



Frankfort Police News

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2022 – A Year in Review

In 2022, the main goal of the Frankfort Police Department continued to be the protection and safety of village residents, those that work in the village, and our visitors. Our officers are patrol neighborhoods, roadways, and business parking lots in addition to responding to calls for service 24 hours a day/seven days a week. They work diligently to prevent and identify crime as it occurs through patrol tactics, traffic enforcement, and community interaction. As we review crime statistics for the year 2022, we see both increasing and decreasing statistics throughout the categories. The most notable are a 50% decrease in identity theft and a productivity increase of nearly 400% in DUI/Traffic Arrests. Data relates back to the year 2017 when the Village of Frankfort and the Chicagoland area started tracking statistics. We attribute the increase in burglary to motor vehicles continue to be a crime trend we have seen the past few years. The 400% increase in DUI/Traffic Arrests is a result of the Secretary of State’s expiring pandemic extensions on many vehicle and licensing responsibilities as well as active patrol of our roadways.

The Frankfort Police Department attributes the significant decrease in Identity Theft calls to increased awareness and safety messaging regarding identification of scams, fraud, and identity theft attempts. Additionally, we have completed numerous safety presentations for older adults on elder fraud and scams. This year, the Frankfort Police Department developed a new program entitled “No Notice No Entry” to help with scam awareness. This program is designed to combat the number of ruse burglaries through public awareness. A ruse burglary is when criminals appear at a victim’s residence posing as a legitimate employee of a utility service or business in order to gain access to your residence and commit a burglary. No Notice No Entry – We Call to Verify Every Time, was implemented through safety presentations and the use of window clings and magnets to remind participants of this important safety message. The safety presentation program provides an in-depth educational presentation on the latest trends in all types of scams and fraud. Contact the Frankfort Police Department if you feel your community organization or senior group could benefit from a No Notice No Entry presentation

Crime Statistics

Type of Crime	Number of Calls 2020	Number of Calls 2021	Number of Calls 2022
DUI/Traffic Arrests	136	101	389
Retail Theft	31	40	32
Identity Theft	217	206	76
Theft	61	56	44
Burglary to Vehicle	55	26	32
Stolen Vehicles	16	15	8
Residential Burglary	15	6	7
Business Burglary	9	14	9
Criminal Trespass	31	32	19

Several other steps have been taken to combat the increase of property crime through the use of patrol techniques and advanced investigative technology. Our overnight patrol officers complete extra patrols inside subdivisions, surveying and identifying suspicious persons, suspicious autos, unsecured garages, and other security needs. Property crimes are said to be crimes of opportunity. The Frankfort Police ask for your assistance in completing the 9’oclock routine. Please check and secure your vehicles and garage doors every night. Never leave keys or key fobs inside of your vehicle.

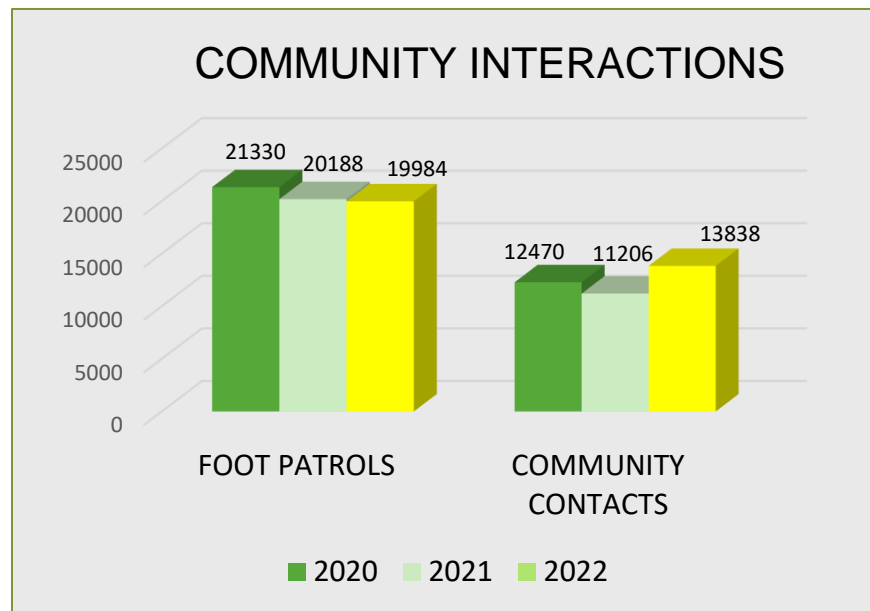
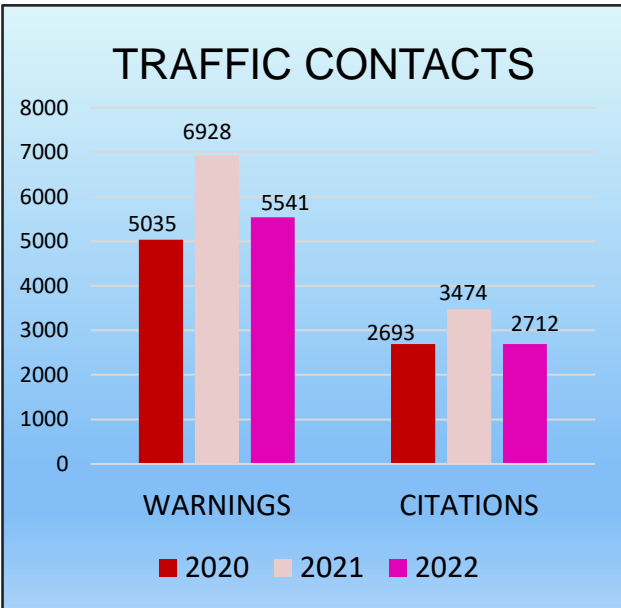
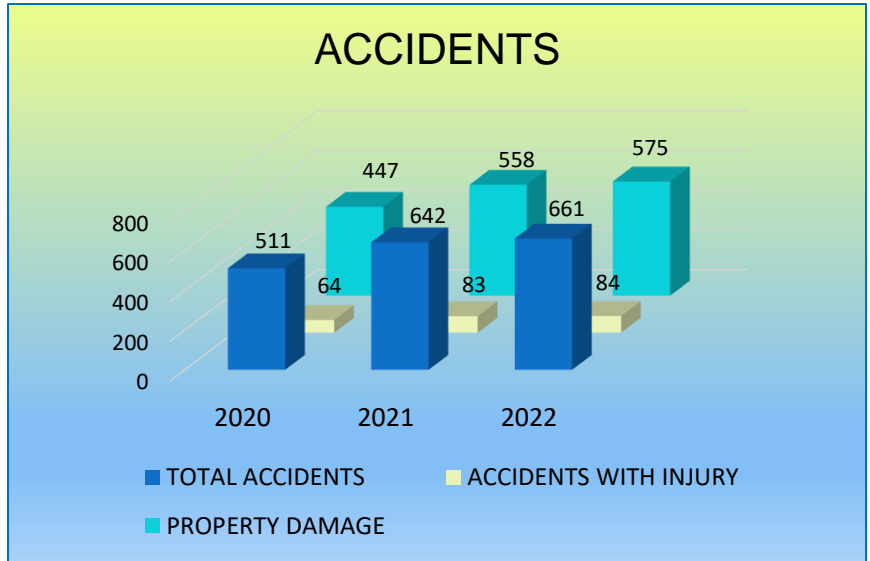
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Nearly all our burglary to motor vehicle calls and stolen vehicles are a result of unlocked vehicles and vehicles with keys left inside. Remember if you “**see something say something**.” Help us keep our community safe, call in all suspicious incidents, persons, and vehicles.



Police Activity Data

These statistics help us identify community needs, crime trends, and officer allocation.



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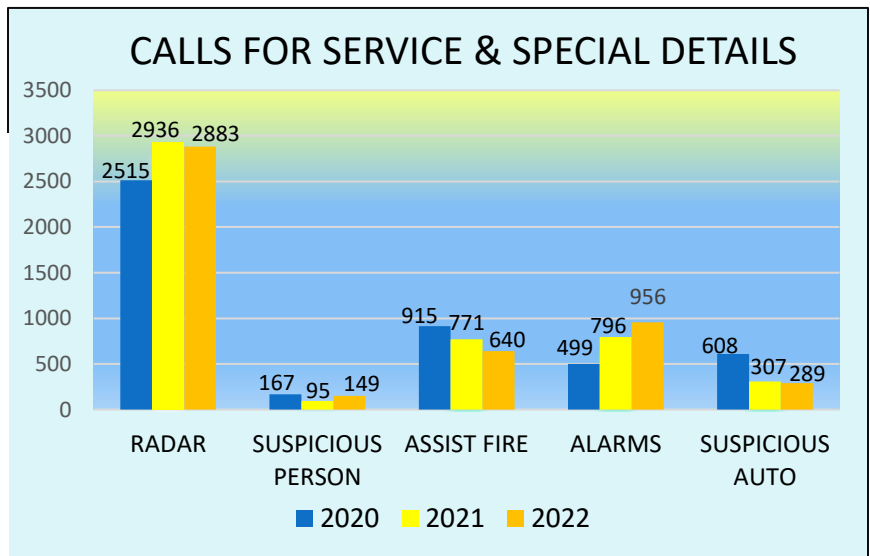
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To Receive Frankfort Area Text Alerts: Text "FRANKFORT" to "888777"

Non-Emergency: (815)485-2500

Emergency: DIAL 911



Community Engagement

Throughout 2022, the Frankfort Police Department was able to host many of our most anticipated community events and programs. Those programs included “Coffee with a Cop”, “Night Out Against Crime”, TRIAD (senior safety meetings), Safety Trunk or Treat, Seniors on Patrol, No Notice No Entry, and other events. Our Neighborhood and Directed Patrol Officer’s had an increased presence at many of the Village Events such as cruise nights, concerts and movies on the green, midnight madness, and the farmer’s market. Our bicycle patrol officers had an increased presence on the Old Plank Road Trail and held several community bike rides with their new “Coasting with a Cop” activity. They also participated in a bike ride in conjunction with the Mayor’s “Move with the Mayor” health campaign. Community outreach events are important because they allow us opportunities to engage with residents and business owners in a relaxed setting.

The Frankfort Police Department once again participated in the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. School Resource Officer Riff expanded our role with Special Olympics, organizing the Frankfort Police Department’s participation in the nationwide “Cop on a Roof Top” charity event. The event was a success thanks to the help of our Special Olympic athlete, guests of honor, and the outpouring of community support.



Police Test Prep

The Frankfort Police Department has created a new program called Police Testing Preparation. This program will not only increase recruitment but also provide individuals with the information on the testing process to become a police officer. This pilot program will cover the written exam, oral interview, power test, background check, psychological exam, polygraph, and medical screening. Attendees will receive information about the Frankfort Police Department and be able to ask specific questions about our agency. Currently, police testing preparation classes have been scheduled for February 11th and February 18th, located at the Frankfort Village Hall from 10am-12pm. The class is full at this time, but if you would like more information, please contact the Frankfort Police Department at 815-469-9435.

**Friday, March 10th
Cultivate**
11 S. White St.
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!

**Frankfort Police
Department**
www.frankfortpolice.net

We are Hiring!

Come and join our team of motivated law enforcement Professionals!

The Frankfort Police Department will be hosting an orientation and written test on Saturday, March 25th. Applications can be found on copsandfiretesting.com and the blueline.com

SAFE-T Act and New Laws

The Illinois Supreme Court halted the statewide end to cash bail for criminal defendants in an eleventh-hour ruling just hours before the new law was expected to begin January 1, 2023. The high court enacted a stay on the provisions of the legislation in response to an appeal the Illinois Attorney General’s Office filed with the court of a local judge’s ruling, which found that the act was unconstitutional. The Supreme Court said its order was necessary to “maintain consistent pretrial procedures throughout Illinois” before it makes a ruling on the law. It promised an “expedited process” to come to a decision, however no date has been set for future court hearings.

In addition to this, Illinois created 180 new laws that went into effect on January 1, 2023. Some of the most noteworthy are **No Fees for Carjacking Victims (HB3772)**. This law ensures people whose cars have been stolen will not be liable for violations, fees, fines or penalties when their vehicles are caught on red light or speed cameras. **Electronic Orders of Protection (SB 3667)** This law allows anyone to file for a protective order at any time by email or online in addition to the in-person option. It also requires counties with populations above 250,000 to offer the option of a remote hearing. **Senior Vehicle Registration (HB 5304)** This law reduces the vehicle registration fee for seniors from \$24 to \$10.

Traffic Solutions



Traffic Study Trailers

Be on the lookout for traffic trailers throughout the village as Frankfort PD continues to record traffic data in specific areas. These trailers monitor the speed and volume of areas where the trailers are deployed. After the data is recorded, officers analyze the data to check if additional resources or enforcement would apply. The safety of our residents in their neighborhoods and on our village, continue to be a primary goal. We deploy these trailers to target specific traffic complaints and trends throughout our community. If you have any traffic concerns in your area please contact us at 815-469-9435 or e-mail traffic@frankfortil.org for a possible traffic study to be conducted.

Tobacco Compliance Checks

In 2019 Illinois legislation which raised the age to purchase tobacco products from 18 to 21 years old. Frankfort PD is committed to ensuring that our businesses selling tobacco products, including vape devices and vape cartridges, are following proper protocols. Our Directed Patrol Officers and Neighborhood Patrol Officers have conducted periodic and random compliance checks at these businesses to help negate cigarette, chewing tobacco, vapes, and e-cigarettes from being purchased by underage individuals. We are proud to report there have not been any violations while conducting these checks, and we thank the businesses in town in assisting with these efforts.

Seniors
Sheriffs
Police/Fire

Seniors – What is TRIAD?

Attend our February 22nd presentation to find out what TRIAD is all about.

- Free monthly Presentations to improve your well-being.
- Keep informed and Interact with your Community: Police, Fire, Health and Community Services, and fellow Seniors.

Past Presentations

Police Presentations / Fire Presentations

- Elder Abuse and Fraud
- CPR and Stop the Bleed - First Aid

Will County EMA

- Winter Weather Preparedness
- Free Raffle - Weather Radio

Frankfort Law Office and Aetna Health

- Will and Estate Planning
- Staying active, Chair and Brain exercises

Next Presentation:

What Is TRIAD?

Wednesday February 22nd

10 AM

Frankfort Village Hall

432 W. Nebraska