

LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Memorandum



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

On February 28, 2015 the Davis Memorial A.M.E. Church's 17th Annual Founder's Day Banquet was hosted by Reverend Moran at the Crystal Sky Banquets in McCook. President Tom Livingston read the Village of LaGrange Proclamation congratulating the African Methodist Episcopal Church family, specifically the Davis Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church, for their 120 years of service to our community. The evening culminated with Reverend Anne Barton, the first female Pastor of Davis Memorial A.M.E., receiving the "Richard Allen Achievement Award." Acting Chief Renee Strasser and Sgt. Andy Peters attended the event.

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

MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS:

While assisting on a fire call, FD personnel located a person living in the business in violation of the building code. An investigation of the building and circumstances was forwarded to the building Department.

A hit and run accident occurred near 48th and Madison, where a parked car was struck and severely damaged. A check of the area located the offending vehicle, parked and unoccupied a couple of blocks away. The owner of the offending vehicle was held accountable.

Ofc Wolf assisted Brookfield Police recover property that was reported stolen in their town. He recognized the possible offending party involved in the incident, went to the offender's home, and recovered the property.

Ofc. Comstock took a delayed report of Harassing Telephone calls. The victim made the police report after learning the suspect in his case was arrested by Cook County Sheriff's Police for Criminal Damage to Property to numerous vehicles at Kensington School, in La Grange Highlands.

Ofc Hon and Ofc Kang conducted a death investigation at a local nursing home; the cause of death was determined to be natural.

A resident of Windsor Place came to the station to report he would not stay there any longer and had nowhere to go. Officers spoke with the subject to determine that no criminal activity had taken place and were able to locate a family member to care for him.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

The midnight shift completed 36 traffic contacts which included 5 Misdemeanor Traffic Arrests for Driving While License Suspended and No Valid Driver's License. The shift completed 5 crash reports during the month.

TRAINING:

The shift successfully completed the February 2015 Police Law Institute online training along with the Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. In addition, S/L Ljubenko attended a 40 hour class on first line supervision. Ofc. Wolf participated in annual Use of Force NIPAS training. Probationary Ofc. Bret Hon completed a month of Field Training with Ofc. Wolf.

DAY SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS: The Day Shift Officers completed 19 case file reports for incidents involving: Burglary - garage (2), Theft (1), Identity Theft (3), Burglary to Motor Vehicle (1), Suspicious Person/Vehicle (1), Criminal Damage to Property (3), Disorderly Conduct (1), Criminal Damage to Motor Vehicle (1), Fraud (1), Battery (2), Suicidal Subject (2), and Death Investigation (1).

Ofc. Irizarry took a case file report for a burglary to garage in the 100 block N. Dover in which a snow blower was stolen.

Ofc. Coleman responded to two criminal damage to property reports in the 200 block of Washington Ave. and 200 block of Sawyer Ave. where graffiti was spray painted on the buildings.

Ofc. Rohlicek completed a case file on a criminal damage to property report in the 100 block W Cossitt Ave. in which a window was broken.

Ofc. Moncivais investigated a theft in the 00 block S Kensington Ave. where a civil war painting was stolen from the porch after it was delivered via mail.

Ofc. Coleman handled an identity theft case in the 500 block 7th Ave. in which the victim's credit card was compromised.

Ofc. Moncivais investigated a fraud case in the 400 block S Kensington Ave. in which a victim was "scammed" over the internet regarding Malware software.

Ofc. Irizarry took a suspicious activity report in the 00 block of Sawyer Ave. reference a disturbance in the neighborhood.

Ofc. Pacana handled an identity theft case in the 500 block 9th in which the victim's credit card was compromised at the Pier 1 store in La Grange.

Ofc. Irizarry investigated a burglary to motor vehicle case in which a subject was seen in the victim's vehicle. Victim did not wish to pursue charges and the subject was not located after he fled the scene.

Ofc. Fulla investigated a garage burglary case in the 00 block 6th Ave. in which a Utility Locator was stolen from the victim's truck parked in his garage.

Ofc. Irizarry took a report of an identity theft in the 500 block S Madison Ave. in which the victim's tax returns were compromised.

Ofc. Balon handled a criminal damage to motor vehicle report in the Parking Garage after one of the victim's vehicle tires was punctured with nails from a nail gun.

Ofc. Irizarry completed a case file report for a disorderly conduct/ harassing telephone calls case in the 100 block N. La Grange Rd. in which threats were made to an employee of a business. Offender was identified, but the employee did not wish to pursue charges.

Ofc. Irizarry and Sgt. Cimbalista managed a death investigation in the 00 block of South Waiola Ave.

All on-duty day shift personnel responded to a suicidal subject call at La Grange Rd. /BNRR tracks in which the subject made threats to jump in front of a train. Subject was quickly located and transported to the hospital.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY: The shift completed 86 traffic contacts which included 4 Misdemeanor Traffic Arrests for Driving While License Suspended/Revoked, and 1 no valid driver's license. The shift completed 35 crash reports during the month and 2 fall-downs. 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 Part-Time School Resource Officer duties on a weekly basis at LTHS.

In the spirit of community policing, Officers Coleman, Irizarry, and Moncivais conducted a "meet-and-greet" at the Second Baptist Church at Washington/Ogden. Ofc. Rohlicek conducted a traffic escort for the LTHS girl's gymnastics team.

TRAINING: The shift successfully completed the February 2015 Police Law Institute online training along with the Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. Ofc. Irizarry attended "Street Drug" and "Street Crime" classes through NEMRT. Inv. Andries attended "Media Relations" and "Homicide Investigations" training.

AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS: Investigative Case Reports taken this month included: Forgery (2), Disorderly Conduct (1), Domestic Battery (1), Identity Theft (3), Theft (1), Unlawful Use of Credit Card (1), and Criminal Damage to Motor Vehicle (1).

Ofc. McDermott investigated two reports of counterfeit notes being used at local retailers. One was at the McDonalds 100 N LaGrange Rd. and at the other at the Urban Mutt 31 S. LaGrange Rd. The counterfeit notes was forwarded to Secret Service.

Ofc. Herrera investigated a disorderly conduct report at the LaGrange Rd Depot. A female College of DuPage student who takes the train was being followed by a subject.

Ofc. Burrell investigated a possible domestic battery report in the 1400 block of Mason Ave. between a father and his daughter. It turned out to be a verbal argument only.

Sgt. Berg investigated an identity theft report in the 800 block of South Madison. Victim was notified by IRS that a 1040 form had been filed in his name along with an unknown male. Victim had not filed at this time and always files jointly with his wife.

Ofc. Wessendorf investigated a stolen cell phone report from LTHS this date. Complainant reported her cell phone stolen during classes. The phone was later recovered when complainant called her phone, spoke to the new owner who alleges he bought phone from third party. Parties agreed to meet and exchange funds to retrieve the phone resulting in the offender confessing and discipline handled by the school.

Ofc. Wessendorf was assigned a theft investigation involving a friend of the complainant using her credit card at 7-11 9600 W Ogden. Unauthorized user had borrowed complainant's vehicle and allegedly used complainant's credit card that she leaves in her car.

Ofc. Burrell investigated a criminal damage to vehicle report in the 400 block of Sunset Ave. Unknown offender broke a vehicle window in the driveway. Nothing missing from vehicle.

Ofc. Balon investigated an identity theft case in the 700 block of South 6th Ave. The victim noticed fraudulent charges on her credit card.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

The Afternoon Shift completed 180 traffic contacts which resulted in 12 Misdemeanor Traffic Arrests to include Driving While License Suspended/Revoked and Driving with No Valid License. The shift completed 24 Illinois Crash reports, made 4 warrant arrests, and 1 Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol arrest.

TRAINING: The shift successfully completed the February 2015 Police Law Institute online training along with the Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. Sgt. Berg / K9 Dak attended bimonthly K9 Maintenance Training in Oak Lawn and Evergreen Park.

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS:

Investigators continue to follow-up on leads regarding the January 26th shooting. Communication and sharing of information with local jurisdictions continues with the goal of preventing future acts of violence.

Inv. Wardlaw is still investigating the armed robbery in the 300 block of Kensington Ave. that occurred on December 13, 2014.

Inv. Wardlaw and Inv. Andries conducted tobacco enforcement at 8 local businesses in town. The clerks and business owners of two businesses were cited for selling tobacco to minors.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

Inv. Wardlaw and Inv. Andries both attended the LGBA meeting at Palmers.

TRAINING:

Inv. Andries attended the Basic Media Relations and Lead Homicide Investigator Courses.

AUXILIARY AND PART-TIME POLICE UNITS

The Auxiliary Unit volunteered 99 hours during the month of February and their time was spent conducting house checks, street lights out lists and various patrol duties.

The Part-time Officers made 26 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 successfully completed their training for Emergency Medical Dispatch Certification.

PARKING DIVISION

The parking division registered \$40,470 in parking fines through conventional payments, on-line payments, or collection efforts.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

PATROL ACTIVITIES	February		February		2015	2014
	2015		2014		YTD	YTD
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	1,176		1,191		2,432	2,327
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	64		73		115	145
FELONY ARRESTS	2		1		3	3
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	2		8		6	12
DUI ARRESTS	1		5		1	5
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	40		39		84	99
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	80		108		152	187
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	231	623	328	805	1,471	1,440
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	392		477			
JUVENILE ARRESTS	1		0		1	0
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	5		12		8	18