

Public Safety Department Memorandum



TO: Benjamin Haberthur, Executive Director

FROM: Paul Burger, Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police

RE: September 2025 Report

REPORTS

27 reports were taken from 174 dispatched calls for service.

CITATIONS & WARNINGS ISSUED

34 total citations written: 30 ordinance violations, 4 written warnings.

REPORT HIGHLIGHT SYNOPSIS

Mistaken Identification

A call came in from a patron fishing at Ferson Creek within LeRoy Oakes FP, reporting that he found human remains. Several officers, Coroner staff, and Fox River Fire Protection District responded to the scene. After retrieving the remains from the creek, evaluation concluded that the remains were from a beaver, not human. The remains were taken by Coroner staff and the scene was cleared.

Missing Persons

An Elgin woman was reported missing by her mother who said she had lost contact with her daughter who had fallen off her bicycle on the trail by Raymond Street, and needed help. Officers conducted a search effort, including using a drone to search the area. During the search, the missing woman's wallet was found lying underneath a bench on the trail. The missing woman was eventually located and released from the scene.

Officers, along with Carpentersville Police and Fire Departments, were called to the Fox River Trail at Kings Rd and Algonquin Rd in an effort to locate a subject that was reported to have jumped into the Fox River and had not resurfaced. After several hours of investigation, the call was unfounded and the search was concluded.

Burglary to Vehicle

An officer responded to Glenwood Park FP for a burglary to motor vehicle. A patron was walking his dog when he witnessed a male subject drive up to a parked car, get out, and break the windshield of the car. The offender took two bags from the passenger side of the vehicle and drove off. The patron was able to take a photo of the subject's vehicle, but noticed the car had no front or rear plates. The officer spoke with the victim to get a report of the missing items. While speaking with the officer, the victim received a text message that one of her credit cards had been charged \$504 at a Speedway in Aurora. The officer drove to the location and spoke with a witness who stated she saw a man come inside the gas station and purchase a \$500 gift card and walk off in a hurry. The officer was able to secure video footage from the station. The investigation is ongoing.

Disorderly Conduct & Battery

A woman was riding her bike southbound on the Fox River Trail approaching Jon Duerr FP, when a man walking northbound on the trail lunged at her with a closed fist as she attempted to pass. The biker was able to pass and notified police. Officers responded to the scene and spoke with the biker. The man was located and found to be intoxicated and admitted to lunging at the female biker. The man was issued a citation for disorderly conduct and South Elgin Fire Department EMS were called to evaluate the man. EMS arrived and transported the man to St. Joseph's Hospital.

In the last week of September, many local high schools were having homecomings. Fabyan FP is a very popular spot to take homecoming photos. With so many visitors, the parking lots quickly fill up and some even illegally park on the turf. An officer and Geneva Fire Department EMS were called when a woman was shoved and pushed to the ground in an altercation over a parking spot. The woman suffered a minor contusion to her wrist, a small abrasion to her elbow, and also struck the back of her head on the ground when she fell. EMS checked the woman, who refused further treatment. After the incident occurred, the offender walked off and was unable to be located. Witnesses have turned over video and photo evidence of the incident to the officer.

Accidents

An ambulance and officer were called to the Fox River Trail, near Elgin Ave and Covey St in East Dundee, for a subject that crashed into a tree while riding his e-bike. While in route, officers received word that the patient was being transported to Sherman Hospital. At the hospital, officers spoke with hospital staff and East Dundee Fire Department EMS. The patient was riding his e-bike and crashed into a tree for an unknown reason. The accident knocked out all of the patient's top row of teeth, dislocated his jaw, and likely broke one or more ribs. A report of the incident was taken, and the investigation is ongoing.

Male and female teenage patrons were at Dick Young FP, when the girl went to use the bathroom and found the door stuck. She pulled hard on the door, which gave way and scraped the top of her foot, causing a large gash. The male called 911 and an ambulance and officer were dispatched. The girl was transported to Delnor Hospital for treatment.

Public Indecency

A patron contacted staff, regarding a male subject walking around Oakhurst FP without any clothes. The patron shared a photo they took of the man with staff. An officer responded to the scene and was able to locate the man sitting in his parked vehicle at the preserve. The man was issued a citation for public indecency.

TRAINING & MEETINGS

Meetings:

- Volunteer Appreciation Dinner (Chief Burger)
- All Staff (Burger, Hayes, Konecki, Kotlarz)
- KaneComm Quarterly (Chief Burger)
- IPLEA (Ofc. Kelly)
- Mounted Rangers (Ofc. Rochotte)

Training:

- Departmental Police Law Training / U.S. Supreme Court Rulings
- Departmental Range Date
- ATV End User / DPPD (Officers Kotlarz & Rochotte)
- High Risk Traffic Stops / NEMRT (Ofc. Kosevich)
- Responding to Autism / NEMRT (Ofc. Kotlarz)

September 2025 Reports by Location/Offense

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