

LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Memorandum



To: Robert J. Pilipiszyn, Village Manager
From: Acting Chief Renee Strasser *RS*
Date: June 16, 2015
Re: Monthly Report for May 2015

On May 21, 2015, after thirty-three years of dedicated service to the citizens of LaGrange, Sergeant Marge Kielczynski retired. During her career, Sgt. Kielczynski was responsible for managing the Judicial Advisory Grant (J.A.G.) and the Balanced Approach to Drug and Gang Enforcement (B.A.D.G.E.) grant programs. “Sarge Marge,” will most notably be remembered as a pioneer of the LaGrange Police Department’s Community Oriented Policing Unit. Without Sgt. Marge Kielczynski’s tireless efforts in building community relationships, current police officers would not have the level of success they now experience during their continued collaboration between the police and community in identifying and solving community problems.



May 30th was the Village of LaGrange’s 69th Annual Pet Parade. This wonderful event requires a great deal of police planning and personnel in order for the police department to provide a safe environment for parade participants and spectators. A special thanks to all of LaGrange’s full-time/part-time officers, auxiliary officers, telecommunicators, civilian personnel, citizen police academy alumni and the volunteer officers from the neighboring jurisdictions who made this year’s Pet Parade

a success.

MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS: Ofc. Hon investigated a Burglary/Criminal Trespass to Vehicle in the 900 block of S. LaGrange Rd. in which an unlocked vehicle was entered, ransacked and a wallet was taken from the center console. The victim’s wallet was subsequently found intact in the dumpster of a nearby alley.

Ofc. Hon investigated a Criminal Damage to Vehicle/Property in which a vehicle parked in the LaGrange Memorial Hospital lot was “keyed” by unknown offender(s). Deep scratches were located on both the driver/passenger side doors and the hood.

Ofc. Kang and Ofc. Hon investigated a Residential Burglary which occurred in the 1000 block of S.7th Ave. The residence was entered by force, computer tablets, jewelry and several other items were taken from the residence.

Ofc. Herrera, Ofc. Kang, S/L Wolf and Sgt. Ljubenko investigated an incident involving two female juvenile subjects from the Masonic Home. While on patrol, Ofc. Herrera observed two suspicious subjects running N/B 9th Ave. from Maple Ave. Officers located the two subjects, it was learned they were female juvenile subjects who live at the Masonic Home, they left the facility after hours, without permission, to try and visit some friends who reside in another part of town. The Masonic Home was notified and the juvenile subjects were returned to the home.

Ofc. Kang investigated a Burglary to Motor Vehicle in the 900 block of S. LaGrange Rd, in which a vehicle was entered, ransacked and cologne and a small amount of money was taken from the vehicle. No forced entry was observed, the vehicle was apparently left unlocked.

Sgt. Wardlaw investigated a Burglary to Motor Vehicle in the 900 block of 6th Ave, in which an apparently unlocked vehicle was entered, contents were disrupted/moved around, but nothing was reported missing from the vehicle.

S/L Wolf and Sgt. Wardlaw assisted Brookfield P.D. with a Disorderly Conduct/Disturbance which occurred in the 4000 block of Blanahan in Brookfield. Two male suspects had fled the area on foot, crossing East Ave, going into LaGrange. The two suspects were located near Bluff/Elm Ave. and identified by the victim. The suspects were taken into custody by Brookfield P.D. and charged with Disorderly Conduct.

Ofc. Comstock and Sgt. Wardlaw responded to the LaGrange Memorial Hospital emergency room to investigate an Aggravated Battery in which a male subject patient reported being stabbed with a knife somewhere in LaGrange. The victim/patient stated that earlier in the evening he and two friends were in the downtown LaGrange area attending the carnival. The victim and his friends left the carnival area on foot, at which time they were approached by a group of at least three male subjects who began yelling at them. The male subjects then approached the victim, at least one of the subjects attacked the victim, punching him and stabbing him in the torso area with what he believes was a knife. The offenders then fled the area, and victim states he walked to the hospital emergency room for treatment. The victim suffered a knife wound to the torso and underwent surgery for the injury. The incident is under investigation.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY: The midnight shift completed 94 traffic contacts which included 1 Misdemeanor Traffic Arrest for Driving While License Suspended/Revoked and investigated 1 property damage traffic accident. Shift Officers issued 136 parking citations for overnight parking and other violations. Shift officers also conducted 85 Building/Business Premise Checks and Foot Patrols.

TRAINING: The shift successfully completed the May 2015 Police Law Institute online training along with the Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. In addition, Sgt. Ljubenko and Sgt. Wardlaw attended the 3-day Public Pension Trustee Training Conference conducted by the IPPFA in East Peoria. S/L Wolf attended NIPAS 1-day Full Team training and was activated for a 2-day NIPAS call-out for protests at the McDonald's Corporation World Headquarters in Oak Brook, IL.

DAY SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS: Investigative case reports taken this month included: Criminal Trespass to Motor Vehicle (1), Identity Theft (9), Death Investigation (1), Battery (1), Theft under \$500 (2), Domestic (1), Public Indecency (2), Fraud (1), Criminal Damage to Property (1), Possession of Controlled Substance (1).

On May 7th, 14th and 15th, officers responded to nine Burglary to Motor Vehicle reports involving unlocked vehicles. Eight of them were in the 900 block of South LaGrange Rd. Of the eight vehicles entered during the night, items were stolen from just three. The stolen items included: an IPOD, a checkbook, and USC. Also on May 14th, there was a Burglary to Motor Vehicle report in the 100 block E Cossitt in which a USB adaptor and VISA gift card were stolen. The Village's website was utilized to send a warning notice out to residents reminding them to keep their vehicles locked and night time surveillance was conducted by the Investigations Division. As a result, the Burglary to Motor Vehicle reports have subsided.

Officers investigated three Criminal Damage to Property reports. Unknown offenders damaged/dented a concession trailer at the Park District's Sedgewick Field. A gate was damaged in the 100 block W Cossitt, as was a lamp post in the 100 block S Park.

There were two Criminal Damage to Vehicle cases. Ofc. Kang handled one in the 500 block S Catherine in which the fender of a motorcycle was damaged and Ofc. Rohlicek investigated the other in the 100 block S Brainard in which a vehicle had words engraved in the paint of the car.

Three theft cases were reported. Ofc. Pacana investigated a theft case in in the 600 block S Brainard in which a tennis bracelet was stolen from the victim's residence within the past year-no suspects. Ofc. Fulla managed a Theft case in the 1000 block S Spring in which a cellular telephone was stolen. Ofc. Rohlicek handled a Theft case in the 5200 block S Willow Springs in which a laptop computer was taken from an unlocked office.

Ofc. Irizarry took a report of a Harassment through Electronic Communication case in the 00 block N Spring in which victim photos were placed on a website by the offender.

Ofc. Fulla handled a Fraud case in the 900 block S Catherine in which an unknown offender posed as the IRS and requested monies. The victim knew better than to send money therefore there was no loss.

Sgt. Cimbalista handled a Missing Endangered Adult case in the 00 block W Calendar in which the subject was suicidal. Countryside Officers located the subject in a motel in Countryside prior to the subject harming themselves

ARRESTS: Ofc. Fulla arrested an 18 year old man from Western Springs for Reckless Driving in the area of Cossitt and Brainard, a 49 year old man from LaGrange for Aggravated DUI at La Grange and Harris and a juvenile for Unlawful Use of a Weapon at Madison/Harris for swinging "Nunchucks" around.

Ofc. Rohlicek made two Disorderly Conduct arrests. One involved a juvenile at LTHS who pulled the fire alarm when there was no emergency and the other involved a 42 year old man from Western Springs who made remarks at an LTHS assembly.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY: The shift completed 112 traffic contacts which included 2 Misdemeanor Traffic Arrests for Driving While License Suspended/Revoked, 3 No Valid Driver's License, 4 additional Misdemeanor Traffic Offenses, 5 Parking Citations, 1 Driving While Intoxicated and 4 Warrant arrests. The shift completed 26 Illinois Traffic crash reports.

In addition, the shift members were active in their patrol duties around the schools and conducted several special details at Spring Avenue School Drug Awareness Class, Spring Avenue School Bicycle Rodeo, St. John's Lutheran Lockdown Drill and LTHS Senior Honors Awards.

The shift provided traffic control for a Funeral at 2nd Baptist Church and participated in the Cook County Police Memorial in Lyons. Officers also attended Memorial Day ceremonies at LTHS and Legion Hall.

TRAINING: The shift successfully completed the May 2015 Police Law Institute online training along with the Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. Officer Fulla attended Asset Forfeiture class. Sgt. Cimbalista, Ofc. Rohlicek, Ofc. Fulla, Inv. Andries, Inv. Wardlaw attended the CAC Homicide class. Ofc. Moncivais and Ofc. Kang attended the Leader Shop Mental Health Issues class

AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS: Investigative Case Reports taken this month included: Voluntary Committal, Criminal Trespass to Motor Vehicle, Assault, Armed Robbery, Missing Juvenile (3), Violation of an Order of Protection, Disorderly Conduct, Fraud (1), Bicycle Theft (2), Burglary to Motor Vehicle (2), Identity Theft, Warrant Service, Residential Burglary, Telephone Harassment, Domestic Trouble, Criminal Damage to Property, Criminal Damage to Motor Vehicle, Driving While License Suspended, Battery, Attempt Suicide.

Ofc. Rogers, along with additional LaGrange Police units, responded to the 500 Block of LaGrange Road for a report of an Armed Robbery. The victim reported he came to the residence in response to an online advertisement for a used plasma television. Upon entry into the hallway of the building, the victim stated he was confronted by two unknown males, one of whom brandished a hand gun and stole money from the victim's person. The investigation revealed this case involved drugs, not a television.

Ofc. McDermott investigated a Burglary to Motor Vehicle in the 50 block of South Waiola Ave. in which the offender entered an unlocked vehicle and stole a jacket.

Ofc. Wessendorf took a Burglary to Motor Vehicle report in the 800 block of South 6th Ave. The offender entered the unlocked vehicle and stole tobacco.

Ofc. Kang investigated a Residential Burglary in the 1000 block of South 7th Ave. Unknown offender(s) broke into the home while the family was on vacation and stole many personal items.

Ofc. McDermott responded to the 700 Block of East 47th Street in reference to a Battery complaint. Upon speaking with the female victim and female offender, the offender admitted to striking the victim. The victim advised she did not wish to pursue the matter criminally, and refused any medical attention at the scene.

ARRESTS: Ofc. Coleman cited a 20-year old Dolton man for Driving While License Suspended after Coleman initially observed the man in his vehicle parked illegally in the roadway in the vicinity of LaGrange Road and Burlington. The man was taken into custody without incident and issued traffic citations.

Ofc. Burrell, Ofc. Wessendorf, along with Investigations completed follow up activity in reference to an initial report of a Violation of an Order of Protection. During a court hearing reference the case, the 42-year old Barrington man was taken into immediate custody by Cook County Sheriff's deputies after being found in violation of the judge's order.

Ofc. Wessendorf and Sgt. Odom arrested a 24-year old LaGrange man on an outstanding DuPage County Warrant for Driving While License Suspended. The man was initially observed by Wessendorf in the 200 Block of Sawyer Avenue. Upon confirmation of the warrant, the man was taken into custody, without incident.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY: The Afternoon Shift conducted 70 traffic contacts which resulted in 4 Misdemeanor Traffic Arrests to include Driving While License Suspended/Revoked, and Driving with a Suspended Vehicle Registration. The shift completed 20 Illinois Crash reports, five involving personal injury.

Ofc. Balon (Elderly Services Officer) attended an M-Team meeting with several Senior Center patrons and the staff from Aging Care Connections.

TRAINING: The shift successfully completed the May 2015 Police Law Institute online training on: Police Impact Weapons – Federal Criminal Liability, Authorized Force – Illinois Law and United States Constitution.

Several Afternoon Shift Officers attended an 8-hour Juvenile Mental Health and First Aid Training course conducted by the Leader Shop. Sgt. Berg and K-9 Dak completed bi-monthly canine training.

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS: Investigator Wardlaw processed a residential burglary at an apartment in the 900 block of South Ave. Jewelry was stolen.

Investigator Andries was called to a residential burglary where several smart phones, tablets and a gaming console were stolen. A LEADS online check revealed the gaming console was pawned at a pawn shop in Bridgeview. Case under investigation.

Investigator Andries was called to the La Grange Memorial Hospital for a juvenile who suffered a stab wound to his left side. The aggravated battery is still under investigation.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY: As the Department's D.A.R.E. instructor, Inv. Andries taught at Spring Avenue Elementary School. Approximately 52 students graduated from the program on May 22nd. Inv. Andries also visited the Gurrie Middle School 8th grade health class to speak with students about the consequences of underage alcohol consumption.

Investigator Andries, along with a minor agent, conducted tobacco enforcement checks on 8 of the 9 businesses in La Grange with a Tobacco License. One business was found in violation and was cited for selling a tobacco product to a minor.

TRAINING: Investigator Andries attended an MCAT meeting for the month of May. Inv. Andries attended the AOCAC Homicide Investigator Training as well as Mental Health First Aid training.

AUXILIARY AND PART-TIME POLICE UNITS

The Auxiliary Unit volunteered 151 hours during the month of May and their time was spent conducting house checks, street lights out lists and various patrol duties. Aux. Fritsch worked the Operation Lifesaver detail at La Grange & Stone Stations.

The Part-time Officers made 16 traffic stops and were active during the month conducting directed traffic patrols and assisting the full-time officers where necessary. The traffic contacts resulted in 3 Misdemeanor traffic arrests to include 2 Driving While Suspended/Revoked and 1 No Valid Driver's License.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

On June 1, 2015 Kim Knutsen began her career as the Executive Director of the Lyons Township Area Communications Center (LTACC). E/D Knutsen states she is looking forward to this new challenge. Her responsibilities include developing and implementing a consolidated solution for both police and fire that will streamline and enhance the ability of all three Villages to provide public safety dispatching services.



PARKING DIVISION

The parking division registered \$16,267 in parking fines through conventional payments, on-line payments, or collection efforts. P/E/O's spent many hours filling-in for crossing guards.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

PATROL ACTIVITIES	May		May		2015	2014
	2015		2014		YTD	YTD
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	1,468		1,479		6,553	6,281
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	66		95		282	351
FELONY ARRESTS	0		0		4	3
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	5		1		22	30
DUI ARRESTS	1		2		3	12
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	36		167		222	318
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	81		153		402	541
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	155	545	269	791	3,300	3,872
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	390		522			
JUVENILE ARRESTS	2		9		4	11
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	4		5		24	40