



Public Safety Department Memorandum



TO: Benjamin Haberthur, Executive Director
 FROM: Paul Burger, Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police
 RE: May 2026 Report

REPORTS

25 reports were taken from 221 dispatched calls for service.

CITATIONS & WARNINGS ISSUED

25 total citations written: 16 ordinance violations, 9 written warnings.

REPORT HIGHLIGHT SYNOPSIS

E-Bike Initiative

May is National Bike Month and Bicycle Safety Month. On Thursday, May 14th and Saturday, May 23rd FPDKC officers teamed up with DuPage County Forest Preserve officers to conduct trail education efforts at the Fabyan East FP. Officers shared information on permitted Class 1 and 2 e-bikes and trail safety.

Minibike Complaint

An officer was dispatched to the Fox River Bluff East FP for the report of a mini-bike complaint. Upon arrival, the responding officer observed two juveniles riding on the Fox River Trail heading south. The responding officer followed the juveniles southbound and located them and four other suspects. The suspects were identified as one adult male with his two juvenile sons and three additional juveniles. The adult male advised that he had just moved to the area and was unaware of the ordinance, but that he wanted to follow the law and be a role model to his children. A written warning was issued. The responding officer made contact with the three remaining juveniles' parents via TX and issued verbal warnings. All subjects were informed that further use of motorcycles in the FP would result in citations and fines.

While on patrol at Leroy Oakes FP, an officer heard the sounds of motorized vehicles somewhere in the preserve. Shortly after, the officer observed two subjects riding mini bikes and made contact. The officer explained the district ordinance prohibiting riding motorized vehicles in the preserves and issued both subjects an ordinance violation citation.

In total, three (3) citations, five (5) written warnings, and three (3) verbal warnings were issued for unauthorized motor-vehicles in the FPs this month.

Battery

An officer was dispatched to the hospital for the delayed report of a battery that occurred at Tyler Creek FP. Complainant/victim reported that he went to Tyler Creek FP to walk his dog, which he does frequently. On this day, while walking back to his vehicle, an unknown male subject followed him. When the victim reached their vehicle, the unknown male subject punched the victim in the back of his head and grabbed him by the hood disorienting him. The offender then placed the victim into a rear choke hold until he briefly lost consciousness and was then thrown to the ground. The victim was able to get up and enter his vehicle when he observed the offender enter his vehicle – possibly a black pick-up truck – and exit the FP. The offender was described as a male/white, 20 to 25 years of age, approximately 6ft tall with a medium build. A few days later, the victim provided his dashcam video footage of the incident. The officer was able to distinguish the license plate on the truck and located the registered owner. The officer made contact with the offender and issued him a Notice to Appear for Battery.



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An officer was dispatched to the Cougar Stadium parking lot for the report of a vehicle accident that later became a simple battery investigation. The complainant/victim stated that while he was working as a parking attendant, he noticed a gray Lexus attempting to leave through a parking lane while another vehicle was attempting to pass through the same lane. The victim asked the driver/offender of the gray Lexus to allow the other vehicle to pass through first. The offender became angry and drove his vehicle forward almost striking the victim. The offender then exited his vehicle and pushed the victim and causing him to fall backward onto the ground. The offender was issued a Notice to Appear for Battery.



An officer was dispatched to the Fox River Trail for the report of a female subject who had been attacked by two or three other females. The victim stated that she was fishing with her friends when two or three of them struck her with sticks on the head, face, and neck. The victim was uncooperative and would not provide information on who her friends/assailants were, the specific location of the incident, her address, or family names for notification. The victim was transported to the hospital for treatment of her injuries.



Off Rooding Where Prohibited

An officer was told to call a KCSO Sergeant in regards to a call their department had handled overnight. The KCSO responded to the report of a vehicle revving its engine somewhere in a field behind the complainant’s house. The KCSO located a Jeep stuck in the mud occupied by the driver/owner and two passengers on FP property. The deputies were able to pull the Jeep out themselves, identified the passengers, and sent them on their way. Our responding officer contacted South Ops and investigated the area in which the call took place. It was determined that the mud pit was located within FPDKC property lines. The responding officer drove to the driver/offender’s address and issued an ordinance violation citation for off roading where prohibited. No damage to FPDKC property was found except for tire marks in the mud.

Damage to Property

An officer was dispatched to the Binnie FP for the report of criminal defacement. Upon arrival, the responding officer observed spray painted graffiti on the inside walls of the washroom and outside on the masonry. North Ops was notified via e-mail for removal.



A FPDKC ranger assistant reported discovering blue Sharpie type marker graffiti on the inside of the men’s room bathroom door at Tyler Creek FP. The ranger assistant removed the graffiti. The North Ops Supervisor was notified of the incident.

While on routine patrol at Les Arends FP, an officer discovered blue spray paint graffiti on the parking lot pavement of the southernmost lot made by an unknown offender. The South Ops Supervisor was notified for removal.

An officer was dispatched to Big Rock FP for the report of the automatic entrance gate malfunctioning. Upon arrival, the officer found the east gate arm open and operating normally; however, the west gate arm was in the closed position and would not open. Upon inspection, the officer observed that the connector rod attached to the gate operator arm was bent. The damage appears consistent with an unknown



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person or object attempting to force the gate open by pushing it inward. The South Ops Manager was notified via TX and email of the damage. The gate will need to be manually opened and closed until repaired.

Trespass

One of our campground attendants had informed two campers that they needed to leave the campground because their stay was over at 10AM. The campers became combative and verbally abusive to the attendant. Shortly after, at 1:30PM, an officer was dispatched to the Bick Rock Campgrounds to assist in getting the campers to leave. The campers took over an hour to pack up their trailers and finally drive off the property.

Assist Ambulance

The Supervisor of Park Safety for the STC Park District (complainant) requested an officer respond to River Bend Park upon finding a male subject hunched over on the toilet and not responding to questions. The complainant was able to get the male subject up and started walking him to a nearby bench when the male subject fell face first onto the ground. Upon arrival, the male subject admitted to responding officers that he had consumed alcohol but would not respond to any more questions in either English or Spanish. EMTs were called to the scene and treated the male subject. The male subject was transported to the hospital.



An officer was dispatched to Raceway Woods FP for the report of an injured bicyclist. Upon arrival, CFD EMTs were already on scene. The injured subject had a laceration on the left side of his face and other crash related injuries. The subject advised that he was riding his bike on the moto-style trails and could not remember what happened other than he fell. The responding officer made contact with injured subject's adult son and advised him of his father's current state, and which hospital he was being transported to for further treatment.

Assist Another Department (Suicide)

An officer was dispatched to Oakhurst FP to assist the Aurora Police Department (APD) with a missing suicidal juvenile that had left a suicide note. The juvenile was unable to be located. The following day, the responding officer received a phone call from APD reporting that they continued the search overnight and, with the aid of a drone, found the juvenile subject deceased. APD and the Kane County Coroner's office handled the investigation.

Ordinance Violation

While on routine patrol at Big Rock FP, an officer observed five juvenile subjects in the rear parking lot wearing wet shorts and carrying towels. The officer made contact with the subjects who admitted to swimming in the lake. The officer issued all subjects a verbal warning for swimming in the lake and made contact with each subjects' parents via TX before releasing them.

TRAINING & MEETINGS

Meetings:

- FPD DuPage Co. / E-Bike Initiative (Ofc. Kotlarz & Ofc. Marroquin)
- ADP Update (Chief Burger & Sgt. Hayes)
- IPLEA (Ofc. Kelly)
- Archery Range Update (Chief Burger)
- KCCOPA (Chief Burger)
- KCCOPA Golf Outing (Chief Burger, Sgt. Hayes, A. Furtek)

Training:

- Departmental Police Law Training / C.I.T. & De-Escalation
- Range Qualification & FTO (Ofc. Weigand)
- School Resource Officer / NEMRT (Sgt. Hayes)
- ILACP / Chief Burger
- Behavioral Analysis / NEMRT (Sgt. Hayes)
- Filing New Cases with the Circuit Clerk (Chief Burger, Ofc. Kelly, Ofc. Kotlarz)
- C.I.T. / NEMRT (Ofc. Weigand)

