



Public Safety Department Memorandum



TO: Benjamin Haberthur, Executive Director
 FROM: Paul Burger, Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police
 RE: April 2025 Report

REPORTS

28 reports were taken from 130 dispatched calls for service.

CITATIONS & WARNINGS ISSUED

21 total citations written: 18 ordinance violations, 3 written warnings.

REPORT HIGHLIGHT SYNOPSIS

Hunting Trap on District Property

A patron was on the trail around Patterson Lake at Oakhurst FP, when he noticed a rudimentary homemade trap set at the water's edge. Wildlife Biologist Graser and officers investigated and dismantled the trap.



Encroachments

A homeowner hired a landscaping company to cut down seven trees on what he believed to be his property. The trees were located on District property along the Great Western Trail in St. Charles. Citations were issued for encroachment and off-roading where prohibited.

An officer came upon a landscaping company parked on the Great Western Trail in St Charles. The officer spoke with the owner, who explained that he was there to remove a dead tree that had fallen across the trail from the homeowner's property. The officer observed that the landscaper was clearing overgrown buckthorn. He was instructed to cease and move the truck, explaining he was on District property. He was issued a citation for encroachment.



A neighbor whose property borders Mill Creek FP was issued an encroachment warning, after a treehouse/platform was found built on District land.

Fire Pile at Grotto

An officer was dispatched to Gunnar Anderson FP, on a report of a fire. The officer arrived at the path to the Grotto, where he found a pile of downed trees and branches that were on fire. The Geneva Fire Department was called to extinguish the fire. No cause was determined and no damage was observed.



Dogs Off Leash Where Prohibited

A female patron was jogging at Fabyan FP on the east side. She passed an older man with a dog off leash, when the dog turned and began to chase her. She called 911 and an officer responded to the scene. The officer spoke with the woman and a witness about the event. The offender has been seen on several occasions with his dog off leash at the preserve. The officer made contact with the man and issued him a citation, informing him that further complaints would result in him being banned from District property.

Two patrons were walking with their dog along the Great Western Trail near Dean Lane in St. Charles, when a dog ran towards them and began snarling and circling them. They were able to scare the dog away and watched it run into a house's yard. They called officers the next day regarding the incident and provided an address of the house. An officer spoke with the dog owner, who apologized and stated he has an electric fence installed and will keep it on a leash. The patrons were informed and a report was made.

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Break-ins & Thefts

A District officer met with IL State Trooper, IL State Assist Bureau Radio Chief, and IT personnel at the ISP radio tower at Johnson's Mound FP. It was discovered that an attempted break in to the ISP radio tower control room was made. Several areas were damaged due to the attempt. The incident was documented and the area was secured.

Staff called an officer to Pingree Grove FP, where it was found that unknown offender(s) had pried open the door to the well pump house and removed an auxiliary water pump. The clamps for the aux battery were also cut and removed. No suspect at this time.

Illegal Dumpings

Officers received a report of an illegal dumping at Voyageurs Landing FP. An officer investigated and found three compressed gas cylinders in an area east of the parking lot. One cylinder was marked propane and the other two marked helium. No suspects at this time. Refuse was properly disposed of.

A rolled-up carpet was found half-buried in the Burnidge FP. The officer and an operations staff dug up the carpet and disposed of the garbage.

TRAINING & MEETINGS

Meetings:

- Commissioner Ride-Along (Ofc. Rochotte)
- IPLEA (Ofc. Kelly)
- ILEAS Taser Grant (Chief Burger)
- Full Time Police Officer Staff Meeting
- KCCOPA (Chief Burger)
- Flock Safety Cameras (Chief Burger)
- FP District Hunting Committee (Chief Burger)

Training:

- Departmental Police Law Training / Traffic Laws for Small Vehicles & Conveyances
- Departmental PDRMA Training
- Safe-T-Act Webinar (Chief Burger)
- ILACP Conference (Chief Burger)
- ILETSB / Law for Police Course (Ofc. Jones)
- NEMRT / Mandatory Firearms (Ofc. Jones)

April 2025 Reports by Location/Offense

Location	Accidents - Motor Vehicle	Criminal Defacement to Property	Dumping	Fire	Investigations - Other	Suspicious - Other	Accidents - Persons	Theft - Personal Injury	Public Indecency	Property - Recovered	Encroachment	Suspicious - Incident	Check For Welfare/Well being	Burglary to Motor Vehicle	Disorderly Conduct	Criminal Trespass	Consumption of Alcohol Prohibited	Hunting	Drugs	Suspicious - Other	Possession of Cannabis	Dogs Off Leash	Grand Total
Burnidge F.P.	1																						1
Fabyan F.P. (Windmill)													1								1		2
Jon J. Duerr F.P.										1							1						2
Oakhurst F.P.														1									1
Settler's Hill Golf Course					1																		1
Pingree Grove F.P.						1																	1
Bliss Woods F.P.												1											1
Johnson's Mound F.P.													1										1
Tekakwitha Woods F.P.						1																	1
Fox River Shores West F.P. (Carpentersville Dam)																1							1
Rutland F.P.	1							2															3
Fox River Trail - St. Charles Twp.																				1			1
Mill Creek F.P.									1														1
Great Western Trail - St. Charles Twp.										2											1		3
Gunnar Anderson F.P.			1																				1
Raymond Street F.P.	1																						1
Hughes Creek Golf Club													1										1
Voyageurs Landing F.P.			1																				1
LeRoy Oakes F.P. - Trail Head					1																		1
Jelkes Creek F.P.				1																			1
Deer Valley Golf Course								1															1
Cougars Parking Lot										1													1
Grand Total	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	28	