

LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Memorandum



To: Robert J. Pilipiszyn, Village Manager

From: Michael A. Holub, Chief of Police

Date: October 10, 2014

Re: Monthly Report for September 2014

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

We were sad to receive a resignation letter from Investigator from Matt Gill, but we wish him well as he embarks on a new career with the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration. To address the loss of a Police Officer the La Grange Board of Fire and Police Commissioners appointed Bret J. Hon to fill that Police Officer vacancy effective September 22, 2014. Bret is a resident of Dyer, Indiana and a graduate of Lake Central High School in St. John, IN. Bret obtained his Associate of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice from South Suburban College in South Holland, IL and is completing his Bachelor's degree at Governor's State University. Previously Bret worked as an auditor for Nias Inventory Service in Olympia Fields, IL. Bret, pictured here receiving the Oath of Office from Deputy Clerk Ellie Elder, will be in the Basic Recruit Academy until December of this year.



MIDNIGHT SHIFT

Activities on the midnight shift include the continued field training of new officers as well as the following incidents:

- A La Grange man arrested for aggravated driving with a revoked license at Shawmut Avenue and Kemman Avenue. He was also charged with obstructing law enforcement by using a false identification.
- A Justice, IL man was charged with possession of cannabis and possession of drug paraphernalia after a traffic stop.
- A traffic stop at East Avenue and Cossitt Avenue resulted in the arrest of a Hodgkins man for driving under the influence
- A male driver from Bolingbrook, IL was stopped for a traffic violation in the 200 block Washington and was discovered to be illegally in possession of cannabis.
- A Palos Heights man was arrested on an outstanding criminal warrant.
- A misdemeanor theft was reported in the zero hundred block of E. Burlington Avenue
- An adult reported missing was located in the 900 block of W. 41st Street

AFTERNOON SHIFT

Arrests and Investigative reports conducted by the Afternoon Shift in September included:

- Ofc Irizarry arrested a subject for aggravated driving under the influence, obstructing an investigation, and traffic violations.
- Sgt. Kielczynski arrested a driver for no valid license
- Ofc. Irizarry arrested a subject for trespassing at a local restaurant after he was warned to stay out.
- Ofc. Irizarry arrested a subject for possession of drug paraphernalia, less than 2.5 grams of cannabis, and using an electronic device while driving.
- Squad Leader Fulla arrested one party in a domestic violence situation.
- Squad Leader Fulla arrested a subject for obstructing an investigation by providing false information on his identity.
- Ofc. Kang arrested a subject for harassment through an electronic device
- Ofc. Rogers arrested a subject for obstructing an investigation by providing false information and he was arrested on a warrant.
- Squad Leader Fulla arrested a subject for assault in Gordon Park after he threatened his ex-girlfriend.
- The shift completed a death investigation which was turned over to the Medical Examiner's Office. Initial investigation appears to be natural cause.

Community events that took place on the 3-11 shift included:

- Squad Leader Fulla and Ofc. Wessendorf conducted a Bike Safety Program at the Ogden Avenue School.



- Ogden School Cub Scout Safety Talk with Ofc. Wolf and Ofc. Kang (in photo to the right)
- Cossitt School Bike Rodeo conducted by Auxiliary Ofc. Liotta and Ofc. Andries
- Community Diversity Rally at Village Hall
- Rocktoberfest at Gordon Park
- Block Parties in the 900 block of S. Ashland, the 70 hundred block of N. Drexel, and at 41st and Bell



DAY SHIFT

Activities on the Day Shift in October are listed below:

- Ofc. Coleman arrested a 68-year-old male after investigating a hit and run accident involving a parked car. The driver was cited for failure to notify after damage to unattended vehicle and other minor traffic violations.
- Ofc. Coleman, Ofc. Pacana, Sgt. Peters, and Deputy Chief Strasser responded to a bomb threat called in at 6 E. 47th, the 7-Eleven. The threat was made during an attempted theft regarding Green Dot money cards and the investigation revealed that similar scams have been perpetrated nationwide. No indication of a legitimate bomb threat existed and no suspects could be developed.
- Ofc. Moncivais investigated an identity theft case where the complainant's identity was used for online purchases. The resulting report was for matter of record and at the victim's Bank request.
- Numerous Officers have responded to and investigated reports of domestic violence and harassment at 1004 S. Ashland. All indications of a crime have been unfounded, and the majority of assistance has been as a peace keeping event during particularly difficult separation and divorce.
- Ofc. McDermott and Ofc. Ljubenko investigated a burglary to garage in the 1300 block of Mason Drive involving a stolen bicycle. No suspects could be developed in the case.
- Ofc. Coleman investigated a criminal damage to vehicle report that occurred in Sedgewick Park parking lot. No suspects could be developed in the case and the case was closed.
- Ofc. Coleman investigated a criminal defacement report at First American Bank. The ATM was defaced with swastikas and the bank would attempt to review video footage to identify and suspect.
- Ofc. Rohlicek investigated and arrested a juvenile for possession of drug paraphernalia when the student was found at school with the item in his possession.
- Ofc. Coleman arrested a 26-year-old female for leaving the scene of a property damage accident after she was involved in a crash at the intersection of Ogden and La Grange. The driver was also issued citations for a revoked license, and no proof of insurance.
- Ofc. Moncivais investigated a report of identity theft where the complainant's name was used to open a line of credit in Kansas. The issuing Bank investigated and no loss was reported by the complainant.
- Ofc. McDermott and Squad Leader Ljubenko investigated a criminal damage to vehicle case in the 100 block of Hayes. The tires of the vehicle had been slashed and no suspects could be developed in the case.
- Ofc. McDermott and Squad Leader Ljubenko investigated a burglary to motor vehicle case involving a wallet being stolen from the unlocked vehicle in the 800 block of south La Grange Road. The complainant later found the wallet intact in the residence and the report was closed and unfounded.
- Ofc. Pacana investigated a deceptive practice case resulting in payment for the service the complainant provided and rendering the case unfounded.
- Ofc. Moncivais arrested a 51-year-old male for possession of controlled substance and DUI after observing lane violations while on routine patrol.
- Ofc. Kang and Ofc. Rohlicek arrested a juvenile found in possession of cannabis while at school.

DAY SHIFT *(continued)*

- Ofc. Kang and Ofc. Rohlicek arrested a 42-year-old male for harassment by electronic device when he continued to text his ex-girlfriend despite his insistence to stop and prior notification from this department to stop.
- Ofc Ljubenko arrested a 33-year-old male for battery after he and a co-worker had an argument at work.

Other Day Shift Patrol Activities

Shift members were active in their patrol duties conducting regular school checks during drop offs and special watches. The shift completed 63 traffic stops and were assigned to take 40 crash reports during the month. Ofc Rohlicek continues to perform SRO duties on a weekly basis at LTHS.

Officers Coleman, McDermott and Squad Leader Ljubenko assisted with the St. Francis Homecoming Parade. The same group and Sgt. Peters assisted with traffic control and led the LTHS Homecoming parade. Units and Auxiliary Officers provided route security for the Brat Trot sponsored by Emmanuel Episcopal Church. Ofc. Laura McDermott successfully completed phase 4 of the FTO program.

TRAINING

- TCO Rapp attended a class on UCR updates
- Chief Holub attended the monthly FBI training meeting at the North Chicago range facility
- Squad Leader Ljubenko attended the quarterly Terrorism Liaison Officer Committee (TLOC) conference which included discussion on the impact of ISIS and home grown terrorism.

AUXILIARY AND PART-TIME OFFICERS

The Auxiliary Unit volunteered 167 hours in September which included Rocktober Fest and their traditional time spent conducting House Checks, preparing "Street Lights-Out" lists and Patrol duties. For the entire summer we have tasked the Auxiliary with foot patrols in the Central Business District, and the increasing number of 5K races, in addition to their normal routine.

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 and continuing into fall.

OTHER PATROL ACTIVITIES

Two categories have increased through the first 9 months of the year as you can see by the graph below. The number of accident reports is up. No particular pattern or area is reflected in these crash reports, however we are handling about 18-20 more reports per month as compared to 2013.

The other category that has increased and is worth mentioning is the number of citations issued by our parking division. Although we are noticing more compliance with the CBD employees, the citations for meter violations or parking in decal lots without a sticker is up. There are also many CBD sticker holders who are parking in areas which are NOT decal areas. For example, some CBD sticker holders are parking on the street beyond the allotted time limits.

The parking management and collection programs are working well, especially in identifying people with multiple violations. In September we collected \$43,244 through in-person payments, on-line payments and from the collection agency.

| PATROL ACTIVITIES | September | | September | | 2014 | 2013 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----|-----------|-----|--------|--------|
| | 2014 | | 2013 | | YTD | YTD |
| NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN | 1,330 | | 1,336 | | 11,829 | 12,567 |
| ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN | 81 | | 54 | | 614 | 441 |
| FELONY ARRESTS | 0 | | 0 | | 5 | 13 |
| MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS | 14 | | 4 | | 53 | 59 |
| DUI ARRESTS | 4 | | 0 | | 29 | 8 |
| COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED | 59 | | 82 | | 549 | 899 |
| TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED | 99 | | 133 | | 944 | 1,005 |
| PARKING TICKETS - by Officers | 201 | 778 | 160 | 555 | 6,881 | 5,377 |
| PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div. | 577 | | 395 | | | |
| JUVENILE ARRESTS | 2 | | 2 | | 15 | 18 |
| PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP | 16 | | 8 | | 84 | 64 |