

# **THORNTON POLICE DEPARTMENT**

## **MONTHLY REPORT**

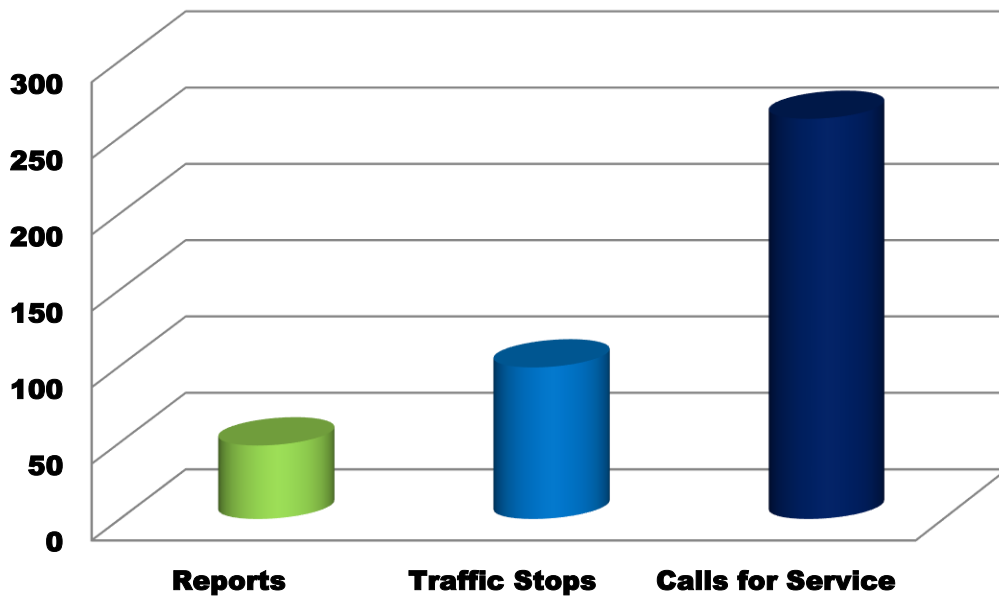
### **OCTOBER 2024**



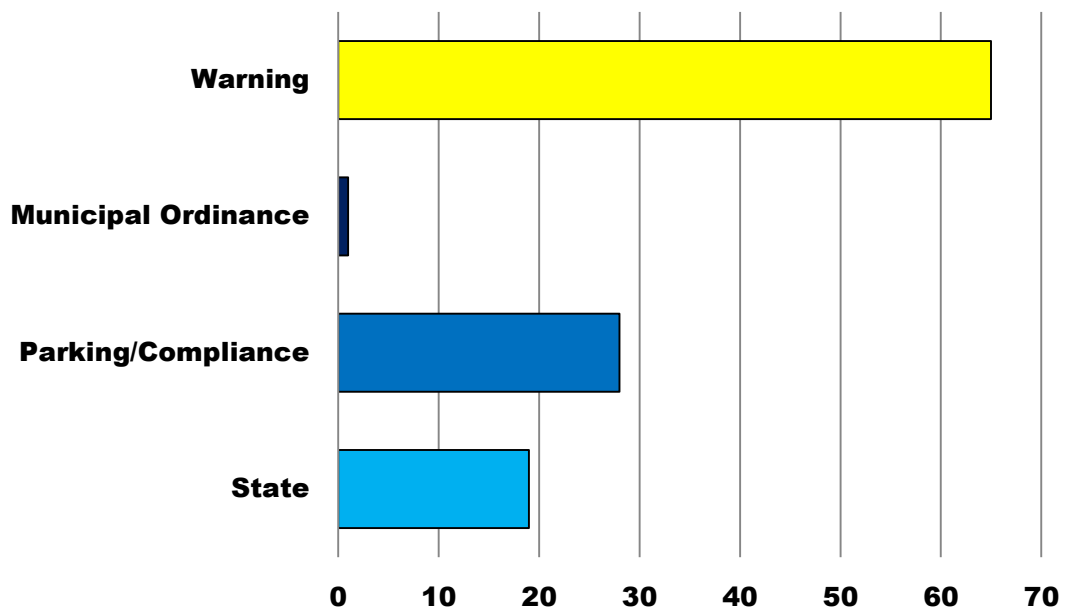
#### **Special Points of Interest**

- **Increasing residential patrol and visibility in neighborhoods by TPD.**
- **Increased number of burglaries to motor vehicles in October.**
- **Please remember to always lock your vehicle and residential doors. Call 911 if you see any suspicious activity.**

## PATROL ACTIVITIES

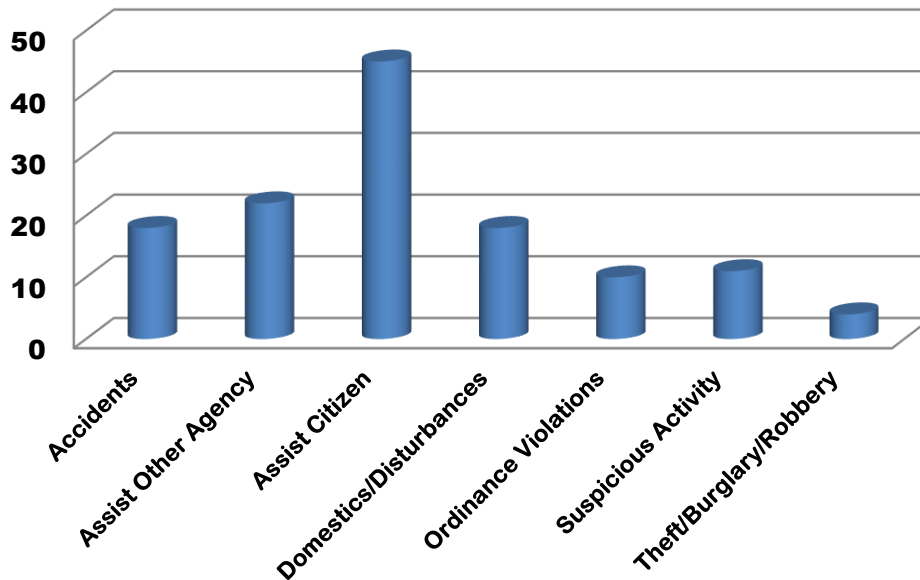


## CITATION BREAKDOWN



## CALL BREAKDOWN

TOTAL NUMBER OF CALLS = 361  
TOTAL NUMBER OF TRAFFIC STOPS = 99



## Notable Incidents

Thornton officers were dispatched to an alarm-panic in the 1700 block of State St. The complainant, a rideshare driver, reported that his passenger was acting irate and yelling irrationally, and he wanted her to exit the vehicle. The passenger explained that she was arguing with the driver but needed a ride to a nearby address. Another officer transported the passenger without incident to her requested location, and the driver was allowed to continue his route.

Thornton officers responded to a disturbance on N Kinzie involving a resident and her neighbor. The resident reported that her neighbor had been yelling and cursing at tow truck drivers who were removing a vehicle from her driveway. The tow truck drivers, who wished to remain anonymous, confirmed this account. The neighbor admitted he had asked them to "turn off the truck" using inappropriate language. The officer advised him to avoid confronting neighbors in an aggressive manner and to contact the police if issues arise. No further action was taken.

Thornton officers responded to a delayed battery call at a residence on Indianwood Dr. The complainant was found with a cut above her eyebrow and showed signs of intoxication. She reported an argument with a friend that turned physical. The dispute was reportedly about "FEMA" and contained unclear statements. The friend, contacted by phone, claimed she was chased with a baseball bat after requesting to use the bathroom, which escalated into a physical altercation. She also reported sustaining injuries and stated she would go to the police station in the morning. The complainant made a threatening statement but was advised against any harmful action. EMS attended to the injury, which the complainant declined further treatment for. The incident was recorded on body camera.

Thornton officers responded to a reported vehicle burglary on Westview Ave. The complainant observed two unknown males in black clothing leaving a TForce Freight truck and departing in a white Nissan Altima with tinted windows. Upon inspection, he found that powertrain controllers, valued at approximately \$1,700 each, were stolen from five trucks, one of which also had a shattered window. Photographs of the damage were taken, and the complainant was informed that video footage will be available when his manager returns.

Thornton officers responded to a shots-fired call near Schwab St and Forest Ln. The caller reported hearing 3-4 gunshots west in the forest preserve and observed two light-skinned individuals entering and later exiting the woods before driving away in a silver SUV. A Forest Preserve Police Officer nearby reported not hearing gunshots. Officers searched the area but could not locate the described vehicle. The incident was recorded on body cameras.

Thornton officers responded to an ambulance call involving a 5-year-old who may have ingested a marijuana gummy. The mother discovered her child was unwell and learned from her son that he had accessed the gummy, which he and his two siblings each sampled. All three affected children were responsive but in a sleep-like state, and were transported to the hospital for treatment. The father, who had placed the gummy in a cabinet above the refrigerator, was taken into custody and charged with endangering the life or health of a child for each child who ingested it. DCFS was notified, and a family member arrived to watch the remaining children. The father was processed, given a court date, and released. Body-worn camera footage captured the incident.

Thornton officers responded to a report of damage to a vehicle and property on Maple Lane. The complainant reported that around 11:10 PM, three tires on his truck were slashed, and a brick was thrown through his glass front door, causing significant damage. A witness described seeing a white Ford F-150 parked nearby, with a white male suspect who slashed the tires and damaged the door before fleeing. The officer collected security footage from nearby residences, showing a vehicle matching the description around the time of the incident. Earlier that day, the complainant's "Trump 2nd Amendment" flag had been removed and thrown on the ground, though he did not witness this or report it previously. The investigation is ongoing.

The South Suburban Emergency Response Team-SSERT assisted the Cook County Sheriffs Police Hostage Barricade Team-HBT in Tinley Park with a hostage rescue. SSERT members conducted a command initiated assault and rescued 2 females being held at gunpoint inside a residence. One of the females was bound and tied to a couch. SSERT successfully rescued both females and took the male into custody.

The Thornton Police Department assisted the following agencies in October, the Illinois State Police, Glenwood PD, Riverdale PD, Midlothian PD, Calumet City PD, Cook County Sheriffs Police and Tinley Park PD.

