



**Semi-Annual Progress Report**

**CHICAGO RIDGE**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**2018 January-June**

---

**Robert D. Pyznarski, Chief of Police**

**10425 South Ridgeland Avenue**

**Chicago Ridge, Illinois 60415**

**Administration: 708-425-7831**

**Fax: 708-857-4460**

## From the desk of Robert D. Pyznarski, Chief of Police.

It's been a busy first half of the year. It didn't start the way we wanted it to. Mother Nature gifted us with a lot of snow. I hate to say it, but we had to write over 500 snow route tickets. While we don't like writing these tickets, it is a must. Our Public Works department works hard to properly remove snow to allow for vehicles, both emergency and personal, to travel safely through town. Remember if the forecast calls for snow, please make sure NOT to park on the street.

On a brighter note, the department has added a few new items to help assist officers in performing their duties. Both items; a Radar Speed Trailer / Message Board and WatchGuard In-Car Camera Systems were purchased with Narcotic drug money. No tax payer dollars were used for these purchases. Also, the old Village Hall was remodeled into a training facility which will allow our officers the opportunity to attend classes locally.

Hard work pays off, especially when it benefits others. Several department employees participated in Cop on a Rooftop and the Law Enforcement Torch Run to help raise awareness for the Special Olympics. We take great pride in supporting groups that make an effort to enhance the lives of others.

Our second half of the year has several events planned. Keep an eye out for Officer of the Year Award, Halloween bags being distributed to District 127.5 Pre-K & Kindergarteners, and our favorite time of the year Christmas with Ofc. Steven Smith's Toy Drive!

The statistics in this edition recap the first half of 2018. I hope you find the information useful and educational. Our goal is to maintain a safe community for our residents and those who visit the Village of Chicago Ridge.

Sincerely,

*Chief Robert D. Pyznarski*



This year, for the first time, on Friday, May 18, the Chicago Ridge Police Department participated in Cop on a Rooftop to help raise money for the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois. The weather allowed for a perfect day. Our officers hung out at Dunkin Donuts on 95<sup>th</sup> and Ridgeland for 7 hours collecting donations at the drive through and at the intersection.



On June 13, we also dedicated our run leg of the Law Enforcement Torch Run in honor of ISP Trooper James Sauter. Jim was a hometown hero who lost his life in the line of duty on March 28, 2013. With it being the 5<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of his death, we had our largest turnout yet. Illinois State Police and Worth Police Department joined in the run and assisted with traffic control.



Combined, these two events raised \$5,763.00 for Special Olympics. Thank you to all who donated and participated in these events. We look forward to next year, with an even larger goal!

***Special Olympics***  
***Illinois***



## Patrol Division

The Patrol Division is supervised by Deputy Chief Brian Galske assisted by Commander Anthony Layman. All full-time officers are certified through the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board. They receive continuous training in all areas of the patrol function along with criminal and traffic investigations. There are four patrol shifts among the 21 officers. There are two day shifts that each have one Sergeant, one Corporal and three officers who are scheduled from 5:00am to 5:00pm. The two afternoon shifts each have one Sergeant, one Corporal and four officers who are scheduled from 5:00pm to 5:00am. The four patrol shifts work either three or four days in a row providing the most efficient patrol coverage with its current manpower. There are 23 part-time employees who are either certified Part-time Law Enforcement Officers, Auxiliary Officers or Desk Officers.

The foremost major functions of the Patrol Division are to respond to calls of service. The members of the patrol division are the first responders to any and all calls of service. In general, majority of the calls for service occur between the hours of 11:00am and 12midnight. Besides the answering of the service calls, 911-emergency calls, they also assist other departments or agencies. Another main function for patrol officers is traffic enforcement. The traffic enforcement activity is found on the following page.

**Calls for service January 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30th, 2018: 5,532 .**

Total related ordinance violations cited: 115 Total criminal arrests: 386

### 2018 Uniform Crime Reporting | Offenses Reported | January 1<sup>st</sup>- June 30<sup>th</sup>

Month	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Battery	Burglary	Theft/ Retail Thefts	Theft of Vehicle	Arson	Human Trafficking	Totals
January	0	0	0	1	1	33	3	0	0	38
February	0	0	1	0	2	27	1	0	0	31
March	0	1	0	0	1	28	0	0	0	30
April	0	0	0	1	2	20	2	0	0	25
May	0	0	1	1	0	23	1	0	0	26
June	0	0	1	1	1	33	0	0	0	36
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>186</b>

**Robbery Summary:** Feb 2 at Chg Ridge Mall: Cellphone taken from a person while talking on the phone as she walked through a parking lot. Juvenile Offender apprehended. May 6 at Chg Ridge Mall: subject grabbed a ring from sales person at a jewelry store. June 30 at Southwest Hwy & Oak Park Ave: fight between two people, and one grabbed the others cellphone.

**Sexual Assault:** 9700-9800 blk Nottingham. Subject stated that she woke up at an apartment she had visited and believes she was sexually assaulted. As of July 1, the case is still open pending state crime lab results. **Sample of Auto Thefts.** In January there was a vehicle left unlocked that could be started without a key and never located. A 1988 Honda was vehicle stolen in April later located in Chg. with no arrests. Not so trustworthy of a friendship for three car owners. One owner left his friend in a car after an argument. He went into a store and when he returned his friend left with the car that was later recovered in New Lenox, IL. Second incident was a vehicle that was lent to a friend who never returned the vehicle. Lastly, an owner left his friend in the car and returned moments later to find it gone. The vehicle was located in Worth several hours later.



## Traffic Enforcement Overview



The Traffic Enforcement Unit is focused on enforcing vehicular traffic laws for passenger vehicles and commercial vehicles. The department and the unit work with the Illinois State Police and Illinois Department of Transportation in enforcement efforts throughout the year.

### Department Summary of Traffic Enforcement Efforts

January 01, 2018 through June 30, 2018

**Traffic Stops: 2,449**

86% of traffic stops (2,118) resulted in a ticket(s) being issued, either a state citation and/or local ordinance citation.

**Parking and Compliance Tickets issued: 2,785**

Ticket fines total at \$160,280; \$127,983 was collected

**Traffic Unit Enforcement of Commercial Vehicle Violations**

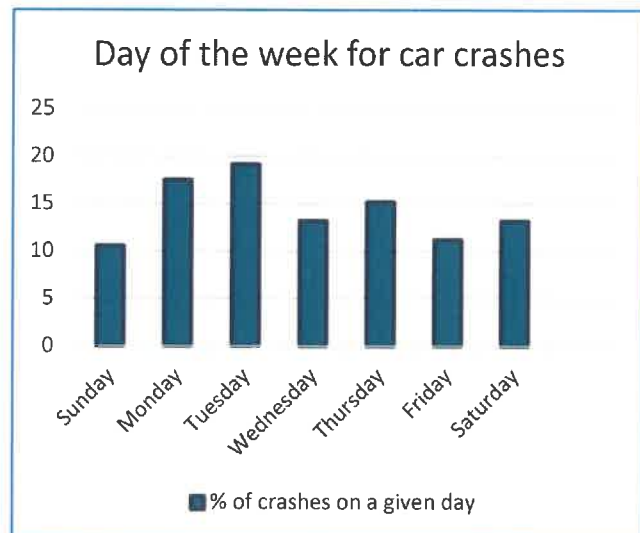
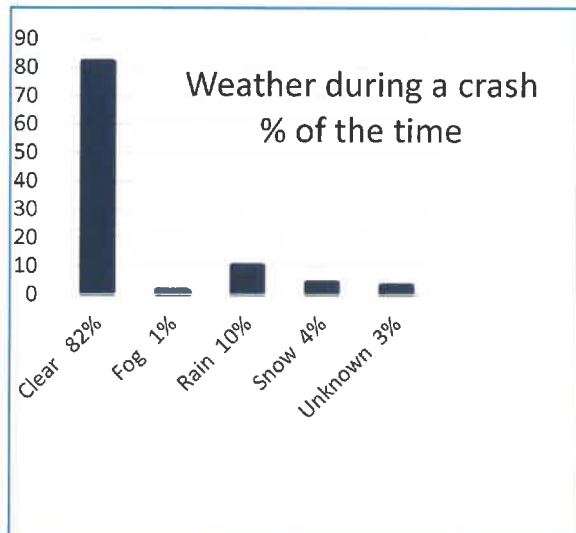
(overweight or licensing violations) 73 citations resulting in \$101,558 in fines.

### Enforcement details

The Chicago Ridge Police Department issued over 1558 tickets between Jan 01-June 30, 2018. A breakdown of some of the offenses: - Parking tickets: 320 No Village Sticker; 98 Commuter Parking violations; and 528 Snow route violations were issued; 612 for other violations.

-Compliance Tickets: 207 issued for failure to wear a seatbelt; 332 citations issued for using a cell phone while driving; 328 Expired license plates citations; 303 for other moving violations.

Traffic Crashes January 01 <sup>st</sup> , 2018 through June 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2018			
Property Damage Crashes	283	Injury Crashes	54
Commercial Vehicle Crashes	8	Fatal Crashes	0
Hit and Run crashes	79	<b>Total Crashes</b>	<b>424</b>





## Commercial Vehicle Overweight Ordinance

### Ordinance #18-07-20

#### Chapter 50 330

Permits are not required for homeowners driving a car or B-plate pick-up truck hauling a trailer, small box trucks, small work vans. The ordinance applies to larger commercial vehicles.

Some examples: Permits apply to commercial trucks that weigh more than 80,000 lbs, or an axle weight over 20,000 lbs. Vehicles longer than 60' in combination or 42' for single vehicles may need a permit.

By the end of the summer, the Village of Chicago Ridge will have in place an amended ordinance pertaining to commercial vehicles and their weight and size. The Police Department will begin issuing permits for overweight and/or overdimension (height, length, width) vehicles that wish to utilize Village roadways. Currently, vehicles that require permits to move along county and state roadways are not required to obtain a permit when traveling on Village roadways. By requiring overweight and overdimension vehicles to be permitted, this will help protect the Village infrastructure and allow for safe travel on all Village roadways. To accomplish this permitting requirement, the police department will be utilizing Oxcart Permit Systems who is currently being utilized by 86 different local government agencies in Illinois. There is a review process that will help ensure proper enforcement of those who violate any permit provisions and prevent unnecessary use of the Village roadways. For questions reference to the permit process and enforcement, please contact Officer Eric Kaspar at 708-425-7831, ext. 240 or you may email your questions to [traffic@chicagoridgepolice.org](mailto:traffic@chicagoridgepolice.org)



The Chicago Ridge Police recently installed a new state of the art In Car Camera System in all 11 marked squads and transport vehicle. The system purchased from WatchGuard has 3 cameras that operate in the squad. The video creates a documentation of traffic stops, arrests and encounters on the street.



In Car Camera Screen



Car Camera



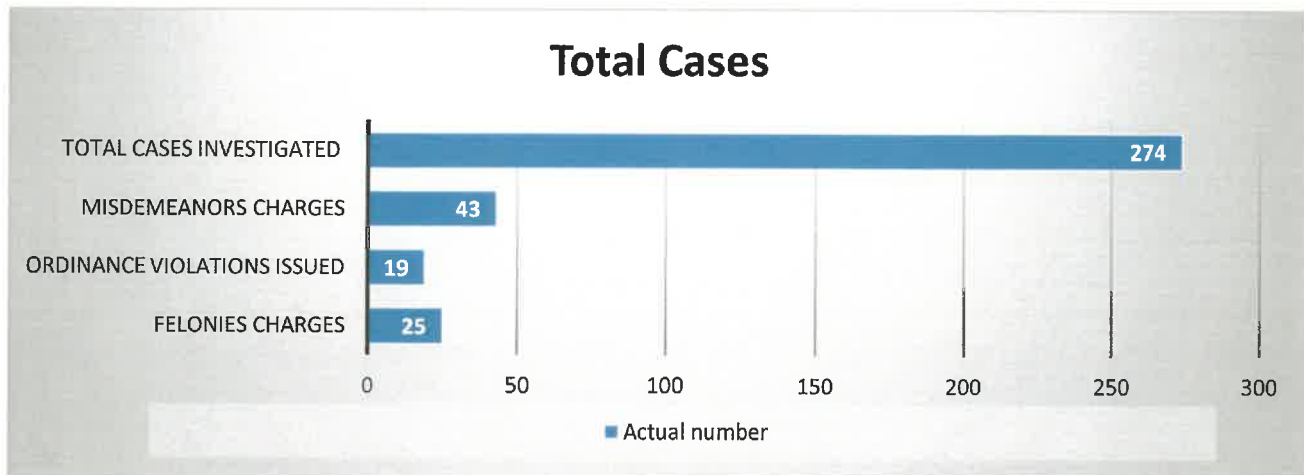
Review of the traffic stop

This system was purchased with funds from the assets forfeiture account and the department received a \$40,000 grant from the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board. The system went live in May, 2018 and already has been proven to be a success in arrests and DUI prosecutions. The system is user friendly for the officer and will automatically upload the video into the departments network.

## Investigations Division

January 01, 2018 through June 30, 2018

The Investigations Division is supervised by Deputy Chief James Jarolimek assisted by Commander Anthony Layman. The Division includes two Detectives assigned to General Investigations; two Detectives assigned to the Tactical Unit; one Detective assigned to a task force and one Detective assigned to the Juvenile Division. All Detectives are experienced and trained officers in investigating misdemeanors, felonies, sex crimes, financial crimes, juvenile crimes, and major cases to include homicide. The investigators are members of several area investigative groups such as the Fifth District Detectives Group, Southwest Major Crimes Task Force and the Major Case Unit. Chicago Ridge PD has been part of the NARCINT Task force since 2014. The following information is not part of the department statistics. The NARCINT task force investigated 306 cases with 138 arrests, 28 firearms seized, executed 20 search warrants, seized 6 vehicles, over \$43,590 in valuables/other assets and over \$1,707,000 in cash between the period of Jan 01-June 30, 2018.



### Tactical Unit Activity | Time period: Jan 1-June 30, 2018

Drugs Recovered-Removed from the streets	Amount (weight)	Tactical Unit Activity	Conclusion
Cannabis	8,405 g	Narcotic Investigations	80
Cocaine/Crack	9 g	Arrests	35
Hydrocodone/Xanax	0	Vehicle Seizures	20
Heroin	1	Vehicle Forfeitures	0
Ecstasy	2,700	Cash Seizures	\$21,966
THC Vials	180	Potential Fines, Fees, Forfeited Funds	\$35,991
LSD/Acid/Mushrooms	0		



## Juvenile Division

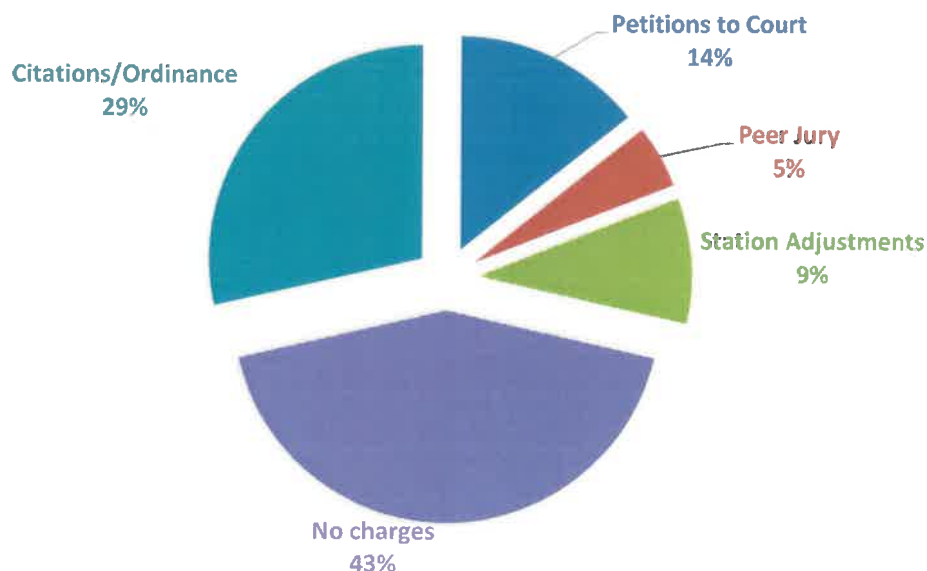
January 01, 2018 through June 30, 2018

The Juvenile Division is a specialty unit within the police department. The Juvenile Officer, Detective Sergeant David Mitchell is assigned to the unit and is assigned to investigate serious cases that involve juveniles, when they may be either a victim or an offender. Juveniles are defined as a person under the age of 18 years.

In addition to the assigned case load, Det./Sgt. Mitchell is assigned to visit the public and private schools within the Village of Chicago Ridge (being Ridge Central, Ridge Lawn, Finley Jr High School and Our Lady of The Ridge). Det./Sgt. Mitchell provides safety presentations to over 1400 students. These programs include Stranger Danger, Train Safety, Bike Safety, Internet Safety, Bullying and Peer Pressure, Drug and Alcohol Awareness.

**54 Juvenile Police Contacts were made by the Juvenile Detectives Division  
(this does not include patrol division contacts)**

### CASE DISPOSITIONS







The Chicago Ridge Police Department is part of the Southwest Major Crimes Task Force and the Major Case Unit. Partnering communities included in the task force are, Chicago Ridge, Worth, Hickory Hills, Bedford Park, Crestwood, Moraine Valley Community College Police Departments along with new members, Burbank and Hometown Police Departments, with crime scene processing by the Illinois State Police and Cook County Sheriff's Police.

- Call-outs for the Southwest Major Crimes Task Force for Homicide Investigations: 3
  - Callouts in Crestwood (Homicide; open pending further investigation), Hickory Hills (Homicide; resulted in an arrest) and Moraine Valley Community College (Death Investigation; determined as a drug overdose).
- Callouts for the Major Case Unit for serious felony offense experienced by participating agencies: -0-



### Employment news with the police department.

*"It's time to say goodbye, but I think goodbyes are sad and I'd much rather say hello. Hello to a new adventure"*

*...Ernie Harwell*

**Part-time employees that left** between January 1, 2018 and June 30, 2018 were Kevin Pomper who went to become a full-time Police Officer with Palos Heights PD. Kevin Spatz became a Community Service Officer with the Alsip PD.

**Full Time Employees.** The village lost Brendan Mulvey who was hired last year but went to work with the federal agency ATF (Alcohol Tobacco Firearm) enforcement group.

**New Part-time employees** hired between January 1, 2018 and June 30, 2018 were Auxiliary Officers Kirsten Crenshaw, Brendan Dix and Jason Hine. Desk and Booking Officers Thomas Davey and Kyle Hardiman and for Clerical Sherri Pudinoff.

**Domestic Violence occurs in every community.** In Chicago Ridge, we have partnered with the Crisis Center for South Suburbia. The center provides to the police department a policing advocate. The advocate provides outreach to victims of domestic violence and discusses the criminal process, educating them on order of protections, encourage counseling and discuss and help with safety plans for the victim and children of a home.



2018	Month	Total # of reports	Total # of contacts
	January	17	13
	February	20	17
	March	9	8
	April	14	11
	May	7	6
	June	16	13

# TRAINING AND FITNESS

The Chicago Ridge Police Department is a member of the NORTH EAST MULTI-REGIONAL TRAINING a mobile training team of the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board. Police officers receive training in various topics, such as cultural awareness, use of force, law updates, firearms, human behavior, and more. Recently two officers, Sgt Dave Mitchell and Ofc Jon Reed, who are assigned as in-house instructors received state recognition for their courses that are taught to our officers. Recently all Chicago Ridge Police Officers went through an active shooter drill and defensive tactics training. To provide the best training, all sessions are classroom and scenario based hands-on training.

NEMRT courses that some officers have attended between January-June, 2018.

Active Shooter

Crisis Intervention

Field Training Officer

DUI enforcement

Vehicle Code Update

Use of force

Crime Scene Investigations

Sexual Assault Investigations



The village recently repaired and updated the old village hall that is the new home of the Emergency Management Agency (EMA). The EMA building is now equipped with an updated training room. There are benefits in being an agency that can host a training class. The hosting agency will have the student fees waived, some as high as \$550 per officer. Officers don't need to travel hours to a class, saving in payroll and mileage. The police department is set to host four classes in the fall of 2018; Supervisory Liability, Sexual Assault Investigations, Opioid Death Investigations and Crisis Intervention.

Each year Chicago Ridge Police Officers go through and must pass a physical fitness test. Officers run 1.5 miles, they do sit-ups, bench presses for strength and sit-and-reach test to score flexibility. This year the fastest runner was Officer Scott Lambert who ran a 1.5 mile in 9 minutes and 40 seconds.

