

2015

Annual Report



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Richton Park Police Department



The Richton Park Police Department's employees are committed to providing excellence in policing services. We understand the importance of working with our community partners to ensure that Richton Park is a place where people want to live, work and play. This report provides information on some of our efforts in addressing crime, quality of life issues and community concerns. The year 2015 was a good year for our community. We have experienced an increase in new businesses and a decrease in crime. In the upcoming year, we will continue to look for new opportunities to partner with the community and our elected officials in keeping our community safe.

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RICHTON PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Richton Park Police Department to provide professional and ethical law enforcement services, working in cooperation with the community to enhance the quality of life, while preserving a safe environment for all to enjoy.

Adopted November, 2008

VALUES STATEMENT

In achieving the mission, the men and women of the Richton Park Police department value the diversity of our community and are dedicated to the professional and ethical standards we are sworn to uphold. We promote and advocate:

Respect: We respect human life. We hold the preservations of life as our sacred duty. Our value of human life sets our priorities.

Integrity: We recognize that our behavior must reflect honesty, sincerity and accountability through ethical and moral standards. We do not tolerate the abuse of police authority.

Commitment: We are proactive members of our organization and community. We are self-directed and self-motivated. We identify problems, develop and implement solutions to improve our quality of life.

Honor: We honor the principles of the United States Constitution and the laws of Illinois. If the law is to be honored, those who enforce it must first honor it.

Tolerance: We uphold good will, understanding and equal treatment of everyone.

Organization: We are an organization in which each employee embraces integrity as the cornerstone upon which public trust is built.

Nurture: We support training, promote career development and methods that continuously and objectively leads to the evaluation our own performance as well as being receptive to new ideas and constructive change.

Professionalism: We value professionalism by having a clear sense of commitment, perspective and direction.

Accountability: We value the need for effective use of our resources and to provide a spirit of openness in communication with our community. We will be responsible for our actions, willing to admit our mistakes and ensure that our behavior earns the support and trust of all segments of the public.

Responsiveness: We value the opportunity to provide service in a manner that is fair, courteous, responsive and efficient.

Knowledge: We value employees that are professional, knowledgeable, dedicated public servants committed to providing services of the highest quality.

POLICE FUNCTIONS

The Chief of Police is responsible for administering and managing the Richton Park Police Department. There are four divisions in the Police Department as follows:

- Administration Division
- Operations Division
- Investigations Division
- Records Division

ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

The Administration Division is commanded by the Chief of Police whose primary responsibility is to provide general management direction and control for the Administration Division. The Administrative Division consists of Technical and Administrative Services.

OPERATIONS DIVISION

The Operations Division is commanded by the Deputy Chief of Police whose primary responsibility is to provide general management direction and control for that division. The Operations Division consists of Uniformed Patrol and Special Operations, which includes Traffic and Community Service Officers.

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

The Investigations Division is commanded by the Deputy Chief of Police whose primary responsibility is to provide general management direction and control for the Investigations Division. The Investigations Division consists of the Investigations Unit, Property/Evidence Inventory, Evidence Technicians and Forensic Services.

RECORDS DIVISION

The Records division is managed by the Records Supervisor whose primary responsibility is to provide general management direction and control for the Records Division. The Records Division consists of General Clerical/Records Staff, Parking and Compliance Ticket Services, Alarm Permits and Billing, LEADS Services and Court Services and Liaison.



ADMINISTRATION
CALENDAR YEAR 2015 – POLICE STAFFING

<u>Position</u>	<u>Authorized Strength</u>	<u>Vacancy</u>
<i>Full-time</i>		
Chief of Police	1.....	0
Deputy Police Chief	1.....	0
Sergeant.....	4.....	0
Corporal	5.....	0
Police Officer	19.....	3
Records Clerk.....	4.....	0
Community Service Officer	1.....	0
Administrative Secretary	1.....	0
	36.....	3
<i>Part-time</i>		
Records Clerk.....	6.....	0
Community Service Officer	2.....	1
Cumulative Total	44	4

Personnel Actions

During the calendar year 2015, the following personnel actions took place.

1. Two Police Officers were hired.
2. One Part-time Community Service Officer was hired.
3. Three Part-time Records Clerks were hired.

RIGHTON PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT



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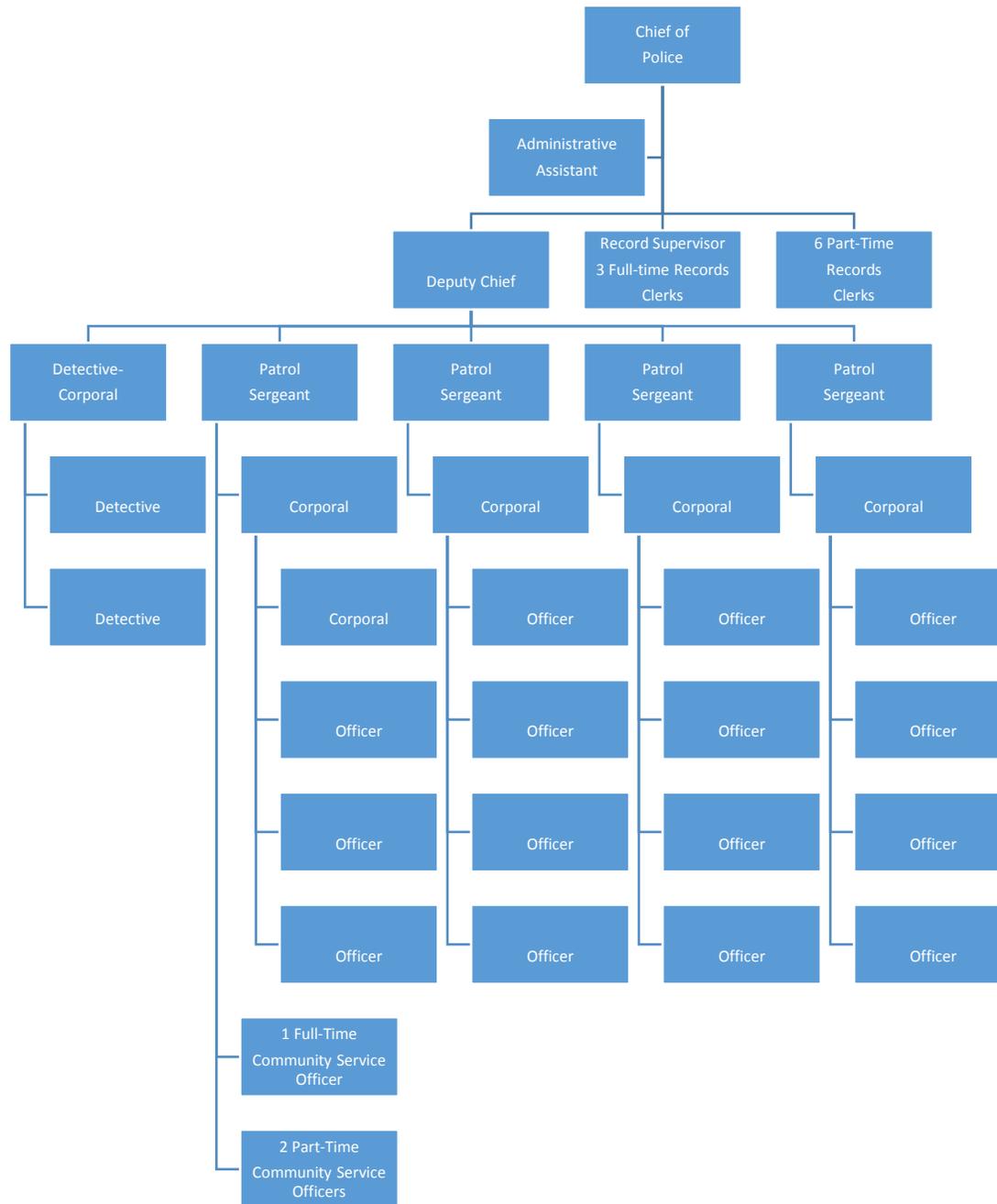


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ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

The Police Chief is responsible for the leadership, management and supervision of the police department. The Administrative Division consists of the Chief of Police and Administrative Secretary. The Deputy Chief of Operations and the Records Supervisor report directly to the police chief. During 2015, the police chief applied for and received grants for staffing, equipment and supplies from local businesses, and the state and federal government. The Administrative Division handles all administrative processes for the Fire and Police Commission and the Liquor Commission.

In addition to official Richton Park Police duties, the police chief received the 2015 Police Chief of the Year Award from the Illinois State Crime Commission and Police Athletic League for her contribution to law enforcement and community policing.



Virginia Zurek
Administrative Assistant

RECORDS DIVISION

The Police Records Division consists of a supervisor, three full-time and six part-time records clerks. This division maintains and manages the computerized database of all law enforcement records for the police department. Their duties include the entry and retrieval of police reports and citations, performing statistical analysis of this data and handling dissemination of any requests for copies of reports. The Records Division processed all the departments' police reports, accident reports, parking citations, traffic citations, warning citations, local ordinance citations as well as the entire department's local and state arrest reports.

Additional duties include processing court summonses, arrest documents, preparing the monthly Uniform Crime Reports for the state and federal agencies and other miscellaneous records functions. They handle Freedom of Information Act inquiries along with all alarm permits and alarm billings for false alarms. Records Clerks also are responsible for and conduct our monthly hearings for both parking violations as well as local ordinance violations.



Nancy Matthey
Records Supervisor

In 2013, the police department began participating in the State of Illinois Comptroller's Local Debt Recovery Program. This program assists local jurisdictions in the collection of debt owed to them from parking and local ordinance violations. The Local Debt Recovery Program provides a mechanism for municipalities, counties and other units of government to bring in much needed revenue without raising taxes or increasing fees. The management of this program is conducted by an additional records clerk and the Deputy Chief of Operations. The Village of Richton Park received \$92,106 in collections for calendar year 2015, from the Illinois Comptroller's Local Debt Recovery program.

POLICE OPERATIONS

The Deputy Chief of Operations is responsible for the day to day management of the Patrol and Investigations Divisions and reports directly to the Chief of Police. **Deputy Chief Richard Gerlach** manages all major patrol and investigative events, policy and procedure,



administrative hearings on impounded vehicles and a host of other operational duties. All patrol and investigations sergeants report directly to the deputy chief.

PATROL DIVISION

Throughout 2015 the Patrol Division continued to perform the daily tasks requested by the citizens of Richton Park and perform related traffic accident investigation and traffic enforcement. The patrol function of the department is the backbone of the agency. This function provides daily contact with residents and non-residents alike, dealing with problems in the community and assisting those in need. Officers handle simple requests such as assisting a stranded motorist to pursuing armed suspects. During the course of the year, unmanned police vehicles were placed at different locations in the Village to deter motorists from speeding or violating stop sights. The cars were placed in areas of citizen concern or where officers felt a need. Due to numerous complaints in various neighborhoods about speed and other safety issues a number of solutions were devised. Through the use of directed patrols, placement of speed enforcement trailer, and other efforts we were able to slow vehicular traffic down in a number of residential neighborhoods.

The Richton Park Police Department participated in the Illinois Department of Transportation Division of Traffic Safety's 2015 Memorial Day "**Click it or Ticket**" campaign. The campaign's goal is to save lives and prevent severe injuries on Illinois roadways and to achieve a higher percentage of safety belt compliance through aggressive safety belt enforcement. Two hundred and ninety-six citations were issued during the month of May 2015.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS

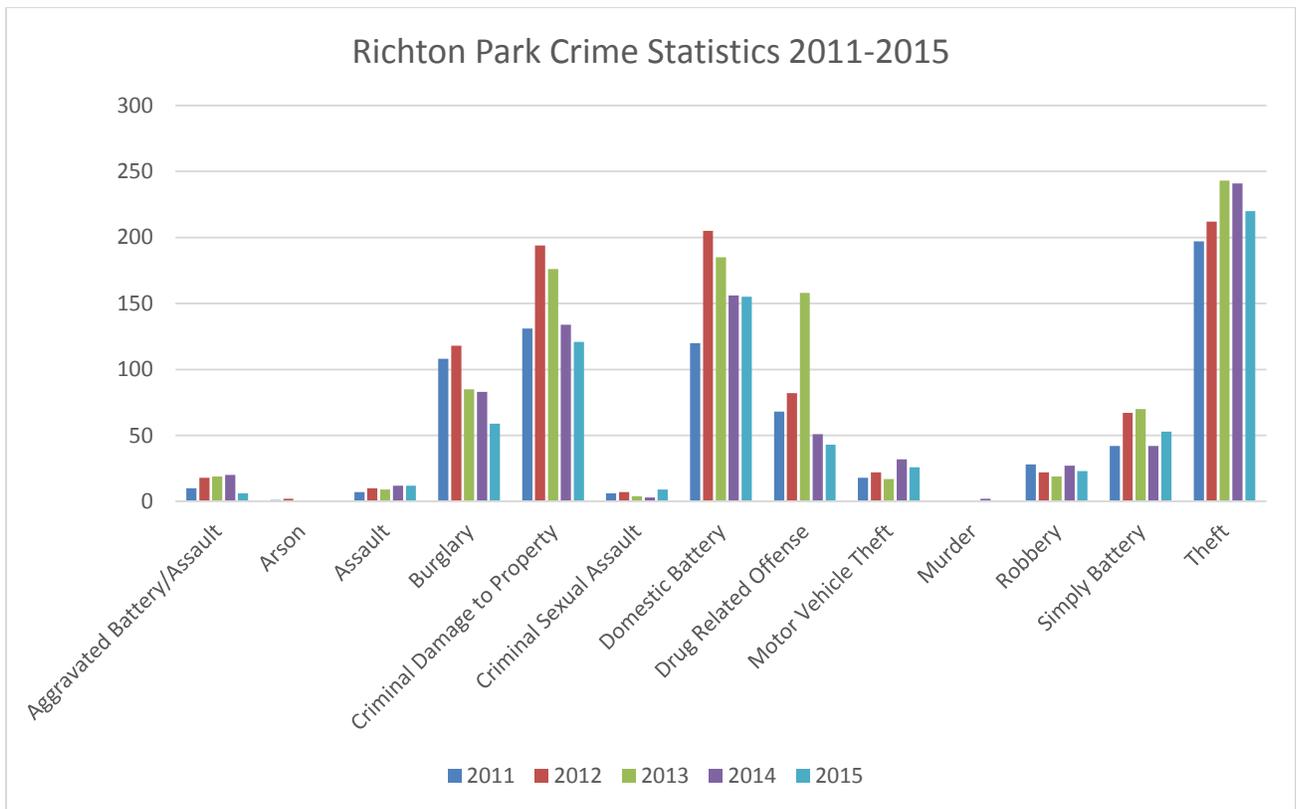
The Community Service Officers (CSOs) handle police and other Village department assignments. There is currently one full-time CSO and three part-time CSOs assigned to the Patrol Division. Their attention to non-criminal police related matters allows sworn Police Officers to handle criminal complaints and tactical operations.

The CSOs are responsible for various tasks of the Patrol Division such as handling daily deliveries for the police and other Village departments, enforcing the Village's local ordinance codes which can cover many areas throughout the community from animal complaints, residential overcrowding and parking issues. The CSOs have been successful in locating and removing abandoned and nuisance automobiles in the residential and business areas of the Village.

The CSOs are also responsible for monitoring domestic animal issues within the Village. Their responsibilities cover the proper care of domestically kept animals. They are provided with equipment that allows them to handle these issues in a safe and humane manner.

The CSOs assist with traffic control situations brought on by weather, crash related incidents or Village special events, along with booting and towing of motor vehicles.

STATISTICS



2015 REPORTED UCR CRIME DATA

Crime Type	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Aggravated Battery/Assault	10	18	19	20	6
Arson	1	2	0	0	0
Assault	7	10	9	12	12
Burglary	108	118	85	83	59
Criminal Damage to Property	131	194	176	134	121
Criminal Sexual Assault	6	7	4	3	9
Domestic Battery	120	205	185	156	155
Drug Related Offense	68	82	158	51	43
Motor Vehicle Theft	18	22	17	32	26
Murder	0	0	0	2	0
Robbery	28	22	19	27	23
Simply Battery	42	67	70	42	53
Theft	197	212	243	241	220
Total	736	959	985	803	727

Below you will find the totals broken down by sex, as it pertains to prisoners that have been detained in the lock-up facility of the Police Department during calendar year 2015

Adult Lock-up Report: Males – 138 Females – 51 **Total – 189**

TRAFFIC AND OTHER CITATION NUMBERS

COMPLIANCE TICKETS	
Seat Belts	442
Equipment Violations	164
Registration	439
No/Expired <u>DL</u>	10
Other	363
TOTAL:	1,418
PARKING TICKETS	
Village Sticker	2664
Metra Lot	259
Fire Lane	25
Handicapped	23
Left Wheel to Curb	44
Snowfall	286
Fire Hydrant	2
Abandoned/Inoperable Vehicles	6
Other Parking	1621
TOTAL:	4,930
LOCAL ORDINANCE TICKETS	
Curfew	20
Breach of Peace	53
Animals	113
Alcohol Related	9
Possession of Cannabis	43
Park hours	6
Other	35
TOTAL:	279
CITATION TOTALS	
Moving	1615
Accident Investigations	384
Compliance Tickets	1,418
Parking Tickets	4,930
Local Ordinance tickets	279
TOTALS:	8,626

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

The Investigations Division consists of three full-time Detectives. Detectives follow-up on reported crime reports and cases originally completed by patrol officers that require more in-depth investigative techniques. Cases are funneled to Detectives through various means and can vary from loss of life to theft of property.

2015 DETECTIVE/JUVENILE DIVISION ACTIVITIES

Total Cases Investigated	301
Closed Cases	257
Active Cases	44

CLOSED CASES BREAKDOWN

Arrests	59
Unfounded	1
Referred	7
Administratively Closed	159
No Prosecution	25
Other	6
Total	257

Arrests		Charges	
Adult	36	Felony	49
		Misdemeanor	8
		TOTAL	57
Juvenile	16	Felony	3
		Misdemeanor	13
TOTAL	52	TOTAL	16

OTHER INVESTIGATIONS

Background Investigations	58
Liquor License Investigations	1
Internal Investigations	
Total	59

JUVENILE

Department Contacts	180
Formal Station Adjustments	10
Informal Station Adjustments	51
Petitions Filed	20
Court Diversion Cases	3
Local Ordinance Tickets Issued	47
Missing	49

DRUG ARREST TOTALS

In 2015, the department investigated a number of drug-related incidents which resulted in subjects being arrested and drug related charges being filed.

Status	Possession of Cannabis:	Possession of Cannabis:	Possession of a Controlled	Possession of Drug Paraphernalia:
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	Under 30 grams	Over 30 grams	Substance:	
Adult	28	1	2	6
Juvenile	9	0	0	1

TEAM PROJECTS

Team Galvan: Metra Project

During 2015, Team Galvan performed a total 1,025 routine patrols which is an increase from 2014 of 152 and an average of 85.42 checks a month. We performed 637 platform checks which is an increase of 169 from 2014. We spent a total of 551 hours and 49 minutes at the Metra. The time it took to handle calls is not accounted for in this total.

There were 140 calls for service recorded this year which is an increase of 13 from 2014. Of those 140 calls, 14 were criminal in nature. The calls received that were criminal in nature increased by 1 from 2014.

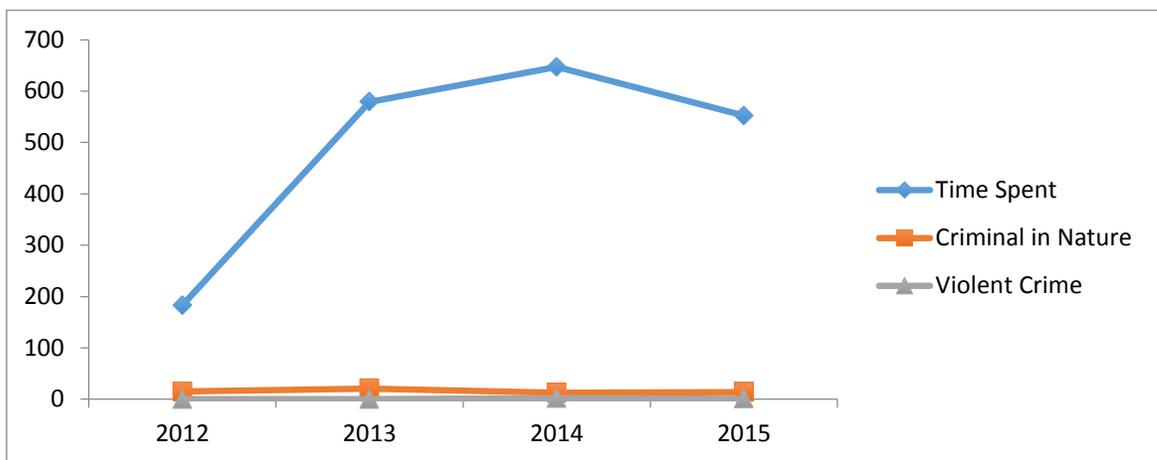
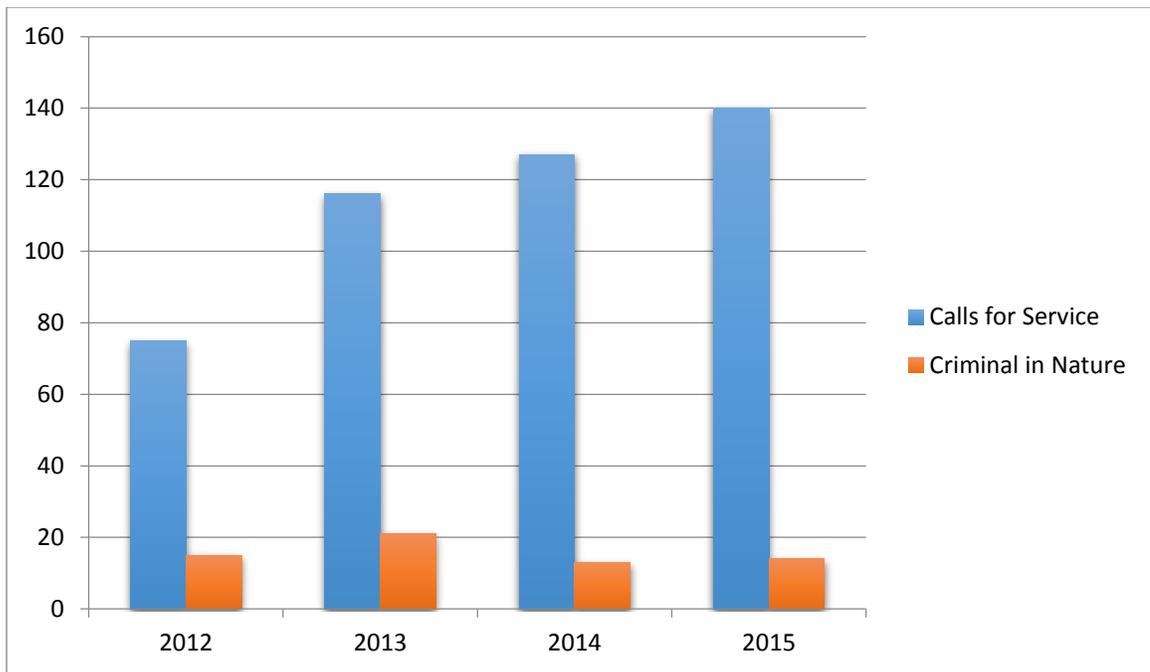
There was one incident reported this year that was violent in nature. On February 25th a commuter reported that he was robbed while standing at the Kiss and Ride. However, the victim was intoxicated and did not want to pursue criminal charges.

On July 17th Detective Miramontes sent an e-mail to the department stating in summary that a crew was stealing tires from cars in the Metra lots in Harvey, Blue Island and University Park. We increased our patrol during this time and had no reported incidents of car tires being stolen.

On November 4th we reported graffiti in the men's bathroom to the Metra Police who contacted their graffiti removal team. The graffiti was removed by December 1st.

We continued assisting citizens this year by escorting them home or to their vehicles during late hours. We also increased our presence during special events like the Village-wide garage sale in June; Lollapalooza in August, and the Major League Baseball play-offs in October. The commuters expressed their gratitude for our presence.





Team Miramontes: Burglaries

From the months of January 2015 through December 2015 there were twenty five legitimate Residential Burglaries and twenty seven legitimate Burglaries. A detective followed up on Residential Burglaries. When warranted a secondary neighborhood canvass was conducted. Through those secondary canvasses some information was obtained and the neighborhood’s awareness of the suspected activity was raised. Two cases were closed by an arrest. One is pending with locating the suspect for questioning. Three cases are pending until submitted evidence is analyzed by the ISP Crime Lab.



<u>Subdivision</u>	<u>Residential Burglaries 2015</u>	<u>Burglaries 2015</u>
Greenfield	0	1
Lakewood	5	9
Meadowlake	1	0
Lincoln Crossings	2	5
Richton Hills	8	4
Lioncrest	0	1
Farm Trace	0	0
Falcon Crest	2	0
Old Richton	5	3
Las Fuentes	0	0
Other	2	4
Total	25	27

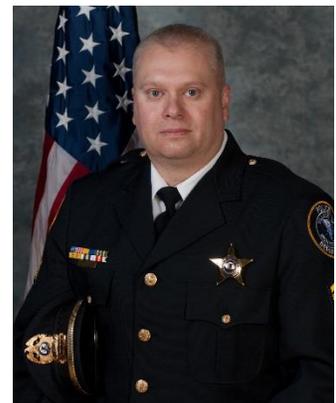
Local Communities Burglary Rates

Park Forest	74	37
Matteson	47	32
Olympia Fields	10	4

Team Niekirk: Vacant Property Monitoring

Team Niekirk identified the need for the monitoring of vacant properties within the Village of Richton Park as its community policing team project. These vacant properties are an opportunity for youths to have a place to conduct illegal activities and give burglars access to materials to steal. These vacant properties can also become victims of vandals and possible arsons.

We planned, as a team, to identify properties that are vacant. Once the properties are identified, we compile a list of said properties. Using that list we monitor the vacant properties with house checks. If we identify any issues, relating to hazards or entry points, we will address them. This list is able to be updated and distributed as needed. During this year’s project we added the vacant commercial properties to our list of properties to check.



Over the course of the past year Team Nieukirk completed One thousand six hundred seventy seven (1677) checks of identified vacant properties. Eighty two (82) incident numbers were created for properties found to be open or accessible. During the year 2015, fifteen (15) incidents were forwarded to the building department for either board up or further investigation by their department. Copies of the list were given to the Building Department and Community Development to assist them with code violations and property monitoring. At the year end, the list of identified vacant properties totaled one hundred eighteen (118).

The program was successful in keeping individuals out of the vacant homes and businesses. The community benefited from the increase in visible patrols on their block. We received positive feedback on scene from neighbors of the properties thanking us for the interest in the vacant property. We believe this program would promotes positive community policing.

Month	Number of Checks	RD #s Generated	Additional Actions
January	140	3	1 Building Dept.
February	152	2	1 Building Dept.
March	145	5	1 Building Dept. 4 Secured
April	154	9	2 Building Dept. 6 Secured 1 Board Up
May	149	7	1 Building Dept. 5 Secured 1 Realtor
June	141	8	5 Secured 2 Workers 1 Owner Notified
July	142	8	6 Secured 1 Report Defacement 1 Realtor
August	137	7	3 Secured 2 Building Dept. 1 Add/Report
September	128	9	4 Secured 5 A/C Theft

October	125	7	2 Secured 2 Building Dept. 3 A/C Theft
November	133	7	2 Secured 2 Building Dept. 2 Workers 1 Add/Report
December	131	10	5 Secured 2 Building Dept.

Team Owens: Proactive Enforcement on Juvenile Related Incidents

Team Owens’ community project focused on addressing juvenile related issues. The numbers tallied reflect the contacts officers have had with juvenile subjects, both positive and negative, for the 2015 year. The numbers may not accurately reflect all contact officers have had with juvenile subjects, not all department members participated in the collection of this information.



Officer contact was broken down into six different categories: Traffic Citations, Local Ordinance Violations, Petitions, Station Adjustments, Other Action and Parental Responsibility Forms. The results of the contacts are as follows:

- Traffic Citation – 3 citations
- Local Ordinance – 46 tickets issued
- Petitions – 17 arrest with juvenile court petition
- Station Adjustments – 14 contacts with no charges filed
- Other Action – 58 contacts with juveniles for various reasons
- Parental Responsibility Forms – 80 issued to parents/guardians.

Contacts with juvenile subjects were found to be higher during the warmer months, which is to be expected. Also, contacts made with juvenile subjects were found to be higher on school days immediately following school dismissal.

Team Owens will continue to focus on this subject as our community project. In the upcoming year we will focus more on issuing citation to parents for Parental Irresponsibility so as to motivate parents to more closely monitor their children/juvenile.

Team Rank: Broken Windows Community Project

Three-hundred and ninety-one checks were completed. During the business checks officers spoke with clerks/staff about community issues, as well as security issues. By doing business checks officers were advised of many community issues by both business staff and community members. There was a lot of positive community contact. Business owners expressed their thanks for the officers’ presence. Officers also completed multiple



park checks. The parks checks helped to curtail unwanted behavior in the parks (further in next paragraph).

The team also identified forty-six community issues. The following bullet points reflect those issues (bullet points and number of issues will not match as some issues were the same, just in different locations).

All issues reported were sent along to the proper departments to be rectified.

- Damaged roadway signage
- Icy/Unsafe roadways
- Defacement of vacant residences
- Graffiti on roadway
- Broken street lights
- Persons in the park after dark
- Subjects using cannabis in the park
- Criminal damage to park property
- Gang graffiti on residences
- Blocked storm drains causing flooding
- Parking incidents between private parties
- Juveniles in the park after dark
- Animal complaints
- Suspicious persons at closed businesses
- Unsecure village/park buildings
- Missing stop signs
- Broken windows on vacant businesses
- Criminal acts on the Metra platform
- Traffic obstructions causing traffic crashes
- Juveniles loiter in neighborhood and in front of businesses
- Potholes in roadway damaging vehicles
- Community issues at the Big Dipper

Overall the project has been progressing as planned. We have addressed many quality of life issues in the community and were able to make a positive impact. Through the project we were able to make many positive community contacts, both private and business. By paying closer attention to the neighborhood we were also able to identify criminal activity and take action. This resulted in arrests that both improved the quality of life and the safety of the community. During the warmer months we will do more park checks and foot patrols.

COMMUNITY POLICING ACTIVITIES

The department expects all of its officers to be involved in Community Policing activities throughout the year. Officers are encouraged to identify community problems and address concerns of residents during the course of their daily activities. Officers make suggestions on traffic problems identified in the community and make suggestions of locations where additional signage is needed. Officers perform foot patrols and make frequent checks at businesses and commercial areas to encourage

community interaction. We also incorporate Community Policing activities into the personnel evaluation process. Listed below are examples of the many community policing programs provided in 2015.

ABANDONED & INOPERABLE VEHICLES

The identification of nuisance vehicles which are either abandoned or inoperable, creating an eyesore in the community, is in keeping with the community policing philosophies of the department by identifying community problems and quality of life concerns. Officers routinely assist in this endeavor by identification of abandoned or inoperable vehicles and placing warning tickets and tow notices on vehicles parked on village streets. The vehicles are then followed up by the Community Service Officers who ticket and tow when appropriate. The department's objective has been compliance.

ALARM CALLS

In 2015, the department responded to a total of 1049 alarm calls. The breakdown of those calls is as follows: 889 false residential alarms and 160 false commercial/business alarms. When the department receives a report of an alarm, it is required to send two officers for safety reasons. With dwindling resources it is important that we are mindful of how our resources are used. As a result of the false alarms, \$6,300 was collected for false alarm violations and \$4025 was paid for new alarm permits. As of December 31, 2015, there were 405 total paid alarm permits.

BUSINESS CHECKS

Patrol Officers are required to visit all Village businesses during the course of their regular duties. During the visits the officer interacts with employees and addresses crime related issues. Officers conducted 3,444 business checks

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

On January 17, 2015, we went live with a comprehensive Illinois Department of Transportation certified crash reporting system called AVRS. This new system allows Officers to create and submit motor vehicle accident reports to IDOT while making them available for motorists and insurance companies online. AVRS works as a data collection and analysis tool. AVRS also reduces the time Officers spend at an accident scene and frees the Clerks from processing crash report requests.

May 11, 2015 thru May 25, 2015, we participated with the Memorial Day "Click-it-or-Ticket" campaign sponsored by the Illinois Department of Transportation. Our agency issued a total of 196 citations to motorists for seatbelt and child passenger protection violations.

On May 29, 2015, we participated with "Cop-on-Top" at our local Dunkin Donuts to raise awareness and funds to support the Illinois Special Olympics.

On June 6, 2015, we participated with "Community Clean Up".

On June 10, 2015, we participated with the "Illinois Torch Run" to raise awareness and funds to support the Illinois Special Olympics.

On June 15, 2016, representatives from IRMA conducted a policy and documentation review of the Police Department where we received a 98% approval rating.

On July 18, 2015, we held a “Bike Rodeo” event at the annual homeowners’ association picnic where bicycle safety was promoted. Helmets and refurbished bicycles were distributed to needy children.

On August 4, 2015, we held “National Night Out” at Glaeser Park. Local businesses, civic groups, community members and Village of Richton Park employees supported this event by providing monetary and volunteer support.

On August 21, 2015, we conducted an active shoot table top exercise with Neil Armstrong School. Federal guidelines have significantly changed regarding how organizations should prepare, train and respond to an active shooter situation. Topics we discussed included an organized emergency operational plan, survival strategies, building safety hazards, proactive technology, evacuation plans, and community resource assistance.

September 24 thru November 12, 2016, the Richton Park and Matteson Police Departments sponsored a Citizen’s Police Academy.

On October 9, 2015, we conducted an active shoot drill at Southland Preparatory School. Approximately 9 area schools from District 162 including several hundred staff members participated with this practical exercise dealing with violent intruders. Teachers, administration and officers discussed the various roles, responsibilities, safety and awareness regarding active shooter situations.

On October 22, 2015, we joined forces with the Metra Police Department for “Operation Lifesaver Safety Blitz” at Richton Park Metra Station where commuter safety was promoted.

On October 26, 2015, we conducted an active shoot table top exercise with South Suburban Christian Academy.

November 1 thru December 21, we participated with the “Toys for Tots” campaign.

November 2 thru December 14, 2015, we sponsored our 7th Annual Food Drive. School districts 159 and 162 actively participated to help fill the Rich Township Food Pantry.

On November 7, 2015, we participated with the Richton Park VFW parade.

On December 3, 2015, we participated with District 227 College and Career Readiness Fair at Rich South High School.

DON’T BE SORRY AND PROJECT STICKER SHOCK

The kickoff Alcohol Awareness Month, the Illinois Liquor Control Commission partnered with a variety of state and local organizations, including the Richton Park Police Department during the month of April, 2015, to increase public awareness of the dangers of underage drinking. Entitled “Don’t Be Sorry” and “Project Sticker Shock”, this new educational effort is designed to focus attention on the consequences of underage drinking through statewide participation. Thousands of

local law enforcement personnel were out in force in Illinois during the month of April, 2015, posting stickers, window decals, posters and signs in liquor establishments to remind communities that providing alcohol to minors is illegal, unhealthy and unacceptable. In our effort, local liquor licensees agreed to allow our officers to post the stickers, window decals, posters and signs in their establishments and on their packaged goods and to keep the materials predominately posted during the entire month of April as a reminder of the legal consequences of providing alcohol to minors. This program gave us an opportunity to change the perception that providing alcohol to minors is an acceptable practice. The Illinois Liquor Control Commission conducted a compliance check in the Village of Richton Park that resulted in four businesses cited for selling alcohol to an underage minor.

ENHANCED NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The neighborhood watch program was implemented in 2007. It promotes officer and community engagement, participation and problem solving which leads to the discovery and implementation of solutions to community problems, concerns and issues. Officers are assigned to teams. Each team is assigned to specific homeowner associations. Members of the team attend neighborhood watch meetings as well as homeowner association meetings. Officers will address problems, concerns and issues that are unique and specific to each area, subdivision and homeowner association. The officer's enhanced involvement has grown into partnerships with the citizens and the increased participation with the community has thus resulted in facilitating solutions to problems of mutual concern. This program thus far has been extremely successful and has been overwhelmingly accepted by the community. During 2015 officers participated in approximately 100 separate meetings and/or events throughout the Village. It has progressed in such a manner that when an issue or need surfaces, the neighborhood/association member is able to simply contact their particular assigned officer who immediately gets involved and works with the community to resolve or address the particular issue or matter of concern.

FOOD DRIVE

With the active participation of students from Rich Township School Districts #159 and #162, the Richton Park Police Department lead an effort to impress upon the youth of our Village the value of service to community by conducting the fifth annual food drive. The food drive was developed to assist the Rich Township food pantry to meet its growing demand for assistance especially during the holiday season. The food drive kicked off on November 2, 2015 and food donations began immediately. The department was able to delivery four full truckloads of food to the pantry for the Thanksgiving holiday. Through the efforts of local church groups, senior centers and schools assisting and becoming involved, we were able to provide food for needy families located in Rich Township.

The department's seventh annual food drive was again a great success and only made possible through the generous contributions of our Village employees, residents and the fine young men and women of School Districts #159 and #162. Not only did these efforts help to fill our local food pantry, but it raised the consciousness of the children and taught them the true value of altruism. The department is looking forward to continuing this event and making it an annual tradition.

KIDS CAN'T BUY 'EM HERE PROGRAM

The department continues to work with a grant through the Illinois Liquor Control Commission for the enforcement of tobacco sales to reduce youth access to tobacco. This program is titled "Kids Can't Buy 'Em Here"; the purpose is to educate the local tobacco retailers not to sell tobacco

products to children under the age of 18. The program requires the local police department to conduct three compliance checks during the year. The first round of compliance checks were completed in early winter which only required that a warning be given to the retailer. The second and third checks were conducted in the spring and summer and require that a compliance ticket be issued for a violation. The Village of Richton Park has only six tobacco licenses issued to local retailers. No retail establishment in the Village of Richton Park sold tobacco to our undercover minor during the compliance checks.

LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN

Since 1986, law enforcement has been supporting Special Olympics Illinois by raising money and awareness through the Law Enforcement Torch Run®. In the last decade, the number of people with intellectual disabilities participating in Special Olympics in Illinois has increased by roughly 25 percent to more than 22,000 athletes in 2015. As Special Olympics Illinois continues to provide opportunities for a growing number of athletes and families, the need for more funding to support those programs grows. This is where more involvement from the law enforcement community becomes crucial. In addition to sports training and competition, the organization offers numerous other programs for athletes and families – all at no cost to the participants! The Richton Park Police Department raised \$13,682 for Special Olympics in 2015, our largest amount ever!

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The Richton Park police department celebrated the 32th Annual National Night Out event at Glaeser Park on August 4, 2015. Over 500 persons attended the event which included prizes, food, games, fireworks and entertainment for young and old. The introduction of National Night Out, “America’s Night Out Against Crime,” in 1984 began an effort to promote involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships, neighborhood camaraderie and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. National Night Out program culminates annually, on the first Tuesday of August. The traditional “lights on” campaign and symbolic front porch vigils turned into a celebration across America with various events and activities including, but not limited to, block parties, cookouts, parades, visits from emergency personnel, rallies and marches, exhibits, youth events, safety demonstrations and seminars, in an effort to heighten awareness and enhance community relations.

PREVENTATIVE MEASURES/EFFORTS

Throughout 2015, the Richton Park Police Department has provided a number of programs to local businesses, organizations, schools and residents within the Village of Richton Park. The Richton Park Police Department has built excellent partnerships with our residents as well as businesses. The following crime prevention efforts were provided during 2015:

Child Safety Seat Program	Vacation Checks
Home Owner Association Meetings	Police Department Tours
Security Surveys	Bicycle Safety
Identity Theft Prevention	Child I.D. Kits
Community Flyers	Sex Offender Checks
Covert & Overt Surveillances	Click it or Ticket Campaign
Home Security Inspections	Special Olympics
Alcohol/Tobacco Compliance Checks	Bicycle Patrols
Police Internship Program	Community Shred Day
Community Presentations	Citizens Police Academy

RADAR PROGRAM

The Richton Park Police Department has one radar trailer to assist in its traffic enforcement efforts throughout the year. As speed related complaints are received by the department, one of the techniques/tactics in helping bring awareness to the complaint is the deployment of the speed trailer to the area of concern. This visual reminder to passing motorists acts as a deterrent and makes drivers need to be aware of their speed, especially in residential areas.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

The Richton Park Police Department initiated a liaison position with Richton Township High School District #227, as well as Rich Township School Districts #159 and #162 in order to improve communications and provide service for Richton Park's public school student population. The School Resource Officer position was staffed by Officer Andrew Derewonko. His duties require him to act as liaison between school district administrators and the Richton Park Police Department. This includes fostering a free flow of information between the organizations to optimize law enforcement services. The School Resource Officer is also required to respond to calls for police service from individual schools and conduct criminal investigations. Community policing in the school atmosphere is the emphasis of the program. Mediation and conflict resolution, with arrest being the final option, is one goal of this program. The School Resource Officer has a secondary education function such as addressing assemblies and classes about law enforcement topics. This type of deployment requires the officer to provide other functions such as classroom presentations and student crisis referrals. These functions, plus the primary function of law enforcement and maintaining site security combine for a holistic approach of police service to Richton Township public schools.

STOP BULLYING NOW

The police department offers the "Stop Bullying Now" educational program to all Richton Park schools at no cost. The program addresses bullying as an aggressive behavior that is intentional and involves an imbalance of power and strength. Bullying effects peer relationships; the relationships shared by children in the same age range and play an important role in children's development. It offers unique opportunities for self-learning and the implementation of new social skills. Unfortunately, peer relationships may also be detrimental to the child particularly when bullying is involved. Children experiencing peer relationship difficulties due to bullying are at risk for a variety of future adjustment problems including dropping out of school, delinquency and emotional problems. The program addresses the best practices in bullying prevention and intervention. It is anticipated that through this program, bullying prevention will be woven into the entire school environment and the social norms associated with bullying will change.

DEPARTMENT TRAINING

Training is an essential element to maintaining certification, safety and integrity. We continue to seek the highest level of training that is available, focusing on updating officers' knowledge of their present job tasks as well as preparing them for the future. We encourage department personnel to look beyond their normal duties and seek leadership courses, community policing training and other specialty classes to enhance their abilities and prepare themselves for future assignments and promotions. Police employees received in excess of 2000 hours of training in 2015.

FIELD TRAINING PROGRAM

The Richton Park Police Department has several officers who have been Field Training Officers (FTOs) throughout their careers. Upon being hired, officers without police experience attend the Law Enforcement Academy for 12 weeks of basic training. After graduation from the police academy, Recruit Officers are required to successfully complete a Field Training Program at the Richton Park Police Department. The Richton Park Police Department uses the San Jose and Sokolove Field Training models to train its new officers. This is typically a twelve week training program that consists of at least 400 hours of training.

Each new Recruit is assigned a primary FTO. As the Recruit completes each week, he/she is given more responsibilities until they are simply being observed with no input from the FTO. The FTO completes Daily Observation Reports (DORs) every shift documenting what the Recruit has done in 31 different categories under multiple areas including knowledge, performance and attitude. The training is comprehensive, intensive and always under direct supervision of an FTO. The Recruit is trained by a minimum of two different FTOs who complete the reports. Each FTO must have positive yearly reviews, be recommended by their Supervising Sergeant and complete a 40-hour State Certified training program prior to starting duty as an FTO. Sergeant James Galvan is the Field Training Coordinator and oversees this program.

The FTO program is an in-depth training experience that turns out professional, productive and well trained Police Officers. Upon successful complete of the FTO program, the officer is assigned to the Patrol Division.

POLICE PARTNERSHIPS

CRISIS CENTER FOR SOUTH SUBURBIA

The Crisis Center for South Suburbia provides a legal advocate one day a week to provide follow-up for all Domestic Violence related incidents which are reported to the department. The advocate comes to the department and provides specific follow-up with the victims listed on the domestic violence reports. Cases are evaluated and referrals made for those cases which may not have had specific criminal behavior prevalent to effectuate an arrest but still show the dynamics of domestic violence exist. The advocate makes contact with the victim to identify patterns of abusive behaviors and to provide them with resources in and around the community. The advocate reports directly to our police department and conducts follow-up services directly from our facility. The Crisis Center for South Suburbia provides legal advocacy in the courts for the victims who reside in Richton Park and provides the victim with assistance in completing orders of protection and explain the legal procedures of the case pending.

McDIPPER BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

This holiday basketball tournament is administered by Rich South School; they are also responsible for assigning the security needs for this event. State police and school security guards worked the interior of the building, while Richton Park Police Officers were assigned the exterior. Our responsibility included traffic control and parking. This year's event ran smoothly with very little enforcement activity to report.

S.M.A.R.T.

The Richton Park Police Department also continued its partnership with the Suburban Major Accident Reconstruction Team (S.M.A.R.T.) which is a multi-jurisdictional response team. The Richton Park Police Department has a representative assigned to the team. The team consists of specially trained officers from many south suburban communities whose responsibility is to investigate major motor vehicle crashes.

S.S.E.R.T.

The Richton Park Police Department also continued its partnership with the South Suburban Emergency Response Team (S.S.E.R.T.) which is a multi-jurisdictional specialized unit of highly trained officers whose specialized skills are utilized to assist member agencies in the execution of high risk search warrants, barricaded subjects, hostage situations, etc. The department has two officers assigned to the unit, one as logistics coordinator and the other as a trained special weapons and tactic officer and assigned to the unit's all-purpose response team. The department's full-time Community Service Officer is assigned to S.S.E.R.T. as the unit's logistics coordinator.

S.S.M.C.T.F.

The Richton Park Police Department continues its partnership with the South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force (S.S.M.C.T.F.). This is a multi-jurisdictional task force made up of Investigator's from numerous south suburban police departments including the Cook County Sheriff's Police Department, as well as the Illinois State Police. The main focus of this specialized task force is to assist member agencies with the investigation of homicide cases and other major crimes which may occur within their jurisdictions. Since its inception in 1999, the Richton Park Police Department has been a member agency and has two investigators assigned to the task force.



Richton Park President Reinbold, Trustee Coleman, Interim Village Manager Stockstell, Fire and Police Chaplain White and Officer Ramirez participate in Special Olympics Basketball Fundraiser

The Richton Park Police Department provides administrative support to the Fire and Police Commission and the Liquor Commission. Each entity is separate from the police department and

is self-managing. The following documents were provided by each commission. The minutes for the Fire and Police Commission can be found on the Village of Richton Park's website.

FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION

The Fire and Police Commission consists of three members, Chairman, Secretary and Member. They are responsible for hiring all full-time sworn police officers and the promotion of corporals and sergeants. The following information was taken from the Fire and Police Commission 2015 Annual Report.

2015 Fire and Police Commissioners

Burdell Chapman
Chairman
Member since December, 1993

Keith Brown
Secretary
Member since December 13, 2010

Lee Long
Member
Member since December 13, 2010

2015 Meetings

Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, February 19, 2015

6:30 p.m.

Richton Park Municipal Building – Administrative Conference Room

In attendance:

Chairman Burdell Chapman
Secretary Keith Brown
Member Lee Long
Recording Secretary Virginia Zurek

Quarterly Meeting

Tuesday, May 5, 2015

6:30 p.m.

Richton Park Municipal Building – Administrative Conference Room

In attendance:

Chairman Burdell Chapman
Secretary Keith Brown
Member Lee Long
Recording Secretary Virginia Zurek

Quarterly Meeting

Tuesday, August 11, 2015

6:30 p.m.

Richton Park Municipal Building – Administrative Conference Room

In attendance:

Chairman Burdell Chapman (via conference call)

Secretary Keith Brown

Member Lee Long

Recording Secretary Virginia Zurek

Quarterly Meeting

Tuesday, November 10, 2015

6:30 p.m.

Richton Park Municipal Building – Administrative Conference Room

In attendance:

Chairman Burdell Chapman

Secretary Keith Brown

Member Lee Long

Recording Secretary Virginia Zurek

Conferences

Lee Long, Member, attended the Illinois Fire & Police Commissioners Association Spring 2015 Seminar in East Peoria, IL. Member Long attended Module 7 – Recording Secretary training and the General Session.

Burdell Chapman, Chairman, attended the 2015 Police and Fire Testing Summit. The summit was sponsored by IO Solutions and was an opportunity to share information about modern trends in testing and selection. This summit was held at the Drury Lane Conference Center in Oakbrook Terrace, IL.

Burdell Chapman, Chairman; Keith Brown, Secretary; and Lee Long, Member all attended the Fire & Police Commissioners Association Fall 2015 Seminar in St. Charles, IL. Chairman Chapman attended the General Session. Secretary Brown attended Module 6 – Commissioner Recertification for Fire & Police Commissions. Member Long attended Module 5 – Interviewing Process & Methods for Fire & Police Commissions.

Training

Fall Conference

Pheasant Run Resort

St. Charles, IL

November 6, 7 & 8, 2015

In attendance:

Chairman Burdell Chapman

Secretary Keith Brown

Member Lee Long

Testing

Sergeant promotional testing. Final list posted in 2016.

Hearings

No hearings were scheduled for 2015.

New Hires

William H. Shaw	Police Officer	June 22, 2015
Matthew R. Vanderjack	Police Officer	June 22, 2015

Promotions

Gilberto Miramontes	promoted to Corporal	January 16, 2015
Anthony R. Immormino	promoted to Corporal	January 16, 2015
Jason Rank	promoted to Sergeant	March 1, 2015
Brian Anderson	promoted to Corporal	March 1, 2015

Retirements

Robert P. Cremin	Corporal	January 14, 2015
Darren L. Stevens	Master Sergeant	March 8, 2015
Ronald K. Gustafson	Corporal	May 15, 2015

Resigned

Katrina S. Crawford	Police Officer	July 10, 2015
Kevin J. Chapin	Police Officer	December 27, 2015

Rules & Regulations

No changes were made to the Rules & Regulations in 2015.

RICHTON PARK LIQUOR COMMISSION

Village President Richard Reinbold serves as the Village’s Liquor Commissioner. This is a summary the liquor licensing events, incidents reported and other information concerning the liquor license establishments in our community.

During this past reporting year, we had **twelve** liquor licenses issued and **six** reported police involved incidents.

We, as a Village, will continue to be diligent in our efforts to ensure that license holders act responsibly and in the best interest of the citizens of the Village of Richton Park.

Licenses – During **2015** there were **twelve** liquor licenses issued. **Eleven** were issued to existing businesses. **One** was issued to a new business. A listing of licenses by classification and fees paid is found attached to this report.

A total of **\$14,200** was collected in licensing fees for the various classifications established by ordinance.

Incidents - During **2015** there was **six** incident requiring police intervention or action.

The **six** incidents occurred at the following liquor establishments:

Vee-J's Sports Grill. Police were called by an employee when a verbal and physical altercation with a subject occurred. This incident was handled by police officers and no further action needed to be taken since no violations were observed.

Chicago Dough Company. A special agent from the Illinois Department of Revenue, Illinois Liquor Control Commission was conducting checks of local businesses that sell alcohol to see if they would sell to underage buyers. Chicago Dough Company was cited for underage sale of alcohol and was given a Local Ordinance ticket from the police department and was also issued a state citation from the special agent.

Flavor Restaurant. A special agent from the Illinois Department of Revenue, Illinois Liquor Control Commission was conducting checks of local businesses that sell alcohol to see if they would sell to underage buyers. Flavor Restaurant was cited for underage sale of alcohol and was given a Local Ordinance ticket from the police department and was also issued a state citation from the special agent.

Richton Liquors. A special agent from the Illinois Department of Revenue, Illinois Liquor Control Commission was conducting checks of local businesses that sell alcohol to see if they would sell to underage buyers. Richton Liquors was cited for underage sale of alcohol and was given a Local Ordinance ticket from the police department and was also issued a state citation from the special agent.

Vee-J's Sports Grill. A special agent from the Illinois Department of Revenue, Illinois Liquor Control Commission was conducting checks of local businesses that sell alcohol to see if they would sell to underage buyers. Vee-J's Sports Grill was cited for underage sale of alcohol and was given a Local Ordinance ticket from the police department and was also issued a state citation from the special agent.

Lakewood Bowl. Police were dispatched to the establishment in regards to a disturbance. Upon arrival, Lakewood Bowl employee stated that several subjects were involved in an argument inside the establishment. Lakewood Bowl security broke-up the argument and the subjects went outside. Upon police arrival, all subjects involved left the area. No violations were observed.

Hearings - During **2015**, the State of Illinois Liquor Control Commission held a hearing for Lakewood Bowl. This was in regard to a 2014 liquor incident where a special agent from the Illinois Department of Revenue, Illinois Liquor Control Commission was conducting checks of local businesses that sell alcohol to see if they would sell to underage buyers. Lakewood Bowl was cited for underage sale of alcohol and was given a Local Ordinance ticket from the police department and was also issued a state citation from the special agent. It was ordered that the licensee was imposed a fine of \$500.00 from the State of Illinois Liquor Control Commission.

2015 License Classification and Licensing Fees Collected

CLASS	LICENSE NUMBER	LICENSE HOLDER	ADDRESS
A \$1,500	15-06 15-07 15-10 15-11 15-12	Lakewood Bowl Beggar's Pizza Vee-J's Sports Grill Flavor Restaurant Red Star Cocktail Lounge	5125 Sauk Trail 22149 Governors Hwy. 22119 Governors Hwy. 5091 Sauk Trail 5093 Sauk Trail
\$7,500	5	TOTAL	
B \$1,200	-----	-----	-----
\$0	0	TOTAL	
C \$1,000	15-01 15-04 15-05	JoAnn's Liquors Walgreens #05786 Richton Liquors	3625 Sauk Trail 4889 Sauk Trail 22228 Governors Hwy.
\$3,000	3	TOTAL	
D \$800	-----	-----	-----
\$0	0	TOTAL	
E \$200	15-02	VFW Post #311	22341 Governors Hwy.
\$200	1	TOTAL	
F \$1,250	15-03 15-08	Chicago Dough Company L.A. Cafe	3767 Sauk Trail 22325 Governors Hwy.
\$2,500	2	TOTAL	
G \$1,000	15-09	Eduardo Leamon Cigars	3721 Sauk Trail
\$1,000	1	TOTAL	
\$14,200	12	GRAND TOTAL	

Liquor License 15-05 – Richton Liquors sold to new owners. The name of the liquor established remained the same; however, the liquor license number was changed to 15A-05 for this liquor year.

Liquor License 15-12 – Red Star Cocktail Lounge. This is a new liquor license establishment.



On behalf of the employees of the Richton Park Police Department, thank you for taking the time to review our policing efforts for the year 2015. We are open to input on how to better serve our community. Please email Chief Williams at ewilliams@richtonpark.org or visit the Village of Richton Park webpage at www.richtonpark.org.

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