



# Frankfort Police News

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## Stay Safe for The Holidays

Are you going away this holiday season? Below are a few tips to help keep you and your home safe.

- Be sure to lock doors and windows when you leave the house, even for a few minutes.
- When leaving home for an extended time, have a neighbor or family member watch your house and pick up your newspapers and mail.
- Indoor and outdoor lights should be on an automatic timer.
- Leave a radio or television on so the house looks and sounds occupied.
- Large displays of holiday gifts should not be visible through the windows and doors of your home.
- Do not leave valuables in plain view within your car; also make sure you lock your car doors.
- Be sure your Christmas tree is mounted on a sturdy base, so children, elderly persons or family pets cannot pull it over.
- Take advantage of the Frankfort Police Department's home vacation watch. Call us at (815) 469-9435 for details.

The Frankfort Police Department would like to wish everyone a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!

## Current Crime Trends

Below are our current crime statistics from September 1<sup>st</sup> through November 27<sup>th</sup>. The number and type of crimes we have had in Frankfort are remaining consistent. Once again, the most preventable crimes occurring are burglary to vehicles and stolen vehicles. In both of most cases, the victim's vehicle was left unlocked.

Type of Crime	Number of Calls
DUI/Traffic	30
Retail Theft	8
Identity Theft	13
Theft	16
Burglary to Vehicle	17
Stolen Vehicles	5
Burglary	2

The Frankfort Police Department has been utilizing a "lock it or lose it" campaign and has applied various prevention techniques. These techniques include: bicycle patrols, undercover vehicle patrols, and using Seniors on Patrol to distribute lock it or lose it flyers in the community. We have also put out messages on Nixle and our social media accounts. This holiday season, remember to lock your vehicle doors and to never leave your keys or key fobs in your vehicle. Also, call in suspicious noises, persons, and vehicles as soon as they are observed.

## Celebrate Responsibly



Throughout the holiday season many people will attend parties, family gatherings, and celebrate at various venues both near and far away. Please remember to celebrate responsibly.

- Have a designated driver. Many liquor establishments offer discounts and free non-alcoholic beverages to designated drivers during holiday events.
- Have a plan. There are many ways to get a ride home thanks to transportation companies like Uber or Lyft. Become familiar with these companies before you go out.
- Think before you drive. Not sure if you should drive? Don't. Call a family member, a friend, a taxi, or one of the transportation companies listed above. If you drive you are risking your life, and others, and you can lose your driving privileges. An average DUI costs an estimated \$18,030.00. according to the Illinois Secretary of State's 2017 DUI Fact Book.



## Trunk or Treat 2017

The Frankfort Police Department hosted its 4<sup>th</sup> annual Trunk or Treat on October 28<sup>th</sup>. Despite the questionable weather, we had a great turnout and were able to provide a safe location for children to trick or treat. Chief Burica led our the E.F. Bucko Costume Parade, a parade conducted annually in honor of the late Deputy Police Chief, Edward Bukowski. The police department is grateful for the many businesses and organizations that participate in this event, the businesses that donated Halloween candy, and to the many families in the community that attended.



Chief Burica with this year's "People's Choice" Winner, The Dancing Marlin's Jurassic Park.

## Thank You!!

The Frankfort Police Department would like to thank you for partnering with us to help keep our community safe. We are grateful for the many partnerships, tips, and volunteer groups that help us daily. A special thank you to our Police Cadets and Seniors on Patrol group for all that you do.



The Frankfort Police Department uses Nixle to send out information and alerts to the community. We now have the ability to notify our residents of severe weather and the ability to receive anonymous tips through our Nixle program. If you have not signed up for our Nixle alert system, you can text "FRANKFORT" to 888-777, or go to [www.nixle.com](http://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.



## Stay Warm this Winter Warming Center Information-

The Frankfort Village Hall  
432 W. Nebraska Street

8-5 Monday-Friday  
(\*Additional Hours Upon  
Need/Request)

\*Please Call Before Arriving if Possible  
(815) 469-2177



Join us Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at:

**Starbucks**

8:30-10:00 a.m.

20811 S LaGrange Rd.

Frankfort, IL 60423

(New Location)

Come out and meet the men and women who serve your community. No speeches, no agendas, just an opportunity to have some coffee and conversation.

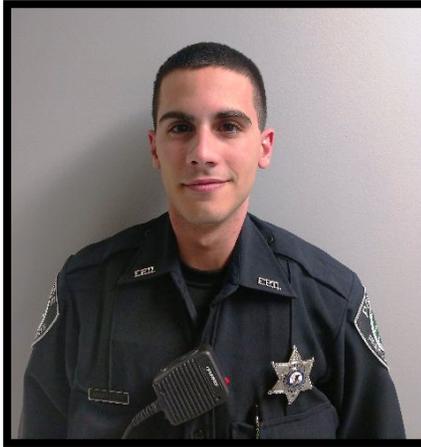
## MOB Graduating Class

The Frankfort Police Department completed a Matter of Balance class on November 10th, 2017. Matter of Balance is a fall prevention class that emphasizes exercise and fall prevention strategies. This program gave our 16 participants important new skills and the opportunity to get to know our police officers. We will be hosting another MOB class in spring of 2018.



The Fall 2017 Matter of Balance Graduates with Officer Bender and Officer O'Donnell.

# A Familiar Face Is a Welcomed Addition to Our Force



The Frankfort Police Department would like to welcome a new addition to our police department, Officer Dominic Martello. Officer Martello was raised in Frankfort and is excited to give back to the community he grew up in. Dominic graduated from Lewis University with a degree in criminal justice. He also served as a Community Service Officer with our department for the past year and a half. Martello related his position as a Community Service Officer “taught me a lot and proved to me that I wanted a career in law enforcement”.

Martello just graduated from the police academy and has started his field training at our police department. When asked, Dominic felt his favorite part of the job so far is traffic stops. Officer Martello proved himself to be a competent and trustworthy Community Service Officer and we know he will make a great addition to our patrol division.



## Happy Holidays from the Men and Women of the Frankfort Police Department

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Text “FRANKFORT” to “888777”



Non-Emergency: (815) 485-2500



Emergency: DIAL 911



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