

LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Memorandum



To: Robert J. Pilipiszyn, Village Manager
From: Renee Strasser, Acting Chief of Police
Date: January 7, 2015
Re: Monthly Report for December 2014

Attached for your review are the noteworthy events and general statistics for the Shift activities for the month of December 2014.

The month started off with a wonderful community event, the annual Holiday Walk. The nice weather resulted in a large turn-out. Overall, participants were well behaved and clearly remained in La Grange after the festivities to patronize our local shops and restaurants. Day Shift and Midnight Shift personnel cleared the streets in preparation for the event while members of the Auxiliary Unit and Afternoon Shift managed traffic and pedestrian control.

On December 16, 2014 our organization's proud tradition continued with the graduation of yet another LaGrange Police Officer from the Cook County Sheriff's Police Academy. Officer Bret Hon will now begin his 3 month field training.



We bid a fond farewell to Chief Michael Holub after more than 11 years of public service with the LaGrange Police Department and over 40 years total service as a law enforcement professional. In the Chief's own words: "There comes a time in everyone's life and career to pass the leadership on to the next generation." Chief

Holub will most notably be remembered for his commitment to organizational development, his tenacity in procuring updated technology, his collaboration with the FBI to combat our local drug trade, and of course his unique sense of humor.

On November 20, 2014 five young men, members of the Nazareth Academy Basketball team, were on their way to DiNico's Restaurant when they spotted a bank envelope on the ground in front of Chase bank, 14 S. LaGrange Rd. They picked up the envelope and realized it contained \$300.00 cash. After a quick stop for some pizza and a phone/text consult with their parents, the young men brought the envelope to the LaGrange Police Department. Ofc. Randy Pacana quickly located the owner using the bank receipt that was still in the envelope and the money was returned to an extremely grateful LaGrange resident. On December 22, 2014, Chief Michael Holub honored Thomas Sandt, Jack Gloor, Thomas Moody (not pictured: William Pacella and Michael Rotolo) by presenting these honest young men with LaGrange Police Department Citizen Awards.



MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS: Criminal Damage to State Supported Property (LTHS), Missing Juvenile/Habitual runaway (returned home), Theft (1), Burglary to Motor Vehicle (1), Reckless Driving (1), Domestic trouble (1).

Ofc. Andries took a walk-in complaint involving a Domestic Battery/Criminal damage to Property in the 800 block of South LaGrange Rd. The victim did not suffer any injuries, nor did she wish to pursue criminal charges. The female offender agreed to pay restitution for the damaged vehicle tires.

Ofc. Comstock arrested a 58-year old woman from Chicago for Felony Disorderly Conduct. She pulled a fire alarm at a building complex located in the 300 block of W. Calendar Ave. for no apparent reason.

Ofc. Irizarry investigated an Aggravated Battery/Hate crime in the 400 block of S. Goodman Ave. The male white victim from LaGrange Park was "jumped" by 4 male blacks and beaten with a stick. The offenders yelled racial slurs during the attack. The victim was treated and released and the offenders are still unknown.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY: The Midnight Shift conducted 62 traffic stops which included 1 Misdemeanor Traffic Arrests for Driving While License Suspended/Revoked.

TRAINING: Ofc. Andries graduated from the D.A.R.E Academy. He will be assigned to the Investigations starting January 25th and will be the Department's sole D.A.R.E Instructor beginning next semester.

Finally, a big congratulations to Officer Uher and his wife on the birth of their first child!

DAY SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS: The Day Shift Officers completed 14 case file reports for incidents involving: criminal trespass, suicidal subject, residential burglary, theft, identity theft, burglary to motor vehicle, suspicious person/vehicle, criminal damage to property, and telephone threats.

Ofc Pacana and other La Grange units responded to a report of theft when a home owner discovered the movers from the moving company he had hired stole an iPad. Upon investigation and interview the iPad was recovered and a 29 year old male was arrested for theft.

Ofc Rohlicek responded to a suspicious subject yelling at passersby on La Grange Rd. Upon arrival he identified the subject and recognized the subject had an active arrest warrant. The 52 year old male subject was arrested, processed, and transported to court without incident.

Ofc Pacana and other La Grange units responded to a criminal trespass call when the home owner confronted a subject he found in the enclosed breezeway of his home. Ofc Coleman located a subject matching the description of the possible offender a few blocks away and detained the suspect for a show-up. Upon viewing the suspect, the home owner positively identified the suspect as the person he saw in his home. Ofc Pacana arrested the 18 year old male for criminal trespass without further incident.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY: The shift completed 130 traffic contacts which included 7 Misdemeanor Traffic Arrests for Driving While License Suspended/Revoked, and 2 Driving with a Suspended Vehicle Registration. The shift completed 16 crash reports during the month. In addition, shift members were active in their patrol duties conducting regular school checks during drop-offs and special watches. Ofc Rohlicek continues to perform SRO duties on a weekly basis at LTHS.

TRAINING: Sgt Berg and K9 Dak attended regular K9 training. S/L Ljubenko attended the quarterly Terrorism Liaison Officer Committee (TLOC) training and update.

AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS: Investigative case reports taken this month included: Criminal Damage to Property (2), Theft Under \$500 (6), Missing Juvenile Located, Armed Robbery, Suspicious Subject(s), Disorderly Conduct, Domestic Trouble (2), Fraud, Suicidal Subject (2), Possession of Cannabis (2), Burglary to Motor Vehicle (2), Identity Theft, Missing Endangered Adult Located,

Theft Over \$500, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Under Age Consumption of Alcohol, Vehicle Accident Involving the Damage of Village Property, Juvenile Calls (5).

S/L Fulla conducted a Disorderly Conduct investigation in reference to menacing and inappropriate statements made in general, on a Facebook account. Upon locating the owner of the account, the 33-year old male admitted to posting the "song-lyrics". After further identification and examination of the male, it was determined that he did not pose a threat of harm to himself or others. The male was therefore warned and released.

Ofc. Wolf arrested a 24-year old Northlake woman for Possession of Cannabis (with intent to deliver), Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and additional traffic citations after Wolf conducted a traffic stop in the vicinity of Ogden and East Avenues. Ofc. Wolf recovered several baggies of suspect cannabis, and contraband from inside the vehicle. The driver was arrested without incident, and the vehicle was seized pending asset-forfeiture proceedings.

Officers Kang and Balon conducted a Missing Endangered Adult investigation, following up on several leads prior to locating the 27-year old woman at a Countryside address. The woman, who reportedly suffers from Bi-Polar Disorder, was subsequently transported to Hinsdale Hospital for medical treatment.

Ofc. McDermott responded to the 00 Block of North Park Road in reference to a possible Fraud involving an elderly couple. An unknown male caller purported himself to be from the IRS, requesting Personal Identifiable Information (PII) from the couple. Although no suspect was established, there was no financial loss at the time of the report and the couple was referred to the Internal Revenue Service and Social Security Administration for further documentation of the incident.

Officers Rogers and Balon responded to a residence in the 200 Block of N. Catherine in reference to a 911-Domestic Trouble call involving a 13-year old male juvenile and his 43-year old mother. The incident was determined to be unfounded with no further police assistance required at the residence.

Ofc. Balon cited a male juvenile resident in the 100 Block of North Madison for Possession/Consumption of alcohol by a minor after LaGrange Police units responded to the residence for a report of an under-age drinking party.

Ofc. Kang cited a 24-year old LaGrange Park man for Damage to Village Property and additional traffic citations for a single-vehicle accident involving the man's vehicle and a Stop sign at the intersection of 51st Street and 6th Avenue. The man stated he was texting while traveling through the intersection and left the roadway, causing the damage to the sign.

Ofc. Balon conducted an accident investigation involving the driver of a vehicle striking a 14-year old LaGrange juvenile in the crosswalk at the intersection of Kensington and Hillgrove Avenues.

The 77-year old driver from Westchester was cited for Failure to Yield to a Pedestrian in the Crosswalk. The juvenile was transported to Adventist LaGrange Memorial Hospital for medical treatment and suffered non-life threatening injuries.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY: The Afternoon Shift conducted 91 traffic stops which included 4 Misdemeanor Traffic Arrests for Driving While License Suspended/Revoked, and Driving with a Suspended Vehicle Registration. The shift completed 25 Illinois Crash reports, 7 involving personal injury.

Shift officers, along with several Auxiliary Police units, participated in the Hometown Holiday Christmas Walk in downtown LaGrange.

Sgt. Odom attended the Caring Place Foundation 10th Year Anniversary Christmas celebration conducted at the LaGrange Community Center.

TRAINING: All Officers successfully completed the December 2014 Police Law Institute online training on: Probable Cause Determination(s) for Arrest and Search, Evaluation of Evidence, Information Sources, and Legal Basis for Conviction.

Sgt. Odom completed the Use of Force Workshop for Sergeants and Lieutenants conducted at the Lisle Police department.

AUXILIARY AND PART-TIME POLICE UNITS

The Auxiliary Unit volunteered 103 hours during the month of December and their time was spent conducting house checks, street lights out lists and various patrol duties. The Part-time Officers made 28 traffic stops which included 1 Driving While License Suspended/Revoked. Part-time Officers were also active during the month conducting directed traffic patrols and assisting the full-time officers where necessary. Ofc. Duane Murray has truly retired as a member of our Part-time unit. He will be missed.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Telecommunicators from LaGrange, Western Springs and LaGrange Park had the opportunity to meet with the Village Managers and Assistant Village Managers to discuss matters relating to the development of the consolidated dispatch center.

PARKING DIVISION

The parking division registered \$54,691 in parking fines through conventional payments, on-line payments, or collection efforts.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

PATROL ACTIVITIES	December		December	2014	2013
	2014		2013	YTD	YTD
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	1,261		1,069	15,630	15,961
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	47		56	787	611
FELONY ARRESTS	2		1	8	19
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	5		3	72	72
DUI ARRESTS	0		1	30	11
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	52		65	685	1,097
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	66		103	1,146	1,274
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	188	719	56	9,278	7,330
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	531		461		
JUVENILE ARRESTS	0		4	16	26
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	4		7	102	84