee & Chippewa Streets following numerous 911 calls reporting a large disturbance, fights in the street, and reports of shots fired. Upon arrival, officers observed approximately 200 juveniles gathered in the streets and at Pawnee Park. Thornton Police Officers and Network 3 Tactical Unit personnel worked to disperse the crowd and ensure the juveniles safely left the area. While monitoring the area, officers encountered two male subjects who were being loud and using profanity. The subjects were advised that their continued conduct could result in their arrest for disorderly conduct. Both subjects continued their disruptive behavior, causing a breach of the peace. When officers attempted to place the subjects under arrest, both fled on foot. Officers pursued the subjects, and both were subsequently taken into custody. One subject was processed as a juvenile offender and was released to a parent with a local ordinance citation for disorderly conduct. The second subject, an adult, was also issued a local ordinance citation for disorderly conduct and released.

Thornton Police Officers were dispatched to a local business in reference to a disturbance. Upon arrival, officers met with the complainant and a witness, who reported that a female had become involved in a confrontation with the complainant inside the business and displayed a knife during the incident. The business employee who witnessed the incident confirmed the account and advised officers that the female displayed a knife during the confrontation. Officers requested surveillance footage; however, the employee advised that only management had access to the camera system. Officers subsequently located the female at a nearby residence and took her into custody. During the investigation, the female stated that she had displayed the knife because she believed she was defending herself during the confrontation. While being processed at the Thornton Police Department, the female became increasingly uncooperative and resistant toward officers. Officers later observed the female attempting to use her clothing to hang herself from the cell bars. Officers intervened and prevented her from harming herself. Medical personnel were requested to evaluate her condition. The female was subsequently transported to a local hospital for medical evaluation. During the transfer, she became combative and resisted officers and medical personnel. She was eventually secured and transported to the hospital for further evaluation. Following the incident, officers completed the necessary complainant paperwork and continued the investigation. The female was charged with: Aggravated Assault w/ Deadly Weapon and Obstructing a Peace Officer.

While conducting a traffic stop in the area of Margaret Street and Hubbard Street, a Thornton Police Officer was approached by a motorist who reported being involved in a road rage incident on Ridge Road. The motorist reported that the driver of another vehicle had displayed and pointed a firearm at him during the incident. The motorist identified a white Ford pickup truck as the vehicle involved. Officers subsequently located the vehicle traveling in the area of Thorn Creek Road. A second Thornton Police Officer responded to assist, and officers conducted a felony traffic stop on the vehicle. The driver was detained and advised of the reason for the stop. The driver denied displaying or pointing a firearm at the reporting party and consented to a search of the vehicle. Officers conducted a search but did not locate a firearm or other weapon related to the reported incident. The driver was released from the scene without further incident. A use-of-force report was completed in connection with the detention.

Thornton Police Officers responded to the area of West Eleanor Street and North Williams Street for a report of shots fired. Upon arrival, officers located numerous spent shell casings in the roadway, including 9mm, .45 ACP, and .223 caliber casings. A portion of an automobile mirror was also located in the roadway. Officers secured the area and conducted a neighborhood canvass. A witness reported hearing the gunfire and observing two gray sedans involved in the incident, with one vehicle fleeing eastbound on Eleanor Street. During the investigation, officers determined that multiple residences in the area, as well as a vehicle, had been struck by gunfire. Projectiles were located inside two residences. No injuries were reported. Officers also determined that overhead Xfinity cables near the intersection had been damaged by gunfire. Thornton Police requested assistance from the Illinois State Police Crime Scene Services Division, which responded to document and process the scene and collect evidence. A Matteson Police drone officer also conducted an aerial search of the surrounding area for potential suspects or victims, with negative results. Nearby hospitals were contacted to determine whether any potential gunshot victims had sought treatment; none were located at the time of the report. The investigation remains ongoing.

The Thornton Police Department assisted the following agencies from either patrol, SSERT, SMART or SSMCTF: Glenwood PD, Illinois State Police, Lansing PD, Bridgeview PD, Chicago Heights PD and South Holland PD.

