



Frankfort Police News

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Frankfort Police Training

Police training has become a popular topic in recent months. Many have questions about the amount and type of training received by officers. The Frankfort Police Department values training and works hard to provide frequent and relevant training to our officers. Proper training can equip our officers with the needed tools to provide professional and prompt service to our community. In the last issue of Frankfort Police News, we covered training for new officers. However, training is on-going, and officers are required to complete various types of training annually. In Frankfort, we pride ourselves on not only meeting current training mandates but exceeding them. In March 2021, the Frankfort Police Department received the Lexipol Connect 2020 Gold Award for excellence in policy and training management. Below is a list of the current training mandates.

Annual Training

Firearms Qualifications
 Use of Force (scenario based)
 Legal Updates
 Hazmat
 Bloodborne Pathogen
 Fire Extinguisher
 Monthly Training Bulletins on Policies

Every Two Years

CPR/AED

Every Three Years

Civil Rights
 Cultural Competency
 Constitutional & Proper Use of L.E. Authority
 Human Rights
 Mental Health Awareness Training
 Procedural Justice
 Trauma Informed Response & Investigation of Sexual Assault

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Crime Statistics

January through April 2020 vs. 2021

Type of Crime	Number of Calls 2020	Number of Calls 2021
DUI/Traffic Arrests	10	18
Retail Theft	8	9
Identity Theft	13	147
Theft	19	13
Burglary to Vehicle	19	8
Stolen Vehicles	9	6
Residential Burglary	9	5
Business Burglary	3	4

These statistics are reflective of some crime trends we experienced in 2020-2021. Throughout the pandemic we observed an increase in vehicle speeds. This increase is mirrored in the number of traffic arrests from 2020-2021. The most compelling statistic is the number of identity theft cases. Around April 2020 many Illinoisians fell victim to the Unemployment Benefit Scam. This scam has affected approximately one million people in Illinois per state leader's estimates. The Illinois Department of Employment is investigating these cases and can be reached at (800) 814-0513. Although the burglary to motor vehicle and stolen vehicle cases have slightly decreased, these offenses are still occurring frequently Nationwide and throughout the Chicagoland area. Please remember to lock your vehicle doors, never leave keys or key fobs inside of your car, and remove valuable possessions from plain sight. Establish a 9pm Routine to check that all doors and vehicles are locked each night. If you see or hear anything suspicious, please call the Frankfort Police Department immediately.

Frankfort Police Training Continued

In addition to mandated training, Frankfort Police Officers receive additional training in the following areas:

Implicit Bias
Rapid Deployment
De-Escalation
Firearms
Taser
Baton
Handcuffing
Defensive Tactics
Oleoresin Capsicum
Rescue Task Force
Autism Awareness



New state training mandates are projected to begin in July 2021 under the reforms of HB 3653.

Frankfort Explorer Post #104 is Accepting Applications

Frankfort's Explorer is dedicated to teaching criminal justice concepts to young people who are interested in law enforcement.

Members must be 15 and not have attained the age of 21. All applicants must pass a background check, attend meetings regularly, and maintain a "C" average in school.

For more information please e-mail:
admin@frankfortil.org



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

This year the Frankfort Police Department has been featuring the six pillars outlined in Task Force on 21st Century Policing guidelines and recommendations. This issue we will look at the fifth pillar, training, and education. Today's officers must be prepared to meet a wide variety of challenges. The "Frankfort Police Training" article provides details on the current state training mandates and the additional training Frankfort Officers receive. In addition:

- The police academy puts emphasis on reality-based scenario training, bias training, and mental health awareness training.
- Police academy graduates participate in a 26-week training program to prepare them for their assignment as a patrol officer.
- Frankfort Police Department exceeds the mandated training each year and values higher education. The Village of Frankfort has a tuition reimbursement program which has been utilized by many officers to obtain graduate degrees.
- Frankfort Police Department utilizes various locations to host reality-based training with an emphasis on de-escalation, to prepare officers for escalated police encounters.
- Chief Burica is on the advisory board of Tri-River Mobile Team Unit to provide input and guidance to ensure essential training is available locally.
- The Frankfort Police Department enforces policies on discrimination, impartial policing, customer service, internal affairs/citizen complaints, and police conduct.
- The Frankfort Police Department provides on-going training opportunities for officers to develop leadership such as Northwestern Staff and Command.

Distracted Driving Awareness Month

April was Illinois Distracted Driving Awareness Month. The Frankfort Police Department encouraged motorists to “Drop It and Drive” through our social media campaign. The Frankfort Police Department conducted additional distracted driving details utilizing a traffic safety grant awarded by the Illinois Department of Transportation. The distracted driving details provided an additional 162 hours of officers working to deter distracted driving.



Save the Date for our “Night Out Against Crime” Tuesday, August 3rd

Pending COVID Restrictions,
Information to Follow

Join us for our Annual “Cone with a Cop” Event



Wednesday, June 23rd
from 1-3 p.m.

Culvers
20592 S. LaGrange Rd
Frankfort, IL

Special Guests:

The Will County Sheriff’s K9 Unit
will be there for a demonstration
at 2:00 p.m.

This is a great opportunity to meet Frankfort Police Officers, view police vehicles, see a K9 demonstration, and enjoy some delicious ice cream!



This event will be held outdoors, and CDC guidelines will be in place to make the event enjoyable for all. The rain date is June 30th at the same time and place. Follow us on Facebook or twitter for updates on this free family fun event.



Neighborhood Patrol Officers to Begin May 2021

In November of 2018 Frankfort Residents voted to increase sales tax by one percent to increase revenue within the village. The funds were designated for infrastructure improvements, such as roads, as well as to hire additional police personnel. We were able to hire new officers in 2019, 2020, and 2021 to obtain optimal staffing. These officers were hired not only to increase existing shifts, but also provided an opportunity to create positions within the department to better serve the community.

The first positions created were two Directed Patrol Officers which were assigned in 2019 and 2020. Beginning May 8th, 2021, Officer Matthew Skanberg and Officer Mark Thompson will serve as our agency's Neighborhood Patrol Officers (NPO). Much like directed patrol, these officer's responsibilities vary based on community and agency needs. They will not typically respond to regular calls for service, but will address neighborhood concerns, acting as police department/resident liaisons who will concentrate on neighborhood concerns. They will also assist in advocating for victim services and serve as an enhancement to our many community policing programs. Both Officer Skanberg and Officer Thompson are veteran officers who have various specialties and experience which will aid them in these instrumental positions.

The flexibility of these positions allows extra staffing for major incidents, increase manpower when and where needed, and to assist with ever increasing training needs, while always making sure our village is properly staffed and patrolled. We have already received many compliments from residents and businesses on the effectiveness of our DPO positions and expect our NPO positions to be well received. We are excited for their new positions and the opportunity to provide enhanced services to our community.



NPO Officer
Matthew Skanberg



NPO Officer
Mark Thompson

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 Emergency: DIAL 911

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