

LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Memorandum



To: Robert J. Pilipiszyn, Village Manager
From: Renee Strasser, Acting Chief of Police
Date: February 9, 2015
Re: Monthly Report for January 2015

Attached for your review are the noteworthy events and general statistics for the Shift activities for the month of January 2015.

The Investigation into the January 26th “drive-by” shooting in the 00 block of Washington Ave. is on-going. Leads developed to date support our initial assertion that this was not a random shooting, but rather a crime involving a “targeted” victim. Unfortunate for all the stakeholders is the fact that the victim of this shooting is refusing to cooperate in the investigation.

LaGrange Police Officers have increased both Patrol and Traffic Enforcement in that general area. Investigators are collaborating with Local, County and Federal Agencies in an effort to stop the violence.

MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS:

Ofc. Comstock investigated a Garage Burglary in the 1000 blk S. Madison in which a snow blower was stolen. The offender(s) did not have to force entry into the garage.

Ofc. Coleman responded to a Disorderly Conduct complaint in the 900 blk Country Club. Family members were receiving harassing text messages.

Ofc. Irizarry investigated an Identity Theft in which a resident’s credit card was used several times in Bensenville. She also completed a Theft report from 800 blk 7th in which a catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle.

Ofc. Kang investigated a Theft in the 300 blk Bluff in which \$1400.00 was alleged to have been embezzled from a condo association account.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY: The midnight shift completed 73 traffic contacts which included 7 Misdemeanor Traffic Arrests for Driving While License Suspended and No Valid Driver's License. The shift completed 1 crash report during the month. Ofc. Irizarry also made a Warrant Arrest for DWLS.

TRAINING:

The shift successfully completed the January 2015 Police Law Institute online training on New Laws along with the Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. In addition, Officers received instruction on Illinois' New Laws regarding Photo Line-Ups and the Sign and Drive Law(s) during Roll Call training sessions conducted by Acting Deputy Chief Peters.

DAY SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS: The Day Shift Officers completed 20 case file reports for incidents involving: residential burglary (2), theft (4), identity theft, burglary to motor vehicle (3), suspicious person/vehicle, criminal damage to property (2), disorderly conduct (2), attempt stolen auto, forgery, violation of offender registration, battery, aggravated battery, and a warrant arrest.

Ofc. Mc Dermott arrested an 18 year old Lyons man for Battery after investigating a fight in progress call at LTHS. At the Scene, Officers found an uncooperative victim and that the offenders had left the scene. With the eventual assistance of the victim and LTHS staff, the offender was charged and processed without incident.

Ofc. Fulla arrested a 39 year old male subject for a violation of offender registration after recognizing the offender from past contacts and verifying through LEADS that his registration had expired. The male subject was arrested, processed, and transported to court without incident.

Ofc. Irizarry investigated a Suspicious Activity report at Ashland/Cossitt, where a student thought he may have been followed to school. A man in a tan-colored van, with metallic-colored horizontal stripes, sped-up when the student walked faster, and when the student walked slower the driver slowed down. The driver of the van did not say anything to the student. No further description of the vehicle was provided. There were no other similar incidents reported.

The entire dayshift was involved in the Aggravated Battery to a Police Officer investigation which stemmed from the shooting at 34 Washington Ave.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY: The shift completed 80 traffic contacts which included 6 Misdemeanor Traffic Arrests for Driving While License Suspended/Revoked, and 1 driving with a Suspended Vehicle Registration. The shift completed 24 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.

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Sgt. Berg and K9 Dak attended regular K9 training. S/L Ljubenko and S/L Rohlicek attended the Field Training Officer (FTO) refresher course and update.

AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS: Investigative Case Reports taken this month included: Domestic Trouble (4), Theft Under \$500 (2), Criminal Damage to Property, Eavesdropping, Fraud (3), Juvenile Battery, Theft of Mislaid Property, Vehicle vs. Pedestrian Traffic Accident Investigation, Residential Burglary, Disorderly Conduct (2), Missing Habitual Juvenile Runaway Recovered, Criminal Trespass to Property, Identity Theft, Warrant Arrest, Domestic Battery, Theft Over \$500 (2).

Ofc. Wolf conducted a Domestic Battery investigation in the 300 Block of Bluff Avenue involving two sisters, one of whom resides at the residence where the incident occurred. After interviewing the parties involved, the family wished to have the case documented as a matter of record, as there was no sustaining physical injury incurred by either party as a result of the incident.

Ofc. Kang responded to the 100 Block of East Avenue in reference to a Missing Female Juvenile, who left her residence without parental permission. After conducting an area search, and following up on leads provided by the parent (father), the juvenile returned home without further incident.

Sgt. Berg responded to the 100 Block of North LaGrange Road in reference to a Residential Burglary report. An elderly female resident reported items of jewelry missing from her apartment after returning home from vacation. After an initial report was taken, the case was turned over to the Investigation Division.

Ofc. Burrell conducted an accident investigation involving a vehicle striking a 65-year old male pedestrian in the intersection of Ogden Avenue (U.S. Route 34) and Madison Avenue. The male was transported via ambulance to Loyola Medical Center with non-life threatening injuries. The 50-year old female driver was taken to Adventist LaGrange Memorial Hospital for further examination and toxicology analysis.

Ofc. Wessendorf and Ofc. Rogers arrested a 49-year old LaGrange Highlands man on an outstanding warrant for Driving While License Suspended. The man turned himself in, without incident, after officers informed a family member of his "Wanted" status during a Warrant Service sweep of the area.

Ofc. Balon took a delayed Theft report from the owner of a business located in the 00 Block of West Burlington. The man reported the theft occurred over the course of a few months while the building has been under major renovation and construction. The report was made for informational purposes only, as the business has previously been reimbursed for the loss through their insurance.

S/L Fulla arrested an 18-year old Brookfield man for Domestic Battery after the man knowingly caused bodily harm to an ex-girlfriend during an argument in the Village Municipal Parking lot #5. The man was taken into custody and charged, without incident.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

The Afternoon Shift conducted 121 traffic stops which resulted in 4 Misdemeanor Traffic Arrests to include Driving While License Suspended/Revoked, and Driving with a Suspended Vehicle Registration. The shift completed 27 Illinois Crash reports, 5 involving personal injury.

Sgt. Kielczynski attended the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Faith Celebration conducted at the LaGrange Community Center.

TRAINING: The shift successfully completed the January 2015 Police Law Institute online training on New Laws. Afternoon Shift officers received instruction on Illinois' New Laws regarding Photo Line-Ups and the Sign and Drive Law(s) during Roll Call training sessions conducted by Acting Deputy Chief Peters.

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS:

On January 26th Investigations assisted patrol with the shooting incident at 34 Washington Ave. They continue to work any leads as well as coordinate efforts with local, County and Federal enforcement agencies.

On January 26th Inv. Andries completed a sex offender registration.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

On January 12th Inv. Andries started his new assignment in Investigations. He also began teaching D.A.R.E. Inv. Wardlaw attended the monthly LGBA meeting, assisted Bedford Park PD with a homicide investigation as a member of the SSMCFT. Inv. Andries, Ofc. Irizarry and Inv. Wardlaw hosted a Citizen Police Academy Alumni Meeting. Finally, Inv. Andries was interviewed and accepted as a member of the SSMCTF.

AUXILIARY AND PART-TIME POLICE UNITS

The Auxiliary Unit volunteered 182 hours during the month of January and their time was spent conducting house checks, street lights out lists and various patrol duties. The Part-time Officers made 35 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.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Telecommunicators were interviewed by the Village Manager in preparation for consolidated dispatch. Preparation began for Emergency Medical Dispatch Training in February.

PARKING DIVISION

The parking division registered \$23,215 in parking fines through conventional payments, on-line payments, or collection efforts.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

PATROL ACTIVITIES	January		January		2015	2014
	2015		2014		YTD	YTD
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	1,256		1,136		1,256	1,136
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	51		72		51	72
FELONY ARRESTS	1		2		1	2
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	4		4		4	4
DUI ARRESTS	0		0		0	0
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	44		60		44	60
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	72		79		72	79
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	241	848	240	635	848	635
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	607		395			
JUVENILE ARRESTS	0		0		0	0
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	3		6		3	6