

LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Memorandum



To: Robert J. Pilipiszyn, Village Manager

From: Michael A. Holub, Chief of Police

Date: September 8, 2014

Re: Monthly Report for August 2014

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Attached for your review are the general statistics for the Shift activities for the month of August 2014. Besides the activities, I have included a summary of other noteworthy events.

At the Board meeting on August 25th, 2014, Village Clerk John Burns administered the Oath of Office to the newest member of the La Grange, Illinois Police Department Jin (Bobby) Kang. He is a graduate of Niles West High School and Oakton Community College. Ofc. Kang is a 2008 graduate of the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy (SLEA) and was a full-time member of the Oakton Community College Police Department before joining our full-time staff.



MIDNIGHT SHIFT

Investigative case files recorded on the Midnight Shift are listed below:

- Ofc. Coleman investigated a criminal damage report at 122 East Avenue. The victim believed the damage was done by a friend of his juvenile daughter's but needed to review her phone records for clarification. No suspects were developed and the case was pending the review of phone records.
- Ofc. Coleman arrested a 30-year-old female for driving while her license was suspended after stopping the vehicle for failure to stop at a stop sign and striking a curb while traveling on roadway. Due to the suspension being the result of a driving under the influence, and in accordance with Illinois Statute, the vehicle was subsequently seized.
- Squad Leader Uher investigated a hit and run accident while responding to a call of a vehicle that left the scene after hitting a parked car. Squad Leader Uher responded to the area and spotted a vehicle that matched the description of the fleeing auto and located the driver and vehicle. Squad Leader Uher arrested a 22-year-old male for possession of nitrous oxide, failure to reduce speed to avoid accident, and using an electronic communication device while driving.
- Ofc. Comstock arrested a 46-year-old female for driving under the influence after stopping her for speeding. The driver was also issued a citation for improper lane usage.
- Ofc. Wessendorf and Squad Leader Uher investigated a disorderly conduct case after observing a juvenile riding a bicycle while holding a handgun. The juvenile was taken into custody without incident and the handgun was found to be a BB gun. The juvenile and the BB gun were turned over to his mother without charges.

MIDNIGHT SHIFT *(continued)*

- Ofc. Wessendorf and Squad Leader Uher Investigated a criminal damage to property case after finding a soda machine overturned in Gilbert Park. No suspects were developed in the case and it was administratively closed after notification to the La Grange Park District was made.
- Ofc. Wessendorf and Squad Leader Uher arrested a 21-year-old female for possession of drug paraphernalia after they approached a suspicious and occupied vehicle in the parking garage. They also detected the odor of burnt cannabis coming from the vehicle.
- Ofc. Wessendorf and Squad Leader Uher arrested a 24-year-old male for aggravated driving under the influence after stopping his vehicle for driving without headlights when required. The Offender was also cited for several other offenses and due to the suspension being the result of a driving under the influence and in accordance with Illinois Statute the vehicle was subsequently seized.
- Ofc. Balon and Ofc. Comstock investigated a domestic battery at 917 8th Avenue involving an alleged stabbing. Upon investigation and review of the circumstances, and limited evidence to substantiate the alleged victim's claims, the stabbing was determined to unfounded. The parties agreed to separate for the night and both were given domestic violence forms.
- Ofc. Herrera investigated a domestic disturbance at 219 N. Spring Avenue involving criminal damage to property. The offender in the matter, the resident's 20-year-old son, was transported to the hospital for injuries sustained and the resident refused to sign complaints for the damage.
- Ofc. McDermott and Squad Leader Uher arrested a 32-year-old female for driving under the influence and resisting arrest after locating the vehicle when responding to a report of an intoxicated driver. The driver was also cited for improper lane usage and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Other Midnight Shift activities include Shift members conducting 58 building checks, 126 traffic stops, 4 driving under the influence arrests, and completing regular overnight parking enforcement. Midnight Shift officers continue to find residential garage doors left wide open and vehicles left unlocked with valuables left in plain sight. In those instances, the property is secured (as best as possible) and the residence is left a safety/security notice. Shift members have worked 66 hours of overtime to help meet minimum staffing standards and cover shift shortages.

DAY SHIFT

The Day Shift conducted the following investigations in August:

- A death investigation in the zero hundred block of S. Ashland Avenue
- Two reports of telephone harassment (which is disorderly conduct) in the 1000 block S. Brainard and another in the zero hundred block of S. Ashland Avenue.
- A case involving domestic battery in the 100 block of N. Waiola
- A report of a domestic disturbance in the 200 block of N. Spring
- A case of fraud in the zero hundred block of S. La Grange Road
- Two incidents of garage burglary in the 400 block of S. Stone Avenue and another in the 900 block of S. Stone Avenue
- An identity theft investigation from the 400 block of Sunset
- Misdemeanor theft reports from the 300 block of S. 9th Avenue, the zero hundred block of W. Cossitt, and three separate theft reports from the 300 block S. 9th Avenue
- A complaint of bad driving in the area of La Grange Road and 53rd Avenue
- The day shift also arrested a 49-year-old homeless woman on two outstanding warrants from another jurisdiction.

AFTERNOON SHIFT

The Afternoon Shift conducted the following arrests and investigations in August:

- Warrant arrest for Cicero police.
- Ofc Wolf arrested a subject for driving under the influence and possession of controlled substance.
- Erik Jackson was arrested for a home invasion that occurred 3 years ago after physical evidence was received linking him to the case. Additional details about this case are in the Investigations section on page 5.
- Resident arrested for a warrant from La Grange as he was in Brookfield
- A report of a male and female fighting at train station, male subject was located and he was wanted on a warrant from Berwyn.
- Suspicious vehicle report led to a warrant arrest by Sgt. Kielczynski for aggravated driving under the influence
- An aggravated assault was reported when a teen pulled a knife and threatened her parents. The knife was then placed into her purse. Parents stated she needed help and she was transported to hospital for treatment.
- Call of a fight at Di Nico's Pizza involving a current employee and previous employee. When both were located after they fled the scene, they agreed to work out their differences in another way.
- Two identity theft reports
- An attempted sexual assault was reported by a teenager. The case involves juveniles and has been turned over to investigators.
- A report of a stolen bike from the La Grange Road train station
- Officers removed an unwanted customer from Walgreens who was then served a no trespassing notice.
- A resident reported receiving suspicious phone calls.
- Officers responded to the report of person climbing into second floor apartment via an outside balcony. Officers found and arrested the subject who was also wanted on a warrant.
- A resident reported a violation of an order of protection. The mother invited her son into house while the father (protected party) was not home. The son has an order of protection against him and he was in process of moving out. The father left the house to avoid any problems until the son left.
- A nursing home reported an out of control employee who left prior to police arrival on scene.
- Aurora PD reported a subject on the train was telling her friends she was going to kill herself when she got off the train in La Grange. Officers monitored both stations and confirmed she was on train. After she exited the train and spoke with officers she went to the hospital.
- The shift handled 3 teen runaways, all of who returned safely.

Overall the Afternoon Shift handled 15 car accident reports completed, all of which were property damage only. One was a hit and run accident, and 3 resulted in arrests for driving with a suspended driver's license, another 3 resulted in arrests for driving with no driver's license, and one resulted in an arrest for driving under the influence. The shift also assisted with extra foot patrol in the area of Gordon Park during a 3-day event conducted by the Park District and the LGBA. The fest did not cause any arrests or reports and members of our Auxiliary unit assisted with extra presence each of the days.

OTHER COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

The LeaderShop held their annual “Back to School Party”. The department helped provide back to school supplies and Ofc. Jin Kang was available at the Community Center to answer questions from parents or students.



TRAINING

- Ofc. Comstock attended Illinois Breath Operator Certification sponsored by the ISP and NMERT. Ofc. Comstock’s continued effort in driving under the influence enforcement and detection should be enhanced with the training and certification.
- Chief Holub attended the Midwest Police/Security EXPO and Training conference co-sponsored by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police and the FBI National Academy Associates. The 2-day conference was held in Tinley Park, IL.
- Field Training continues for the newest members of the police department. In this phase of their training they are partnered with veteran police officers who orientate and familiarize them all of the components of the knowledge, skills and abilities needed for a La Grange Police Officer.

INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

- Investigators and Squad Leader Uher arrested Erick B. Jackson of 34 Washington (currently residing in Justice, IL) for an armed home invasion that occurred in September of 2011. DNA found on the inner lining of a glove left at the scene by the offenders was compared to CODIS and revealed a match to Jackson. Jackson was observed at 34 Washington by Squad Leader Uher while on patrol and taken into custody.
- Investigators arrested 23-year-old man of Joliet, IL for possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia. The suspect was originally observed by Investigators with 2 additional males walking around a house and looking into the windows of a property at 1021 S. La Grange Road. The subjects claimed to be looking at the property because it was listed for rent. An investigative stop was conducted and the man was found to be in possession of hash oil and an electronic smoking device.
- Investigators were contacted by Broadview PD who advised an employee of the Garda Armored Transport Company had come to them with information about another employee's plan to break into an ATM at a Chase Bank in LaGrange. La Grange Investigators, along with members of the FBI and the Major Case Assistance Team (MCAT), established surveillance on several Garda employees and the Chase Bank located at 14 S. La Grange Road. On 081414, shortly after midnight, Investigators observed Gildardo Lopez Jr. of Bolingbrook, enter the Chase Bank dressed in a women's "Burqa" carrying a suitcase and wearing latex gloves. Upon exiting the bank lobby, Lopez Jr. was immediately taken into custody and found to be in possession of over \$168,000 he had removed from the bank ATM. Investigators also took Douglas A. Pineda of Chicago into custody at the scene and determined he acted as a lookout and getaway driver for Lopez Jr. Both subjects were turned over to the FBI for federal prosecution.
- Investigator Gill responded to Evergreen Park PD as part of the South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force for a homicide investigation.
- Investigators responded to two MCAT call outs to McCook PD to assist with the execution of narcotics search warrants and one MCAT call out to Lyons PD to assist in locating and arresting two subjects wanted for a residential burglary.

AUXILIARY AND PART-TIME OFFICERS

The Auxiliary Unit volunteered 179 hours during the month of August which included time spent conducting house checks, park patrols, checking for non-functioning street lights, and limited patrol duties. For the entire summer we have tasked the Auxiliary with foot patrols in the Central Business District in addition to their normal routine. They have also stepped up to handle various special events, such as the numerous 5K runs that occur and the Endless Summer Fest held at Gordon Park.

The Part-Time Officers were busy assisting us with directed patrols and with special focus on the Central Business District patrols. This has been extremely helpful during the times when we have been short staffed, which was most of the summer months. We lost Part-time Officer Jin Kang when he was appointed as a full-time officer, but we regained the services of Part-time Ofc. Bryan Strand as he received approval from his full-time employer to return to part-time duties with us.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY

Parking Officers John Hannon and Dave Kotrba participated in the Lyons Township training session for crossing guards. Each year the crossing guards in the township receive instruction from various police departments and PEO's Hannon and Kotrba represented us as presenters. We are grateful for the service we receive from of crossing guards each year.

We continued to rebuild the police department personnel staffing levels in August and we are slowly getting back to our normal staffing levels. All members of the police department combined were able to conduct 183 traffic stops.

Calls for service were slightly lower than August of the previous year, and for us that seems to be most notably in the Central Business District. By comparison, parking violations were up slightly and that is principally due to the expanded enforcement in the Central Business District.

PATROL ACTIVITIES	August		August		2014	2013
	2014		2013		YTD	YTD
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	1,314		1,476		10,499	11,231
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	54		45		533	387
FELONY ARRESTS	1		6		5	13
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	5		9		39	55
DUI ARRESTS	2		0		25	8
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	54		112		490	817
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	92		173		845	872
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	243	739	66	615	6,103	4,822
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	496		549			
JUVENILE ARRESTS	1		4		13	16
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	10		11		68	56

