

Darien Police Department

Monthly Report

March 2019



Community Notifications

At the March 18th City Council Meeting there was much discussion on notifying the public on police situations that may be occurring or had occurred in their neighborhood. Several years ago the City entered into an agreement with Nixle to transmit such information. However, we only had about 380 users by the time we stopped paying for the service. We opted to go with Twitter a more frequently used method of communication and we now have more than two and a half times the amount of people receiving notifications than our prior method. We are at 984 followers and we are following 17 agencies (school districts, surrounding police agencies, etc.).

Even with the increased reach we still only reach about 5% of the population with Twitter and many people don't have internet or internet access. Many don't use Twitter but use some other form(s) of social media. To this end the city continues to post information on their website, Facebook and Direct Connect. We have now linked our tweets with Facebook so even if a person does not have Twitter s/he can still get the same information via Facebook.

Our reach has increased tremendously as we continue to strive to be transparent. In addition to the 984 followers on Twitter we have 2,510 followers on Facebook, 4,034 people who receive Darien's Direct Connect. I don't know how many people are on one or more of the platforms (Twitter, Facebook & Direct Connect), but it appears that between the various methods around 1/4th of the public is reached with some form of social media.

We will be posting information via Twitter on: Residential Burglary, Armed Robbery, Aggravated Robbery, Home Invasion, Vehicular Hijacking, Scams/ Frauds (that occur at a home), and Vehicle Burglary.

I would caution that when you see an increase in the frequency of communication that you don't believe there is a crime spree. Please follow the Monthly Report that is put out each month that contains crime information it will be more detailed on crime increasing or decreasing. For example, if you look at page 5 crime report you would see that crime (year to date) has dropped 15½% from last year and dropped 53% from five years ago.

The police and public don't communicate the same. Many times the public may call a certain crime a robbery when in fact it was a burglary. Not to get too technical but in order for me to advise police personnel how to handle information I have to be specific. When the public wants to know information they too should receive the right information.

Therefore here are the definitions that we'll be using. A robbery is the taking of property from a person by force or threat of force. An Armed Robbery is when that robbery occurs with a weapon. We have to prove there was a deadly weapon. An Aggravated Robbery is when a robbery is committed but we cannot prove there was a deadly weapon but one was implied. Home invasion is when a person enters a home to do physical harm to an occupant, not to take property. A Residential Burglary is when an offenders enters or remains in the home to commit a theft or other felony. Vehicular hijacking is when an offender takes a car by force or threat of force – it is very similar to an Armed Robbery except the property is specifically a vehicle. There are a number of scams many on the internet or phone, and some in person. Scams such as trying to convince you that there is a problem with your water, gas, electric and the person needs to correct it by coming

into your house. Scams related to your roof or driveway are also popular. If these occur we will be making a notification via twitter. A vehicle burglary is like a residential burglary except the offender made entry into a vehicle in order to take something of value from it.

Distracted Driving

April is National Distracted Driver Awareness Month. We’ve asked our officers to continue to be diligent in their enforcement. In fact between 2017 and 2018 distracted driving was up 68%. There are many agencies that will be focusing on distracted driving in April.

Attached is a Frequently Asked Questions about the Distracted Driver Law.



Everyone does it...

A recent AAA study found almost everyone reaches for something, adjusts a control, or gets distracted at some point while driving, which is one of the reasons distracted driving is such a big problem. Driver inattention is a factor in more than 1.6 million crashes in North America annually, resulting in serious injuries, deaths, and an economic impact that some experts say reaches nearly \$40 billion per year.



Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Does cell phone use while driving cause traffic crashes?

A. Research shows that driving while using a cell phone can pose a serious cognitive distraction and degrade driver performance. The use of a cell phone while driving increases your chance of getting into a crash by 400%. Texting while driving makes you 23 times more likely to crash.

Q. Is it legal to use a hand-held cell phone device behind the wheel?

A. The law permits the use of a cell phone only when using a bluetooth headset, earpiece, or voice activated commands.

Q. Is talking on a cell phone any worse than having a conversation with someone in the car?

A. Any activity a driver engages in while driving has the potential to distract him/her from the primary task of driving. Some research findings comparing cell phone use to passenger conversations while driving show each to be equally risky, while others show cell phone use to be more risky. A significant difference between the two is the fact that a passenger can monitor the driving situation along with the driver and pause for, or alert the driver to, potential hazards.

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Distracted Driving

What is a Text Worth?




Illinois State Police

Illinois law prohibits the use of handheld cellphones, texting or using other electronic communications while operating a motor vehicle. Hands-free devices or Bluetooth technology is allowed for persons age 19 and older.

Illinois law also prohibits the use of headsets while driving. Headsets are defined as any device, other than a hearing aid, that allows a person to hear or receive electronic communications. The use of a single-sided headset or earpiece with a wireless/cellphone device is permitted while driving. Motorcycle, motor-driven cycle and moped operators may use intercom helmets that permit a driver and/or passengers to speak to one another.

Using hands-free technology such as a headset or voice activated controls is considered a distraction while driving and can be dangerous. If a driver must make a phone call, even with hands-free technology, it is recommended the driver pull off to the side of the road before making the call.

Using a cellphone while holding the device and utilizing the speaker phone is not considered hands free and is a violation of Illinois law.

The only time an Illinois driver can use a cellphone that is not hands free is:

- To report an emergency situation.
- While parked on the shoulder of a roadway.
- While stopped due to normal traffic being obstructed and the vehicle is in neutral or park.

A driver who is in a crash resulting from distracted driving may face criminal penalties and incarceration.

WHEN DRIVING DO YOU...

- Shave
- Text or email
- Read or write
- Tune the radio
- Put on makeup
- Eat, drink, or smoke
- Talk on the cell phone
- Comb or brush your hair
- File, clip, or polish your nails
- Argue with another passenger
- Reach for the glove compartment
- Break up fights between your kids
- Put in contact lenses or use eye drops
- Pick something up from the floor or between the seats

IF SO, YOU ARE DRIVING DISTRACTED

Don't multi-task when driving.

Driving is complicated enough without becoming distracted by doing other things too. Don't use the vehicle's mirrors for personal grooming when the vehicle is in motion or try to read or write while you're behind the wheel.

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) records show nearly 6,000 people died last year in crashes involving a distracted or inattentive driver, and more than half a million were injured.

Don't touch that dial.

Adjust seat positions, climate controls, sound systems, and other devices before you leave or while the vehicle is stopped. Know how your controls work so if you must adjust something on the go, you'll be less distracted. Use presets for radio and climate control, or have your passenger assist you.

How to Avoid Being Distracted

- Limit interaction with passengers
 - Avoid talking while driving
- Avoid taking your eyes off the road
 - Keep both hands on the wheel

Practice good habits by turning your phone off before you drive so you won't be tempted to answer calls on the road.

Calls for Service Summary

March 2019

Citizen Generated Events

	<u>Mar</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>Mar</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>1 Year</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>1 Year</u> <u>Change</u>
Beat 1	166	169	-1.8%	474	487	-2.7%
Beat 2	164	174	-5.7%	431	476	-9.5%
Beat 3	205	219	-6.4%	613	681	-10.0%
Out of Town	15	8	87.5%	35	31	12.9%
Total	550	570	-3.5%	1553	1675	-7.3%
Shift 1	244	201	21.4%	693	645	7.4%
Shift 2	247	276	-10.5%	666	757	-12.0%
Shift 3	59	93	-36.6%	194	273	-28.9%
Total	550	570	-3.5%	1553	1675	-7.3%

Top Ten Incidents Categories

Citizen Assist	74	69	7.2%	222	244	-9.0%
Investigative	74	68	8.8%	201	194	3.6%
Alarm	52	63	-17.5%	139	185	-24.9%
Accident	43	54	-20.4%	135	148	-8.8%
Suspicion	37	53	-30.2%	105	134	-21.6%
Administrative	34	41	-17.1%	105	113	-7.1%
Public Order	43	30	43.3%	86	99	-13.1%
Disorder	26	33	-21.2%	66	88	-25.0%
Domestic	15	25	-40.0%	54	88	-38.6%
Agency Assist	30	24	25.0%	76	71	7.0%
Medical/Ambulance	22	30	-26.7%	50	69	-27.5%
Traffic	24	17	41.2%	75	56	33.9%
Theft	8	21	-61.9%	47	44	6.8%
Parking	10	6	66.7%	36	31	16.1%
Animal	28	10	180.0%	56	28	100.0%
Burglary	3	3	0.0%	10	13	-23.1%
Forgery	9	5	80.0%	20	13	53.8%
Hazard	2	0	0.0%	15	12	25.0%
Fire	2	6	-66.7%	16	12	33.3%
Missing Person	3	3	0.0%	10	7	42.9%
Warrant	3	1	200.0%	9	7	28.6%
Assault	4	1	300.0%	7	7	0.0%
Drug	1	4	-75.0%	5	6	-16.7%
Weapons Violations	2	1	100.0%	5	3	66.7%
Rape	1	2	-50.0%	3	3	0.0%
Robbery	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Total	550	570	-3.5%	1553	1675	-7.3%

Calls for Service Summary (continued)

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Officer Initiated Event Category						
	<u>Mar</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>Mar</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>1 Year</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>1 Year</u> <u>Change</u>
Crime Prevention	576	551	4.5%	1784	1709	4.4%
Traffic	467	383	21.9%	1366	1018	34.2%
Administrative	100	101	-1.0%	298	337	-11.6%
Citizen Assist	109	101	7.9%	264	252	4.8%
Focused Patrol	37	74	-50.0%	116	200	-42.0%
Community Engagement	16	33	-51.5%	61	95	-35.8%
Suspicion	51	27	88.9%	118	67	76.1%
Agency Assist	17	15	13.3%	59	36	63.9%
Public Order	4	5	-20.0%	21	25	-16.0%
Accident	2	4	-50.0%	8	22	-63.6%
Investigative	4	5	-20.0%	13	20	-35.0%
Parking	7	6	16.7%	30	16	87.5%
Burglary	0	0	0.0%	1	5	-80.0%
Disorder	0	1	-100.0%	1	5	-80.0%
Warrant	2	2	0.0%	2	3	-33.3%
Theft	0	2	-100.0%	7	3	133.3%
Domestic	0	0	0.0%	0	3	-100.0%
Medical	0	2	-100.0%	0	3	-100.0%
Sex Offenses	3	1	200.0%	4	2	100.0%
Animal	1	1	0.0%	4	2	100.0%
Forgery	0	0	0.0%	3	2	50.0%
Alarm	1	1	0.0%	1	1	0.0%
Hazard	1	0	0.0%	4	1	300.0%
Missing Person	0	1	-100.0%	1	1	0.0%
Assault	2	0	0.0%	2	1	100.0%
Drug	0	0	0.0%	0	1	-100.0%
Weapon Related	0	1	-100.0%	0	1	-100.0%
Fire	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Robbery	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Alcohol	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Total	1400	1317	6.3%	4168	3831	8.8%

Crime Report

March 2019

Part 1 Offenses

	<u>March</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>March</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>March</u> <u>2014</u>	<u>1 Year</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>5 Year</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>2014</u>	<u>1 Year</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>5 Year</u> <u>Change</u>
Murder	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Sexual Assault	1	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	1	3	0	-66.7%	0.0%
Robbery	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	3	0.0%	-100.0%
Assault & Battery	0	1	0	-100.0%	0.0%	0	2	4	-100.0%	-100.0%
Violent Crime	1	1	0	0.0%	0.0%	1	5	7	-80.0%	-85.7%
Burglary	4	1	2	300.0%	100.0%	7	6	6	16.7%	16.7%
Theft	1	12	10	-91.7%	-90.0%	27	32	62	-15.6%	-56.5%
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	1	0	-100.0%	0.0%	3	2	1	50.0%	200.0%
Arson	0	0	2	0.0%	-100.0%	0	0	5	0.0%	-100.0%
Property Crime	5	14	14	-64.3%	-64.3%	37	40	74	-7.5%	-50.0%
Part One Crime	6	15	14	-60.0%	-57.1%	38	45	81	-15.6%	-53.1%

Part 2 Offenses

	<u>March</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>March</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>March</u> <u>2014</u>	<u>1 Year</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>5 Year</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>2014</u>	<u>1 Year</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>5 Year</u> <u>Change</u>
Assault	1	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	2	1	0	100.0%	0.0%
Battery	3	2	0	50.0%	0.0%	11	10	0	10.0%	0.0%
Domestic Battery	3	8	0	-62.5%	0.0%	7	20	0	-65.0%	0.0%
Criminal Damage	4	7	0	-42.9%	0.0%	7	17	0	-58.8%	0.0%
Criminal Trespass	3	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	4	1	0	300.0%	0.0%
Disorderly Conduct	2	1	0	100.0%	0.0%	9	12	0	-25.0%	0.0%

Arrest Report

March 2019

Part One Offenses

	<u>Mar</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>Mar</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>Mar</u> <u>2014</u>	<u>1 Year</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>5 Year</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>2014</u>	<u>1 Year</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>5 Year</u> <u>Change</u>
Murder	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Sexual Assault	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Robbery	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Assault & Battery	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	1	0	-100.0%	0.0%
Violent Crime	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	1	0	-100.0%	0.0%
Burglary	2	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	2	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Theft	1	6	0	-83.3%	0.0%	10	12	0	-16.7%	0.0%
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Arson	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Property Crime	3	6	0	-50.0%	0.0%	12	12	0	0.0%	0.0%
Part One Crime	3	6	0	-50.0%	0.0%	12	13	0	-7.7%	0.0%

Part Two Offenses

	<u>Mar</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>Mar</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>Mar</u> <u>2014</u>	<u>1 Year</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>5 Year</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>2014</u>	<u>1 Year</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>5 Year</u> <u>Change</u>
Assault	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Battery	0	1	0	-100.0%	0.0%	2	3	0	-33.3%	0.0%
Domestic Battery	1	2	0	-50.0%	0.0%	1	10	0	-90.0%	0.0%
Criminal Damage	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	1	0	-100.0%	0.0%
Criminal Trespass	2	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	2	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Disorderly Conduct	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	3	10	0	-70.0%	0.0%
Alcohol Possession	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	1	1	0	0.0%	0.0%
Alcohol Consumption	0	1	0	-100.0%	0.0%	1	1	0	0.0%	0.0%

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Drug Related Offenses

	<u>Mar</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>Mar</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>Mar</u> <u>2014</u>	<u>1 Year</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>5 Year</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>2014</u>	<u>1 Year</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>5 Year</u> <u>Change</u>
Cannabis	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Controlled Substance	0	1	0	-100.0%	0.0%	3	2	0	50.0%	0.0%
Hypodermic Syringes	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Drug Paraphernalia	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	1	0	-100.0%	0.0%
Methamphetamine	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%

Adult / Juvenile

	<u>Mar</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>Mar</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>Mar</u> <u>2014</u>	<u>1 Year</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>5 Year</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>2014</u>	<u>1 Year</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>5 Year</u> <u>Change</u>
Adult	12	28	0	-57.1%	0.0%	50	84	0	-40.5%	0.0%
Juvenile	0	3	0	-100.0%	0.0%	6	14	0	-57.1%	0.0%

Warrants

	<u>Mar</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>Mar</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>Mar</u> <u>2014</u>	<u>1 Year</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>5 Year</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>2014</u>	<u>1 Year</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>5 Year</u> <u>Change</u>
Served	2	2	0	0.0%	0.0%	10	10	0	0.0%	0.0%

Traffic Summary

March 2019

Accidents

Type of Accident	<u>Mar</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>Mar</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>Percent</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>Percent</u> <u>Change</u>
Property Damage	39	53	-26.4%	128	152	-15.8%
Personal Injury	3	8	-62.5%	14	13	7.7%
Fatal	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Total	42	61	-31.1%	142	165	-13.9%
Fatalities	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Hit & Run	10	2	400.0%	24	18	33.3%
Private Property	17	23	-26.1%	51	54	-5.6%
DUI	0	0	0.0%	1	1	0.0%

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Enforcement

	<u>Mar</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>Mar</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>Percent</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>Percent</u> <u>Change</u>
Traffic Stops	431	299	44.1%	1212	790	53.4%
Moving Citation	122	104	17.3%	276	265	4.2%
Moving Warning	192	132	45.5%	465	337	38.0%
Total Moving	314	236	33.1%	741	602	23.1%
Non-Moving Citation	76	58	31.0%	217	152	42.8%
Non-Moving Warning	108	74	45.9%	371	218	70.2%
Total Non-Moving	184	132	39.4%	588	370	58.9%
Total Warning	300	206	45.6%	836	555	50.6%
Total Citations	198	162	22.2%	493	417	18.2%
Total Enforcement Actions	498	368	35.3%	1329	972	36.7%
DUI Arrests	4	5	-20.0%	16	9	77.8%
Category						
Speed	230	159	44.7%	505	384	31.5%
Registration	58	39	48.7%	190	136	39.7%
Traffic Sign or Signal	31	36	-13.9%	102	106	-3.8%
Equipment	53	44	20.5%	174	98	77.6%
Insurance	26	23	13.0%	66	56	17.9%
Lane Violation	29	14	107.1%	69	50	38.0%
License	20	14	42.9%	52	46	13.0%
Distracted Driving	22	10	120.0%	83	30	176.7%
Signal	10	5	100.0%	22	19	15.8%
Accident	5	11	-54.5%	21	16	31.3%
Yield	5	7	-28.6%	13	14	-7.1%
Other	6	2	200.0%	23	7	228.6%
Seat Belt	1	2	-50.0%	5	4	25.0%
Parking	1	2	-50.0%	3	4	-25.0%
Alcohol	0	0	0.0%	0	2	-100.0%
Reckless	1	0	0.0%	1	0	0.0%