

THORNTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY REPORT

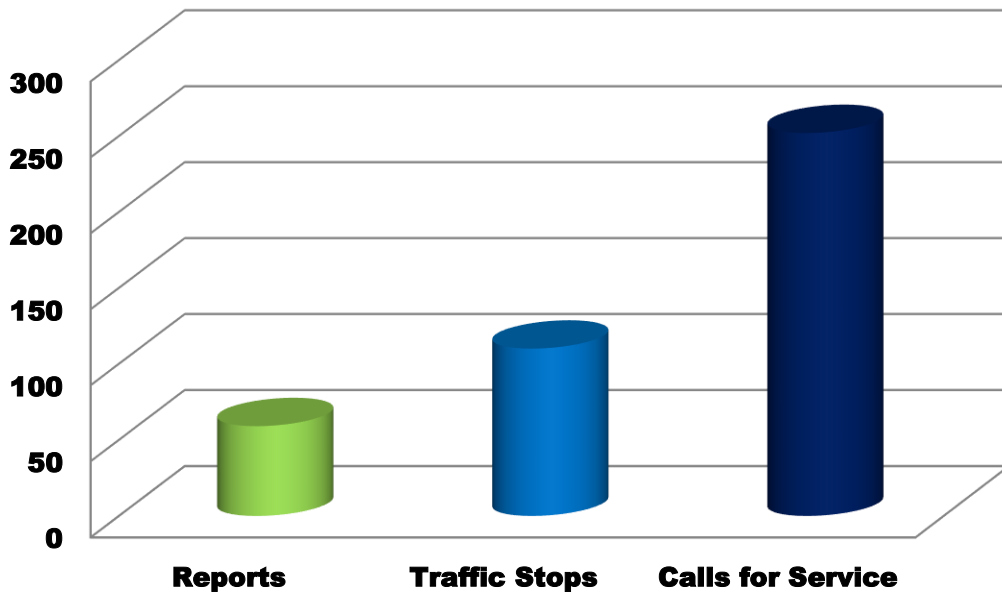
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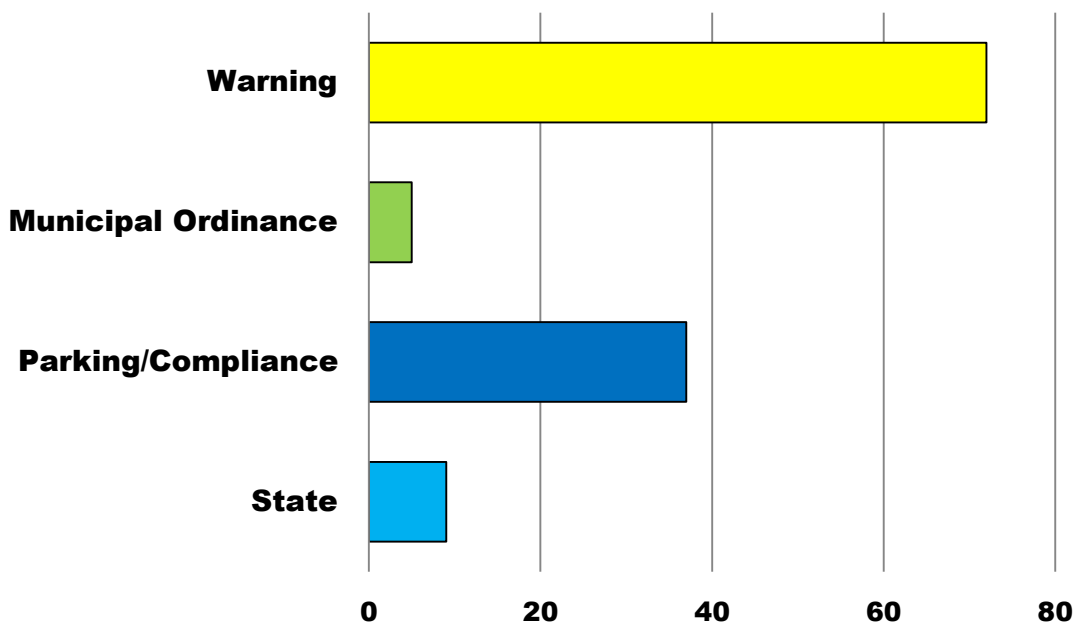
Special Points of Interest

- **Increased number of calls for service and critical incidents.**
- **Please remember to always lock your vehicle and residential doors. Call 911 if you see any suspicious activity.**

PATROL ACTIVITIES

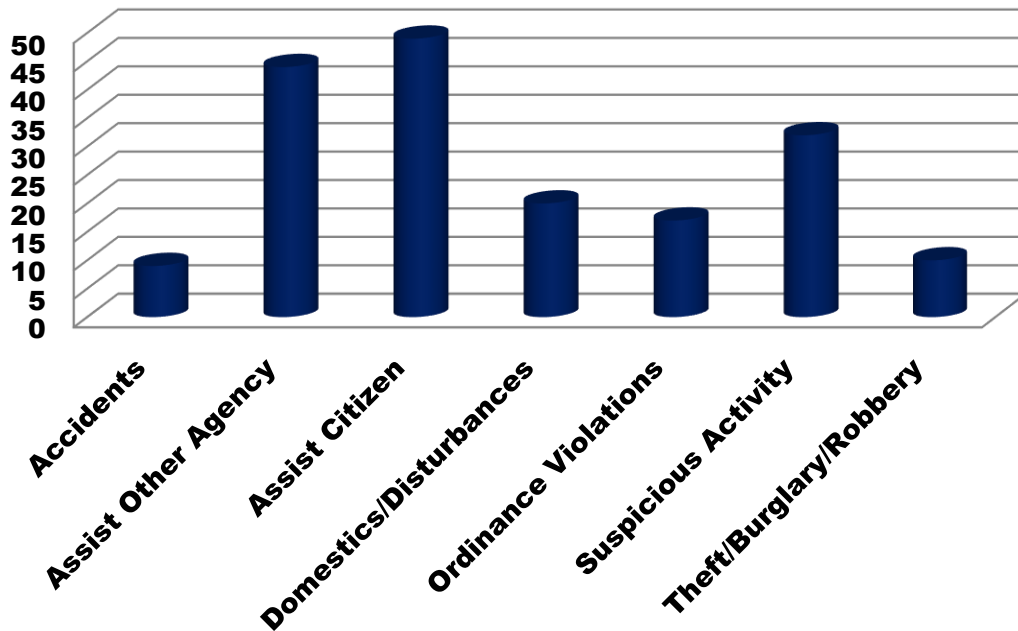


CITATION BREAKDOWN



CALL BREAKDOWN

Total Number of Call & Traffic Stops = 362



Notable Incidents

On August 1, 2024, officers responded to a disturbance report involving a knife in the 700 block of Margaret St. Upon arrival, it was determined that the suspect had left the scene. A witness reported that his ex-girlfriend attacked his current girlfriend in a parking lot, including hitting her and pulling off her hair. The victim also stated that the suspect attempted to stab her but did not succeed. The suspect fled the scene in an unknown vehicle. The victim declined medical attention and requested a local ordinance citation for battery against the suspect. Additionally, the suspect's phone was recovered and placed in evidence. The case remains an open investigation.

On August 3, 2024, officers were dispatched to investigate a suspicious vehicle in the area of Forest and Maple, which was later determined to be unrelated. However, a black Dodge minivan with hazard lights on was then observed and followed. Officers made contact with the driver, who explained he was driving around the area due to personal distress and had pulled over to send a text. No suspicious activity or additional property was found in the vehicle. The complainant was updated on the ongoing investigation involving prior suspicious activity in the area.

On August 6, 2024, officers responded to a burglary in progress at Koch's Food and Liquor. Upon arrival, they observed a Black Chrysler 300 at the scene, with individuals fleeing after breaking into the business. One suspect was seen jumping from a broken front window and entering the vehicle, which then fled north on Chicago Road at high speed, nearly striking the patrol car. A Thornton officer pursued the vehicle and when the pursuit became too dangerous he terminated. The front window and burglar bars of the business were heavily damaged, with rocks and other items used to gain entry to the store were scattered outside. The business owner arrived on scene and opted to handle repairs personally. Officers ensured the building was cleared, and a Thornton detective took over the scene for investigation.

On August 7, 2024, Thornton officers responded to a call about an unresponsive female in the 200 block of South Williams St. in a parking lot. Upon arrival, EMS was treating the woman, who had visible injuries but was unable to speak. A witness reported hearing a commotion and saw a red SUV speeding away from the scene. The witness also saw the injured woman inside the restaurant earlier with another individual. The injured woman was transported to the hospital for treatment. Officers spoke with a bartender who identified the person with the injured woman. According to a phone conversation with this individual, there had been no argument, but the injured woman had exited the vehicle before the other individual drove away. Items found at the scene were logged as evidence, and officers later spoke to the injured woman at the hospital, where she was unable to recall the incident. The investigation is ongoing.

On August 17, 2024, Thornton officers responded to a retail theft at a local convenience store. The clerk reported that three male suspects entered the store with backpacks, took various items without paying, and then left the store heading westbound. Security footage showed the suspects attempting to distract the clerk while taking items, potentially including snacks and beverages. The total value of the stolen goods is unknown. The case has been turned over to investigations, and video footage was available for review.

On August 21, 2024, Thornton officers responded to a burglar alarm at a local lounge. Upon arrival, they checked the building and found all windows and doors intact. The building owner reviewed security footage and observed a male suspect, wearing a black hoodie and ski mask, attempt to hit the front window with a hammer. The alarm was triggered, and the suspect fled south towards nearby apartments. Officers searched the area but did not locate anyone. No damage was found, and the case remains an open investigation.

On August 21, 2024, while searching for a suspect in an attempted burglary, a Thornton officer observed a Budget rental truck parked at Marion and Blackstone. Upon running the registration, the vehicle was confirmed as stolen from DuPage County. The vehicle was towed and preserved for evidence as requested by DuPage County authorities. The stolen vehicle was removed from the LEADS system, and the investigation is ongoing.

On August 24, 2024, Thornton officers responded to a call regarding criminal damage to property in the 800 block of Chicago Rd. The complainant reported that an Uber driver returned to her home after transporting her son, upset about a bad review that he believed could result in his termination. The Uber driver picked up a brick and threw it at the window, causing damage to both the window and the complainant's vehicle. The driver was identified through the Uber account, but the complainant chose not to pursue charges at this time, requesting only that the incident be documented. The damage was recorded via body-worn camera, and no further action is being taken at this time.

On August 24, 2024, an officer on patrol observed a highly intoxicated male running across Chicago Road, flagged down by patrons who reported that the individual had been attempting to start fights. The officer located the male on Laura Ln, where he was found ringing a doorbell at a residence he did not live at. The man was visibly intoxicated, incoherent, and sweating profusely. Paramedics were called to the scene, but the man became agitated, ran from the officers, and attempted to hide in a nearby backyard. Officers located him and attempted to take him into custody for public intoxication. The individual resisted, was combative, and eventually spit in an officer's face and head-butted another officer. Officers placed a spit hood on him for safety, and he was transported to the hospital for evaluation and while at the hospital bit a Thornton Paramedic on the hand. The individual was charged with disorderly conduct, trespass and 3 felony counts of aggravated battery.

On August 27, 2024, Thornton officers were dispatched to a residence in reference to a stolen vehicle call. The victim reported that her ex-boyfriend assaulted her and stole her 2016 blue Toyota Camry. Upon returning home, the victim found the suspect inside her residence with a knife. A physical struggle ensued, during which the suspect hit and choked the victim, demanding her phone and car keys. The suspect threatened to kill her before fleeing in her vehicle. The victim tracked her iPhone to nearby locations, and officers responded to search for the vehicle. The vehicle was briefly spotted in Riverdale but fled at a high speed. Despite efforts to locate the vehicle, it was not recovered at the time. The vehicle was entered into the LEADS system as stolen, and further investigation is ongoing.

On August 29, 2024, Thornton officers were dispatched to the 7 Eleven for a reported robbery. Upon arrival, they spoke with the victim, who reported that four male offenders entered the store. One suspect acted as a lookout near the door, while the others surrounded the victim, who managed to escape through an emergency exit. One offender chased and physically assaulted the victim outside the store. Meanwhile, two other suspects went behind the counter and took the cash drawer from under the register. All offenders were masked and wearing gloves. They fled the scene on foot in a southerly direction. The exact amount of cash taken is still unknown. The victim refused medical treatment, and video surveillance footage is pending. The incident is still under investigation.

