



Frankfort Police News

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National Night Out Against Crime



The Frankfort Police Department held their annual National Night Out Against Crime (NNO) on August 2nd. The night was kicked off with introductions by Mayor Keith Ogle and Chief Leanne Chelepis. Night Out Against Crime is one of our most anticipated community events of the year. The community showed tremendous support for our agency, and we had a record number of attendees. NNO attendees enjoyed the energetic and always entertaining MC Keith Wallace. Our family-oriented event focused on children activities including; face painters, balloon animals, bounce houses, touch a truck, a magician, music, games, activities, handouts, treats, raffle prizes and more. Most importantly, this event provides an opportunity for interactions between our officers and residents. We wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of our sponsors and local businesses for their generous donations and participation in our event. Please visit our Frankfort Police Department Facebook page for a list of our National Night Out Against Crime sponsors. There you will also find the latest news, activities, upcoming events, and safety reminders.

Supporting School Safety

It's that time of year-students are back in school, and our goal is to help keep students and staff safe. It is also back to school for 157c District School Resource Officer Riff. Officer Riff strives to keep our schools safe by building relationships between staff, students, and law enforcement. Officer Riff provides safety presentations for students at all grade levels, active threat response training for staff and students, building security checks, and conducts safety drills.

You will also see an increased presence of our officers in school zones and neighborhoods. Our officers make frequent checks and conduct foot patrols in schools within the Village of Frankfort's jurisdiction. We value our partnership with school administrators, staff, and students.

We ask motorists to be especially cautious in school zones, near bus stops, and to anticipate children walking/bicycling in residential areas and near schools.

Also, please remember the following:

- STOP for school buses displaying flashing red lights and an extended stop

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arm. That means children are entering or exiting the bus. Do not attempt to pass the bus.

- On a two-lane roadway, all lanes of traffic must STOP when red lights are flashing on the bus. Motorists coming both directions should stop at least 20 feet from the school bus to give children room to cross.

- On a four-lane roadway, only the lanes of traffic going the same direction as the bus must STOP behind the bus. The school bus driver will not make children cross two lanes of opposing traffic to reach their homes.

- On a one-way roadway, all lanes of traffic must STOP behind the bus. It does not matter how wide the road is. Passing a school bus with flashing red lights is not allowed when all traffic is traveling in the same direction.

- All school buses are required by law to stop at railroad crossings. Do not attempt to pass the bus on the tracks or cross until the bus has safely crossed.



Crime Statistics

January Through August

2021 vs 2022

| Type of Crime | Number of Calls 2021 | Number of Calls 2022 |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| DUI/ Traffic Arrests | 38 | 51 |
| Retail Theft | 16 | 15 |
| Identity Theft | 174 | 55 |
| Theft | 25 | 31 |
| Burglary to Vehicle | 13 | 22 |
| Residential Burglary | 15 | 2 |
| Business Burglary | 6 | 4 |

The statistics shown are indicative of crime trends for the year. The increase in traffic arrests can be contributed to the Illinois Secretary of State lifting extensions granted for many of Illinois’ drivers during the Covid-19 pandemic. The increase in theft and burglary to vehicle cases are a reminder to follow the 9PM rule. Have you locked your vehicle doors, removed valuables from your car, and removed your keys or key fobs from your vehicle? Set an alarm, follow us on social media and make the 9PM routine a daily habit. There have been two residential burglaries and one ruse burglary in the past month. Remember if you see something, say something. Call the police if you see anything suspicious in your neighborhood. A ruse burglary is when someone attempts to gain access to your house by posing as a utility worker to commit a theft. Practice “No Notice No Entry”-call the police or the utility company prior to letting anyone in your residence without an appointment.

“Coasting with A Cop”

And an opportunity to

“Move with the Mayor”

*Sunday, Sept 1st 1-2 p.m. at Sandalwood Park
by the Playground Equipment*

Participate with Mayor Ogle:



- Encourage Physical Activity
- Mayor Lead Stretch
- Bicycle Ride at 1:30 p.m.





Keith Ogle
Frankfort, IL

In partnership with Mayor Ogle, The Frankfort Police Department will host two Move with the Mayor events with our Coasting with a Cop bicycle event and Seniors on Patrol event. The events will be another opportunity for residents to interact with our Officer's in a family friendly and community

environment. Mayor Keith Ogle has joined a national initiative that works with mayors across the country to challenge their communities to be more physically active. Mayors encourage their communities to be physically active to lower their chances of heart disease and its risk factors like high cholesterol, high blood pressure, and diabetes. Mayors use Move with the Mayor to encourage residents to protect and improve their health and to make their communities more active and accessible. The challenge runs from September 1st through October 15th. During this time, Mayor Ogle would set up events to encourage physical activity while providing an opportunity to engage with local village officials, employees, residents, and police officers. Stay tuned to the Village of Frankfort and Frankfort Police Department Facebook pages and Village of Frankfort website www.frankfortil.org for a schedule of Move with the Mayor events!



Country Market
With A Cop
Sunday, September 25th
Breidert Green Municipal Lot
10 a.m. -11:30 a.m.

- Police Vehicles on Display
- Safety Handouts and Information
- An Opportunity to Meet the Men and Women of the Frankfort Police Department



JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS AND FRANKFORT POLICE OFFICERS FOR CONVERSATION

No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighborhood!

Wednesday, November 9th
Speedway
22310 S. LaGrange Rd.
Frankfort, IL 60423
9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS AND FRANKFORT POLICE OFFICERS FOR COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighborhood!

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In the Academy

Brooke Annerino



Brooke Annerino was born and raised in Oak Lawn, IL. She graduated from Oak Lawn Community High School in 2014 and enlisted in the United States Coast Guard. Officer Annerino spent 4 years on Active Duty performing law

enforcement/search & rescue missions and also Human Resources duties. Brooke Annerino currently serves in the Reserves in Chicago, IL. Brooke Annerino graduated from Saint Xavier University in 2021 with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice. Brooke Annerino expressed, she has always had a passion for law enforcement and being able to make a positive difference in the communities she serves. She is honored to serve and protect the Frankfort community and excited to meet and interact with the residents.

Owen Sieb



Owen Sieb has been a resident of Frankfort for 17 years and has grown to enjoy the sense of community within the Village. Owen Sieb explained, he learned being a police officer is the ideal career choice for him because of his

strong desire to help people and protect others who cannot protect themselves. Owen Sieb joined the Frankfort Explorers Post in 2015 and was an explorer for three and a half years prior to getting hired as a Community Service Officer for the Frankfort Police Department. His time spent as an

E.F. Bucko Costume Parade and

SAFETY TRUNK OR
TREAT

October 29th 10am-12pm -The
Braidert Green Municipal Lot

Businesses and organizations interested in decorating a trunk for this family-friendly event should email mksanberg@frankfortil.org mthompson@frankfortil.org Or call the Frankfort Police Department 815-469-9435



- *Decorate your Trunk*
- *Hand out candy*
- *Trophy for voted best decorated Trunk*
- *Trophy for Most Creative Trunk chosen by Chief Chelepis*



explorer and Community Service Officer reassured him he truly wanted to become a police officer. Owen Sieb expressed he is very excited to have the opportunity to advance his career as a police officer in Frankfort and looks forwards to serving the residents of Frankfort.

Both Brooke Annerino and Owen Sieb are scheduled to graduate from the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy on September 23rd, 2022.