



Frankfort Police News

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A Year in Review

Excellence in Policing-Utilizing 21st Century Policing as a Guideline

Policing tactics and strategies have and will continue to change. The needs and demands of police service change with the economy, laws, and current events. The Frankfort Police Department prides itself on offering outstanding service to the community we serve. Our officers are well trained professionals dedicated to working in partnership with our citizens to provide a safe place to live, work and visit. In 2014, President Obama signed an executive order establishing the Task Force on 21st Century Policing. In May 2015, a comprehensive report was released by the task force outlining guidelines which have been divided into six pillars. Each newsletter moving forward, will address a pillar identified by the task force and provide information on how the Frankfort Police Department has or will implement practices to comply with the guidelines. Pillar One, Building Trust and Legitimacy, suggests police should be transparent and promote positive community/police interactions. These interactions should be non-enforcement activities to establish a relationship between the police and the community. Police should be seen as guardians of public safety and members of the community.

Pillar One - Building Trust and Legitimacy

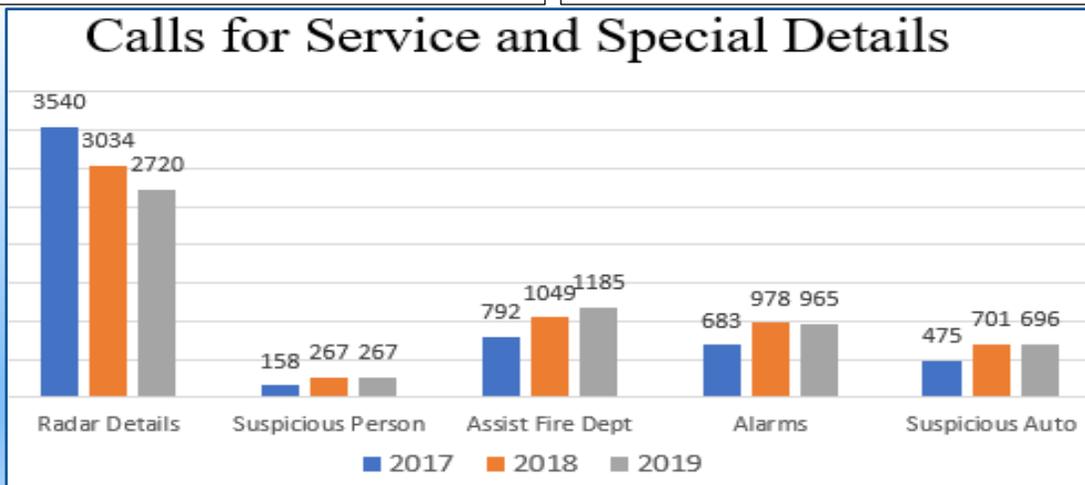
- The Frankfort Police Department participates in a multitude of non-enforcement activities and meetings throughout the year to include:
 - Coffee with a Cop
 - Foot Patrols at Businesses
 - Citizen's Police Academy
 - Night Out Against Crime
 - Safety Trunk or Treat
 - Neighborhood HOA meetings
 - Explorer Program
 - Vacation Watches
 - Seniors on Patrol
 - Community Education Programs
 - Elementary School Programs

- We are 100% in compliance with providing information requested under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

- The Board of Police Commissioners use a thorough screening process for police employment, including psychological testing to select viable candidates as police officers.

- Moving forward a goal is to conduct community surveys to obtain information on opportunities to improve our service.

Calls for Service and Special Details

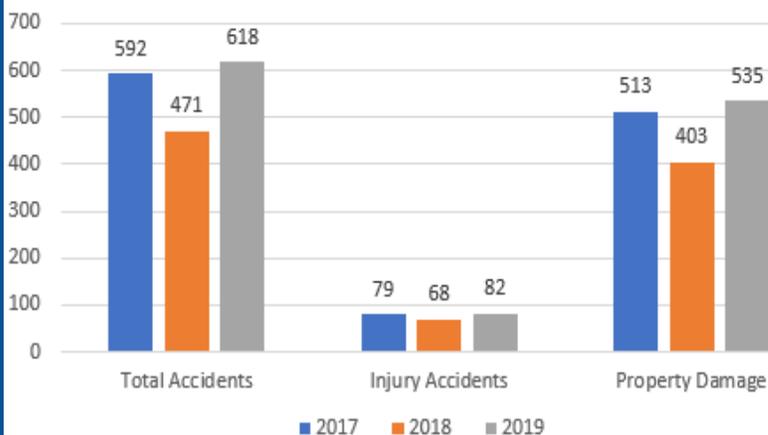


Crime Statistics 2017-2019

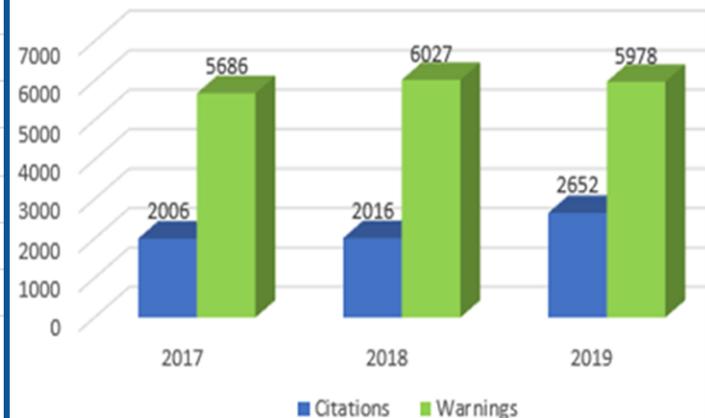
Type of Crime	Number of Calls 2017	Number of Calls 2018	Number of Calls 2019
DUI/Traffic Arrests	129	132	143
Retail Theft	46	53	34
Identity Theft	68	57	61
Theft	62	59	70
Burglary to Vehicle	35	50	61
Stolen Vehicles	12	12	17
Residential Burglary	12	4	*8
Business Burglary	8	16	11
Criminal Trespass	Not coded until 2018	17	35

*In 2019 we continued to see burglaries to motor vehicles as a crime trend. In 2018, we began to subcategorize burglaries to vehicles into criminal trespass and burglary to motor vehicles. A criminal trespass is when an offender has rummaged through a person's unlocked vehicle without a theft occurring. A burglary to a motor vehicle is when an offender goes into a motor vehicle and steals something out of it. In the majority of burglary to motor vehicles incidents the vehicle was left unlocked. Stolen vehicles have increased in 2019. If a vehicle is left unlocked with the key or key fob inside of it, the offenders have been stealing the car. Typically, the stolen cars are used to commit other crimes and are then abandoned in various areas.

Motor Vehicle Accidents



Traffic Contacts



Citizen's Police Academy

Are you interested in knowing how local law enforcement works? Join the Lincoln-Way Area Citizen's Police Academy. This 12-week program meets every Thursday night from 7-9:30 starting March 5th. Some of the sessions include: K-9 demonstration, Will County Jail Tour, Taser Demonstration, Traffic Stops, and More! Participants must be 18 years old, pass a criminal background check, and fill out an application. Applications can be found at www.frankfortpolice.net or call (815) 469-9435 for more information.



Cannabis Rules for Recreational Use

Illinois became the 11th state to legalize marijuana for adult use on January 1, 2020. There are many misconceptions about legal use and transportation. Below are some frequently asked questions that will clarify the perimeters for recreational cannabis.

Who can purchase cannabis?

Consumers aged 21 and older can buy cannabis products from licensed sellers in Illinois- with or without a medical marijuana card.

How can cannabis be transported legally?

When transporting cannabis in a vehicle, it must be in a sealed, odor-proof, child- resistant package.

Where can cannabis products be ingested or smoked?

Private residences (but landlords and property owners have the authority to ban cannabis use on their properties)

Authorized locations licensed for cannabis consumption.

Where cannabis products cannot be smoked or ingested?

Vehicles, school grounds, restaurants and bars, public places to include streets, sidewalks, parks, and playgrounds are all areas where cannabis products cannot be consumed.

How much product are allowable for recreational use?

Up to 30 grams of cannabis flower, 5 grams of cannabis concentrate (oils, etc.), and up to 500 milligrams of cannabis infused products (gummies, brownies, etc.) are legal amounts of cannabis products for recreational use.

We ask that those participating in recreational cannabis use become familiar with restrictions set in place and consume responsibly. Also remember that many companies have maintained their zero drug use policies for their employees. If you have any additional questions about legal use, please call us or visit our Facebook page to watch our informational video on the new law.



The Frankfort Police Department uses Nixle to send out information and alerts to the community. We now can notify our residents of severe weather and are able to receive anonymous tips through our Nixle program. The weather alerts are sent automatically by the National Weather Service. These warnings are often time sensitive and are set up this way to alert our community of severe weather. Therefore, alerts may be sent during overnight hours. Although these alerts are at times inconvenient, it is imperative to utilize the weather warnings in the interest of public safety. If you have not signed up for our Nixle alert system, you can text "FRANKFORT" to 888-777, or go to www.nixle.com.

If you would like to leave an anonymous tip regarding suspicious activity or criminal behavior please text: TIP (enter your tip, example- lights not working at Rt.30 and Harlem) to "888777". Please keep in mind that for an immediate response or an emergency, dial 911.



Join us at our next
"Coffee with a Cop"
Friday, February 21st

Jewel-Osco
21164 S. LaGrange Rd.
Frankfort, IL 60423

No speeches, no agendas, just an opportunity to meet the men and women who serve your community.

Our Response to Crime - a Letter from Chief John Burica

Frankfort, neighboring towns, and other communities continue to experience crimes including car break-ins and thefts at a higher rate than acceptable. Our police department has and will continue to collaborate with law enforcement agencies to share information and deploy various crime prevention and apprehension strategies. There is no one that wants to catch these offenders more than police agencies. We have had county wide meetings using predictive analysis and mapping trends. We are using extra patrols and combining resources with agencies to add patrols. We continue to do our best to send out social media alerts and reminders to keep residents informed. We have caught several offenders and charged them with these crimes. We continue to ask our residents and anyone reading this to call police when you see or hear anything suspicious; or anything out of the ordinary. We will continue to aggressively patrol our village, but we need your help to alert us of suspicious activity. In 2019 alone our officers logged 635 instances in which they encountered an open garage door during overnight hours and alerted the resident. We do increase our neighborhood patrols at night, but yes you will still see us on main thoroughfares. This is because the suspects are coming in and leaving on these roads. That traffic stop you see may be an officer checking for offenders (yes - they have been caught in traffic stops or sometimes identified through other criminal activity). We will be incorporating the "9PM Lock Your Door" reminders into our social media postings. Please spread the word and incorporate the 9PM Routine into your schedule. We appreciate those calling in suspicious vehicles and people, and those who look out for your neighbors and neighborhoods. We are more effective when our community is engaged. We are here 24/7 watching and ready. We cannot be everywhere, but together we can be effective in preventing crime and apprehending offenders.

Chief John Burica

NEW- 9PM Routine Reminder

It's 9PM:

- ✓ Remove valuables from vehicles
- ✓ Lock vehicles
- ✓ Close the overhead garage door
- ✓ Make sure you did not leave your keys in the car



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To Receive Frankfort Area Text Alerts:
Text "FRANKFORT" to "888777"



Non-Emergency: (815)485-2500



Emergency: DIAL 911



The Frankfort Police Department will be issuing a newsletter quarterly with up to date information on current crime trends, community events, and laws. To get a copy of our newsletter go to www.frankfortpolice.net.