

# LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Memorandum



To: Robert J. Pilipiszyn, Village Manager

From: Michael A. Holub, Chief of Police

Date: November 10, 2014

Re: Monthly Report for October 2014

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

### **MIDNIGHT SHIFT**

Investigative cases files were generated for the following calls:

- A theft case from the zero hundred block of E. Burlington Avenue
- A theft from the Theft in the zero hundred block of S. La Grange Road
- A missing person report from the 900 block of W. 41st Street
- A domestic battery investigation from the 100 block of Sawyer
- A case of aggravated fleeing and eluding the police which occurred at La Grange/Maple
- A juvenile case from the zero hundred block of S. Spring

Also on the Midnight Shift misdemeanor arrests were made for:

- domestic battery that occurred in the 1000 block of S. Ashland
- possession of a controlled substance and unlawful use of a weapon in the zero hundred block of S. La Grange Road
- domestic battery that took place in the zero hundred block of N. Spring Avenue

### **DAY SHIFT**

- Day Shift Officers investigated 27 burglary to motor vehicle cases during the month. The events occurred in three general locations: 500 block of S Madison; 500 block of S. La Grange Road; and 800 blocks of 7th and 9th with the majority occurring overnight on the 16th and 27th of October. All of the burglarized vehicles were left open and unsecured and some reported stolen items including car chargers, CD's, and loose change (coins). Evidence recovered resulted in the recovery of partial prints but no suspects can be identified at this time.
- Ofc. McDermott investigated a criminal damage to property complaint at St. Cletus School when a janitor found several holes shot through a window. No suspects or evidence could be developed and the case was closed.
- Ofc. Coleman investigated a leaving the scene of an accident case at the intersection of Ogden and La Grange. With the assistance of Western Springs PD the offending vehicle and driver were stopped and a 36-year-old female was arrested for leaving the scene and driving on a suspended license.
- Ofc. Moncivais investigated an identity theft case where the victims identifiers were used to get a loan in Wichita, Kansas. The case was closed and referred to other agency, and the victim suffered no financial loss.

**DAY SHIFT** *(continued)*

- Sgt. Peters responded to Cossitt School for a custody issue involving a grandmother attempting to remove her grandson from the school without the father's permission. Upon the arrival of police presence the grandmother complied with school official's requests and eventually left the area.
- Ofc. Rohlicek investigated a theft case where a package was stolen from the lobby of a condominium. The investigation revealed no suspects or evidence and was subsequently closed.
- Ofc. McDermott, Ofc. Coleman, and Ofc. Pacana responded to a suicidal subject call in the area of Malden and Ogden. The investigation revealed the subject was reported as a missing and endangered mental patient out of Lisle, IL. The patient was transported to LMH without incident.
- Ofc. Moncivais responded to investigate a criminal damage to property case involving damaged windows at a construction site. No evidence or suspects could be developed and the case was closed.
- Ofc. Rohlicek investigated a theft case at a nursing home where the patient's property was missing. After several interviews and after the determination that the property was left unsecured the case was turned over to investigations for follow-up.
- Sgt. Peters investigated a theft case involving a fraudulent check used to make a Craig's List purchase. The victim seller was able to stop the money transfer prior to the offender taking delivery. The case was closed due to no loss and the offender likely residing out of state.
- Ofc. McDermott investigated a criminal damage to vehicle case where no suspects or evidence of who punctured the tires could be developed.
- Ofc. Pacana investigated an attempted theft of a catalytic converter, closing the case due to lack of suspects and evidence.
- Ofc. McDermott investigated a harassment case involving two 7th Avenue School students. The case is pending follow-up with school staff to help mediate an agreeable resolution.
- Squad Leader Ljubenko investigated an identity theft report that involved the victim's credit card being used fraudulently. The report was made as a matter of record and closed as the victim's credit card company made restitution to the victim.

Patrol Activities – Shift members were active in their patrol duties conducting regular school checks during drop offs and special watches. The shift completed 95 traffic stops/contacts and were assigned to take 23 crash reports during the month. Ofc. Rohlicek continues to perform School Resource Officer duties on a weekly basis at LTHS as staffing permits.

Community Policing

- Ofc Coleman, Ofc Murray, Squad Leader Ljubenko and Sgt. Berg assisted with the St. Cletus Homecoming Parade.
- Ofc McDermott participated in the Spring Avenue School fun lunch honoring first responders.
- Inv. Wardlaw and Sgt. Peters participated in the LTHS Lockdown Drill and Squad Leader Ljubenko assisted with Cossitt School's Lockdown Drill.
- Ofc. Coleman, Ofc. Murray, and Sgt. Peters provided traffic control for a very large walking funeral procession from St. Francis Xavier to Grace Lutheran for a La Grange family.

### **AFTERNOON SHIFT**

Case that occurred on the Afternoon Shift include:

- three investigations for identity theft
- two domestic violence reports
- a reported burglary which was “unfounded” as the damage was inconsistent with a break in, the report was reclassified as criminal damage to property.
- a missing endangered senior citizen who was located by residents that were made aware she was missing in the area. A resident reported the senior had come to her door, near Lincoln and East Avenue. The resident went to look for her. The senior was located at 55th and East Avenue in Countryside.
- two separate death investigations, both of which were determined to be from natural causes.
- A runaway teenager who was reportedly heading to the La Grange area with a vehicle taken without permission. Ofc. Rogers remembered observing the vehicle and located it. The teenager was found and brought to the station where arrangements were made with her family to resolve the problem.
- two additional runaway/missing juveniles both returned home safely.
- Squad Leader Fulla investigated a criminal damage to property. During the investigation he learned the parties involved had a past history of bullying and harassing. One student had moved to another school and was about to be brought back and enrolled. The students and their parents were spoken to regarding past incidents and agreed to end the matter there.
- the shift investigated a residential burglary.
- a local business had a theft of cash from their office.
- Squad Leader Fulla investigated a complaint of damage to bikes
- Ofc. Strand located an offending vehicle from a hit and run accident in Brookfield.

The shift handled 29 property damage accidents and four hit and run accidents. They also assisted with a “Treasure Hunt” sponsored by Grace Lutheran Church, the “Back to School Fun Run” put on by District 102, the “Crop Hunger Walk”, and presence at the La Grange Park District during a visit by the Governor.

### **TRAINING**

- Ofc. Coleman attended a NEMRT two day class entitled ARIDE (Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement) addressing enforcement techniques to help identify impaired drivers.
- Sgt. Berg and K9 Dak attended regular recertification, successfully completing all requirements for certification.
- Chief Holub attended the 9-1-1 conference in Springfield

### **AUXILIARY AND PART-TIME POLICE UNITS**

The Auxiliary Unit volunteered 106 hours during the month of October and their time was spent conducting house checks, street lights out lists and various patrol duties. Part-time officers were active during the month with directed traffic patrols and assisting the full-time officers where necessary.

**OTHER POLICE ACTIVITIES**

Compared to October 2013, our activities levels are very similar. Parking citations and traffic citations are up; 237 traffic stops were conducted in November. Mainly this indicative of the restoration of normal staffing levels on the shifts. Our veteran officers worked hard with the Field Training program to prepare the new officers for full status duty. The new officers are impressive and they are already contributing positively to our police mission.

The number of parking tickets issued is up compared to last October. Fines collected in October 2014 were over \$50,000, and came from a combination of in-person payments, on-line payments, and fees from the collection agency.

The remaining activities are included in the graph below.

PATROL ACTIVITIES	October		October		2014	2013
	2014		2013		YTD	YTD
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	1,297		1,229		13,126	13,796
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	64		66		678	507
FELONY ARRESTS	0		4		5	17
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	11		6		64	65
DUI ARRESTS	0		0		29	8
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	31		78		580	977
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	114		83		1,058	1,088
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	286	964	130	712	7,845	6,089
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	678		582			
JUVENILE ARRESTS	1		3		16	21
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	8		9		92	73