



Frankfort Police News

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The summer season is upon us, which means warmer weather and more outdoor time for all. Many people from Frankfort and nearby communities enjoy our Old Plank Road Trail during this time of year. The Frankfort Police Department conducts regular patrols of the trail throughout the day. However, it is important to be safe while walking, bicycle riding, and traveling in vehicles. Below are a few safety tips and reminders for summer time safety.

- Walk in groups or pairs if possible.
- Avoid using your cellular phone while walking.
- Do not walk or run with headphones or ear buds in. If you must, put one in so you can be aware of your surroundings.
- Always look both ways before crossing the street, vehicles may not stop for you.
- Wear bright or reflective clothing if walking, running, or bicycling at night.
- Anticipate and look for pedestrians at designated crosswalks when driving.
- If playground equipment appears to be damaged or unsafe contact the responsible park district.
- Remember to never leave children or a pet in your car. A vehicle's interior temperature rises rapidly and can cause death or serious harm.

CURRENT CRIME TRENDS

Below are our current crime statistics from January 1st- May 1st of 2018. Burglaries to Motor Vehicles still remain a crime trend in the Chicagoland Suburbs. This crime is preventable. Remember to always lock your vehicle doors. Never leave car keys or fobs inside of your vehicles and remove valuables from vehicles.

TYPE OF CRIME	NUMBER OF CALLS
DUI/Traffic Arrests	49
Retail Theft	10
Identity Theft	15
Theft	14
Burglary to Vehicle	21
Stolen Vehicles	5
Residential Burglary	0
Business Burglary	1

Also, call in suspicious noises, persons, and vehicles as soon as they are observed. Remember "lock it or lose it" and if you "see or hear something", say something. Suspicious incidents can be reported by calling 911 or our non-emergency number: (815)485-2500.

The Importance of Reporting

At Homeowner's Association meetings, quick exchanges at local businesses, and even at our "Coffee with a Cop" events, we often get asked about reporting crimes or suspicious incidents. Many people are concerned about "bothering" the police. Frankfort Police Officers are on shift 24 hours a day and every day of the year. It is our responsibility and duty to respond to all calls for service. We are grateful for any tips or reports of suspicious activity. There are times a person is the victim of some type of crime, and their neighbor says, "I thought something wasn't right, but didn't call". Call if something doesn't seem right, it is okay if it turns out to be nothing. Another deterrent to calling in criminal or suspicious activity is people not wanting "to get involved". Frankfort is our community. The police cannot be everywhere all the time. As a resident or business owner, you know what is typical in your area. We need you to tell us when something strange or unusual is occurring. We may not know that a certain vehicle does not belong in your neighborhood, but you do. When calling the police, you can request to remain anonymous. This is an excellent option when people fear retribution or "do not want to be involved". Many crimes have been solved or deterred due to citizen's calling in suspicious activity. Recently, a business had a retail theft and our police agency was looking for the suspect. A young resident saw someone suspicious in their yard and called the police. The suspicious person was the suspect and was apprehended due to the resident's quick thinking and reporting. Remember, you can call 911 or report information by calling our non-emergency number at (815)485-2500. Lastly, we do have an anonymous tipping feature on our Nixle information site. (see page 3 for more details) **Thank you for partnering with us to keep Frankfort safe.**

Explorer Post #104

DO YOU KNOW A HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE STUDENT INTERESTED IN LAW ENFORCEMENT?

Our Explorer Post is a great opportunity to learn about law enforcement while learning life skills and making friends.

What our cadets learn:

- Ethics and Professionalism
- Community Relations
- Criminal Investigations
- Patrol Operations
- Crime Scene Processing
- Report Writing
- Search and Seizure
- Leadership Skills

All members must:

- Be 15 and have not attained the age of 21
- Maintain a "C" average or higher
- Attend post meetings regularly
- Participate in post details
- Adhere to the post code of conduct and general procedures.

We are hosting an informational open house:

Burgers and Badges

Tuesday, June 12th

6:30-8 p.m.

Frankfort Police Department

20602 Lincoln-Way Lane

For more information call

(815)469-9435



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. 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 for
"Cone with a Cop" -
 a summer twist on our
"Coffee with a Cop" Program



21 S. White St. Suite 1, Frankfort, IL
 Friday, June 8th from 2-3p.m.

Come out to meet Chief John Burica and other Frankfort Police Officers for conversation and an ice cream cone. No meetings, no agendas, just an opportunity to meet with those who serve your community.



FRANKFORT'S NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

Tuesday, August 7th
 6-8 p.m.
 On the Breidert Green

Free hot dogs, refreshments, bounce houses, safety vendors, touch a truck and more!

CPA Graduation

The Frankfort Police Department and other local agencies just completed our 2018 Citizen's Police Academy. This year, we added a training simulator to our program. We are grateful for our participant's time and eagerness to learn about how local law enforcement works. We will be accepting applications for our next CPA in January of 2019.



Graduates of our 2018 Citizen's Police Academy

Officer Ken Monreal- Senior Patrol Officer and Traffic Enforcement Enthusiast



Officer Ken Monreal has been a valuable member of the Frankfort Police Department since 2003. Officer Monreal has many specialties that include: firearms instructor, evidence technician, bicycle patrol officer, and Taser instructor. Officer Monreal also received a life-saving award in 2015.

Officer Monreal has recently been awarded the position of Senior Patrol Officer. A Senior Patrol Officer is an officer who has been deemed capable by their supervisors to oversee a shift when the sergeant is absent. This honor is earned by officers who demonstrate sound judgement, knowledge, and leadership skills.

When asked, Officer Monreal related his favorite part of working as a police officer is traffic enforcement. "I like to do my part in making sure that everyone traveling on our roads gets home safely to their families."

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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.