

Reporting Year	Number of Incidents
2020	1
2021	5
2022	5
2023	6
2024	12
2025	4

There is a financial impact to investigating these incidents after they have occurred. The table below shows the approximate cost to the Village for investigating a fleeing and eluding incident. It includes the time an officer spends initiating a traffic stop, subsequent reporting, investigative work, and time spent testifying in court to secure a conviction. This is the minimum amount of time, at current pay rates, for cases in which there are leads. When there are no leads, we are reliant on the registered owner to provide us with information. As you may speculate, the registered owners of the vehicles never cooperate or provide information on who was driving the vehicle when it fled from the police.

Officer Rate (per hour)	Type of Activity	Number of Hours	Total
\$56.89	Patrol Reporting	3	\$170.67
\$56.89	Investigations Follow-up	5	\$284.45
\$85.34 (overtime rate)	Court Proceedings	3	\$256.02
			\$711.14

Chief Bastin recommended amending Municipal Code Sec. 6-1-12. “Administrative Booking Fee” to an “Administrative Fee” and adding a \$750.00 fee for Fleeing or Attempting to Elude. \$750.00 is based on the time and resources required to prosecute these cases. Instituting this measure will help advance the goal of improving roadway safety.

Additional discussion included: fleeing and eluding is happening nationally; many departments have adopted pursuit policies; mindset is that people think the police will not chase them; pursuits not expected to stay low; anything we can do to prevent fleeing and eluding; admin fee is an added layer of prevention; can proceed without knowing who the owner is; what happens when you go to the registered owner and they say they don’t know who was driving; the owner has to be willing to take ownership; what defines fleeing; officer discretion; officer takes actions of the driver into consideration; what happens if the car is stolen; owner of the stolen vehicle does not get the fee; took the policy from Naperville; Naperville started the policy in 2023/2024; policy is not common; intent is to prevent and recoup costs; why other communities are not doing this; there is a big split about pursuit policies; pursuit policy weighs the risks to the public; high probability the offending driver will crash; purpose is for safety; hoping once more communities adopt the policy, fleeing and eluding may decrease; administrative process is separate from the criminal process; admin fee information will be available to the public; whether there is a cost to the Village when the fee payment goes past 30 days; collection agency will take over and keep 30% of the fee payment; whether the admin fee should be increased due to late payment; attorney is involved through the adjudication process; attorney is already contracted as part of adjudication; in the adjudication process, an additional fee is accessed if found liable; unsure how many are repeat offenders; straight \$750 fee; it is not a fine; don’t know why there was a spike in the number of incidents in 2024; have been increasing traffic enforcement; this is not a tactic to make money; this is to protect the public; currently have an admin impound fee; try not to impound vehicles; \$750 is not going to make money for the Village; fee transfers to the person signing the affidavit; many eluding incidents result in innocent people being injured or dying; insurance companies are cracking down; cause and effect; a lot of towns are watching these types of policies; will see more communities doing this; have a higher amount of traffic; crashes are going up year after year; want officers out making roads safer; policy only applies to vehicles that need to be registered.

Chief was directed to:

- 1) Look into late fees
- 2) look into whether the incidents are from Village residents or residents of other communities

There was no further discussion.

CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Tina Touchette
Village Clerk