



Public Safety Department Memorandum



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

REPORTS

23 reports were taken from 187 dispatched calls for service.

CITATIONS & WARNINGS ISSUED

36 total citations written: 25 ordinance violations, 10 written warnings, and 1 IL citation.

REPORT HIGHLIGHT SYNOPSIS

Illegal Dumping

While cutting the grass at Helm Woods FP, a FPDKC North Ops Ranger observed several blue bags of house hold disposables, clothes, and two baby strollers. No identifying information was found.



While on routine patrol at Campton FP, an officer observed a dumpster filled with carpet remnants and other household remodeling debris not generated by the FPDKC. No identifying information was found. The Trades Supervisor was notified and advised he would have the dumpster emptied as soon as possible.



Burglary

An officer was dispatched to the Fabyan East FP Windmill Museum to meet with FPDKC Safety Director and Volunteer Coordinator. The E/S ground level window beneath the concrete stairs was damaged and the interior window swung wide open. The North Ops Director was contacted to coordinate window board-up. No offender information at this time.

Burglary to Motor Vehicle

An officer was dispatched to Fitchie FP for the report of a burglary to motor vehicle. The complainant/victim and her husband returned from a hike to find their front passenger window broken out and the complainant's purse rummaged through. The complainant was missing credit cards and \$400 USC. Before canceling her credit cards, the complainant got a fraud notification stating that a \$500 transaction was declined at the Dollar Store in Elgin. A witness stated that they had seen a male subject with braids in a dark colored SUV, pull next to the victim's vehicle; however, the witness did not realize what was happening. Further investigation pending video footage from Dollar Store.

Damage to Property

An officer responded to the Settler's Hill Golf Course for the report of an accident – parked car vs. lawn mower. A legally parked and unoccupied vehicle was struck by a lawn mower and sustained significant damage to the driver's side. While speaking with all parties, this incident was determined to be an accidental damage to property. Report for documentation.



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A Senior Ranger reported a damaged fence post near the rear of Buffalo Park FP. Upon arrival, the responding officer observed a trail barrier post knocked over. At this time, it is unknown if the post was knocked down intentionally, accidentally, or if the post was rotted. Trades and North Ops notified.



Animal Complaint

An officer was dispatched to the McLean Rd. Fen to assist South Elgin PD (SEPD) with a possible deceased dog. Upon arrival, the responding officer met with a SEPD officer and the complaint/victim (dog owner). The victim stated that her estranged son had taken her dog, Maddon, for a walk and never returned. When the victim called her son to ask where Maddon was he said that "Maddon is gone" and had run away in the neighborhood. The victim and her juvenile daughter spent several hours searching for Maddon. They observed a dark spot on the trail which appeared to be dried blood and located Maddon approximately 15 feet into the woods deceased. The victim and her juvenile daughter went to the Kane County Judicial Center to obtain an Emergency Order of Protection against the estranged son. The investigating officer contacted the Kane County State's Attorney Office Felony Review Division to seek charges for Aggravated Animal Cruelty. The son/offender was taken into custody without incident on Friday, July 31st and is currently at Kane County Jail.

Ordinance Violations

At 0242 hours, the Kane County Sheriff's Office (KSCO) responded to Big Rock FP for the report of fireworks going off. Upon arrival, KCSO made contact with two subjects – a male subject holding and drinking a Corona beer and a female subject. The male subject had a number of commercial grade fireworks in the bed of his pick-up truck. The female subject was released from the scene and allowed to go home. The male subject secured his truck in the FP parking lot and called an Uber. At 0830 hours, a FPDKC officer began his investigation of the incident. The female subject was issued a verbal warning for hours of use and advised that further occurrences would result in citations. The male subject was issued four (4) ordinance violation citations for hours of use, possession of fireworks, expired plates, and possession/consumption of alcohol.

Open Alcohol in FP

An officer was dispatched to Bliss Woods FP to assist Sugar Grove FD for the report of a subject lying face down along the Virgil Gilman Trail. Upon arrival, Sugar Grove FD paramedics were already transporting the subject from the trail to the ambulance as the subject was suspected to be highly intoxicated. The subject was transported to the hospital for treatment. An administrative citation was issued for drinking/open alcohol. The FPDKC Public Safety Department has responded to two (2) similar incidents involving the same subject in the past month: Hannaford Woods FP on 06/15/2026 and Bliss Woods FP on 06/17/2026.

Motorcycles in FP

While on patrol at Buffalo South FP, an officer observed two juveniles on motorcycles enter the Brunner Trail. As the officer began pursuing the subjects, one started recording while the other gave the middle finger. In the rear of Brunner FP, the officer observed one juvenile stopped with an apparent problem with his motorcycle on the trail. The juvenile stated that he did not know who the other individual was as he had just met him. The second subject continued down Brunner Trail and was not apprehended. The officer made contact via TX with the juvenile's father and explained the incident to him. The juvenile's father responded to the scene and acknowledged that his son knew not to ride in the FP. The juvenile was issued two (2) ordinance citations. The officer followed the juvenile and his father home to unload the motorcycle at their residence.

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Unlawful Taking of Fish

While on patrol at Leroy Oaks FP, an officer observed a bronze-colored Toyota parked in the back lot after hours. The officer observed four subjects walking rapidly to the vehicle and made contact. The officer asked a male subject what he had in a bucket. The subject showed the officer the bucket which contained live catfish and smallmouth bass. As the subject did not have any fishing rods with him, he admitted to catching the fish with a casting net. The subject was ordered to return the fish to Ferson Creek and issued an ordinance violation for unlawful taking of fish with a net/seine.

Traffic Enforcement

While on patrol N/B RT 31 passing Buffalo South FP, an officer observed a yellow vehicle driving circles and squealing the tires creating a lot of smoke in the FP parking lot. The officer initiated a traffic stop and issued a state citation for illegal squealing/screeching of tires.

TRAINING & MEETINGS

Meetings:

- Ancel Glink / Steve Mahrt (Chief Burger)
- Full Time Police Officer Interviews (Chief Burger, Sgt. Hayes, J. Clough)
- IPLEA (Ofc. Kelly)
- KaneComm (Chief Burger)
- KCCOPA Golf Committee (Chief Burger & Sgt. Hayes)
- Part Time Police Officer Interviews (Chief Burger, Sgt. Hayes, R. Gallina)

Training:

- Field Training (Ofc. Weigand)
- Departmental Police Law Training / Drones and the Law

July 2026 Reports by Location/Offense

Location	Assist Another Department	Found Property	Ordinance Violations	Damage to Property	Animal Complaint	Lost or Stolen Articles	Burglary to Motor Vehicle	Premise Alert	Accident	Burning Complaint	Hit and Run	Traffic Enforcement	Grand Total
Burlington Prairie F.P.		1	1										2
Cougars Stadium							1						1
Fabyan F.P. (Windmill)						1							1
Jon J. Duerr F.P.				1									1
Oakhurst F.P.									1				1
Settler's Hill Golf Course			1										1
Big Rock F.P.	1	2					1						4
Buffalo Park F.P.										1			1
Campton F.P.		1											1
Bliss Woods F.P.		1											1
Paul Wolff Campground	1												1
McLean Rd. Fen				1									1
Hughes Creek Golf Club								1					1
LeRoy Oakes F.P. - Trail Head		1											1
Les Arends F.P.		1											1
Fitchie Creek F.P.		1			1								2
Helm Woods F.P.		1											1
GWT					1								1
Grand Total	1	1	9	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	23