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The Evergreen Park Police Department is committed to safe streets, safe neighborhoods including schools, businesses, residents and all who visit our community at large.

Part of this mission is carried out through the enforcement of traffic laws that ensure the reduction of accidents as well as crime. The Village of Evergreen Park is surrounded on three sides by the City of Chicago which generates a much greater amount of traffic than similar suburbs of our size. People commute to various businesses, shopping centers, and the Tri-Sate tollway from the city through our Village for purposes of shopping employment and transportation throughout the greater regional area.

As a result of this great influx of vehicle traffic, a greater degree of traffic violators are discovered and the traffic arrests are sometimes complicated with the discovery of other criminal violations including but not limited to criminal warrants, transportation and possession of narcotics, weapons, shoplifters to name a few.

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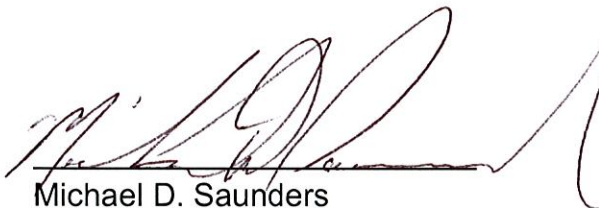
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The Police Department chooses to address these issues rather than to ignore them which may lead to greater activity in the amount and nature of traffic stops than other municipalities around us. As a result we have lower incidents of serious crime than those districts surrounding us that makes a safer venue for all of the citizens in which we serve. To insure that these tactics and especially traffic enforcement are fair and unbiased, the Village of Evergreen Park has invested in a full range of police officer worn body cameras that each officer has assigned to them along with vehicle cameras in every marked squad vehicle. These measures along with strict guidelines and policies as well as a transparent and available mechanism for any member of the public to report or to file a complaint is available at all times.

The Police Department observes and adheres to State Law and its requirements for reporting the required information on each traffic stop to validate and record the accurate information concerning the race of each driver stopped. The accurate recording and forwarding of this information to the State of Illinois and the traffic recording process should give all citizens the confidence of knowing that they are being treated fairly and that the police department operates under scrutiny and the due process of law under our Constitution.



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