

LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Memorandum



To: Robert J. Pilipiszyn, Village Manager
From: Acting Chief Renee Strasser *RS*
Date: July 15, 2015
Re: Monthly Report for June 2015

On June 8, 2015 Village Clerk John Burns administered Robert Wardlaw his new Oath of Office as a LaGrange Police Sergeant. The promotion was the result of a recent restructuring of personnel in the Police Department. Robert Wardlaw is a fourteen year veteran of the La Grange Police Department and began his career with us in January of 2001. He had been serving in the Investigations Division prior to his promotion.



During his career, Rob has served as a Field Training Officer, an Investigator, a Squad Leader and as the Police Pension Board Assistant Secretary. He implemented LaGrange Police Department's first Citizen Academy and Citizen Academy Alumni programs. Rob has been recognized for achievements within the Police Department. He has received the Meritorious Service Award, two Letters of Commendation and several Unit Citations. Rob was involved in many significant police cases as an Investigator for the Village of LaGrange as well as other jurisdictions as a member of the South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force and Major Case Assistance Team.



On April 22, 2015 the Village Board authorized the hiring of a police officer in accordance with the adopted referendum budget, filling the cost-containment vacancy.

Also on June 8, 2015, Village Clerk John Burns administered Ryan Nemecek his Oath of Office as a LaGrange Police Officer. Ryan started the basic recruitment academy conducted by the Cook County Sheriff's Police Department at Triton College on Monday, July 6, 2015. His academy training will last eleven weeks, after which he will return to the La Grange Police Department to begin his twelve week field training with a veteran Police Officer.

Ryan graduated from St. Lawrence High School in 2009. He was a student athlete and named the Vikings' team captain for varsity baseball and football. Ryan continued his education at Moraine Valley Community College and then Governors State University. In 2014, Ryan graduated from Governors State University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice.

MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS:

Ofc. Herrera investigated a Forgery occurring at the 7-Eleven Convenience Store, located at 6 E. 47th St. Ofc. Herrera learned an unknown male white subject attempted to purchase cigarettes on two separate occasions using two different fictitious driver's licenses. S/L Wolf located a male subject in the vicinity and determined he was not involved. Investigations later obtained surveillance video and created a Critical Reach flyer of the suspect.

Ofc. McDermott investigated a second Forgery occurring at the 7-Eleven Convenience Store, located at 6 E. 47th St. Ofc. McDermott learned an unknown male white subject attempted to purchase cigarettes and alcohol using a fictitious driver's license. Investigations later obtained surveillance video and created a Critical Reach flyer of the suspect. The suspect in this incident was different than the subject involved in the incident Ofc. Herrera investigated.

On the same night of the second Forgery, Ofc. McDermott and Sgt. Wardlaw investigated an Identity Theft occurring at the 7-Eleven Convenience Store, located at 6 E. 47th St. Upon arrival a male juvenile admitted to using a valid Florida Driver's license of another person to purchase cigarettes. The juvenile was taken into custody and transported to the police station. After obtaining a confession from the juvenile, in the presence of his father, he was charged with one count of 720 ILCS 675/1-A-6 (Prevention of tobacco use by minors and sale and distribution of tobacco products act). The juvenile was placed on a two month Formal Station Adjustment and release to his father.

Midnight Shift officers assisted Brookfield PD in attempting to locate a subject wanted for committing an armed robbery at the Mr. Subs Sandwich shop, located at Plainfield and 47th St in Brookfield, IL.

ARRESTS:

S/L Wolf and P/T Ofc. Strand arrested a subject on an outstanding LaGrange Police bond forfeiture arrest warrant, for the original charge of driving on a suspended driver's license. The subject was processed on Live Scan and later transported to court for a bond hearing.

OTHER:

The midnight shift conducted 94 traffic contacts for June 2015. S/L Wolf and Ofc. Comstock each had a misdemeanor traffic arrest involving subjects with revoked driver's licenses. Shift Officers issued 138 parking citations for overnight parking and other violations. Shift officers also conducted 71 building/premise checks and foot patrols.

TRAINING:

S/L Wolf attended two NIPAS Training days involving the NIPAS Arrest Team and NIPAS Arrest/Weapons Team Rifle Shoot. Sgt. Ljubenko attended a one day training on Youth Mental Health and First Aid.

All members of the midnight shift successfully completed the department annual Physical Fitness Exam along with their annual handgun and rifle Qualifications administered by Sgt. Wardlaw and S/L Wolf.

All members of the midnight shift successfully completed June Police Law and Lexipol Training.

DAY SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS:

Ofc. Moncivais investigated a forgery that occurred in the 00 block S Waiola in which a bad check was received for the purchase of property. There was no loss in the incident.

Ofc. Moncivais took a report of Criminal Damage To Property in the 200 block S Stone in which landscape lights and a pool cover were damaged-no suspects.

Ofc. Moncivais investigated a report of Criminal Damage to Property in the 700 block 6th in which a garage was spray painted with apparent gang signs-no suspects.

Ofc. Hon took a report of Criminal Damage To Property in the 300 block E Franklin in which a rear window to a vehicle was broken-no suspects.

Ofc. Kang investigated Fraud in the 00 block W Harris in which a subject purchased goods at a retailer with an unauthorized credit card-no loss in the incident.

Ofc. Irizarry took a report of a Theft in the 200 block S Catherine in which landscaping lights were stolen-no suspects.

Ofc. Kang investigated a Residential Burglary in the 400 block S Spring in which a bicycle was stolen from a garage. The incident was later unfounded-a friend had the bicycle.

Ofc. Hon took a report of a Burglary To Motor Vehicle in the 900 block 8th in which an unlocked vehicle was entered and several items were stolen.

Sgt. Cimbalista investigated a Residential Burglary in the 1000 block S Ashland in which a vacant home was entered and water was turned on in an effort to flood the home.

Ofc. Hon took a report of a Fraud in the 1000 block S 8th in which a telephone caller purported themselves as an FBI agent.

Ofc. Kang investigated a Residential Burglary in the 1400 block W Cossitt in which a bicycle was stolen from an attached shed/garage.

Ofc. Kang investigated a Theft in the 00 block S Ashland in which a bicycle was reported missing from the side yard.

Sgt. Cimbalista took a report of Identity Theft in the 400 block S Edgewood in which the resident's identity was used to open an account for cable television in another state.

Ofc. Kang took a report of a Suspicious Incident in the 5400 block Country Club Drive in which unknown person(s) rang the resident's doorbell several times and items were discovered missing from the backyard.

Ofc. Moncivais investigated a Theft in the 9600 block Ogden for an employee theft.

Ofc. Fulla took a report of a Theft in the 100 block E Burlington in which items were missing from a consignment store.

ARRESTS:

Sgt. Cimbalista and Ofc. Moncivais arrested a 19 year old from Western Springs, for an outstanding Reckless Driving warrant. Ofc. Hon arrested a 34 year old man from Schaumburg, for Disorderly Conduct and Obstructing a Peace Officer.

DETAILS:

Ofc. Hon conducted a Stranger Danger talk at the Creative Montessori School.

TRAINING:

Ofc. Hon attended Mental Health First Aid training. Sgt. Cimbalista attended an Asset Forfeiture update class. Ofc. Kang attended Laws Of Arrest, Search, and Seizure class. Sgt. Peters attended TLOC and all shift members successfully completed annual firearms qualification.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

Ofc. Moncivais and Aux. Ofc. Liotta responded to the Burlington Northern Railroad tracks at Waiola and found a family of ducklings trapped between railroad tracks. The Officers were able to corral the ducklings and lead them to safety across the street.

The Day Shift handled 599 calls for service and the following statistics were recorded: 6 DWLS/DWLR arrests, 3 Warrant arrests, 85 Traffic Contacts, 3 Parking Citations, 44 Accident Reports Taken and 10 Foot Patrols

AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS: Investigative Case Reports taken this month included: Identity Theft, Missing Juvenile Located, Theft Over \$500, Death Investigation, Warrant Service, Domestic Trouble (2), Suicidal Subject, Obstructing Identification, Fraud, Disorderly Conduct (3), Residential Burglary (2), Improper Solicitation (No Village Permit), Criminal Damage to Property, Sidewalk Fall Down, Drug Overdose, Structure Fire, Theft Under \$500 (2).

Ofc. Burrell assisted an Agent from the Cook County Medical Examiner's office with a Death Investigation involving an 86-year old male. Police were notified after signs of neglect of the deceased were observed by a Hospice care service at LaGrange Hospital. The deceased had previously been living at a facility outside of LaGrange's jurisdiction. The ME's office took custody and transported the deceased to their facility for further investigation, without incident.

Ofc. Irizarry responded to the area of East and Cossitt Avenues in reference to a report of a suicidal female adult. After speaking with a witness in the area, Ofc Irizarry located the woman who admitted to being depressed and on medication. The woman was subsequently transported to the hospital by LaGrange paramedics for treatment and evaluation.

Ofc. Rogers cited a 14-year old male juvenile from Brookfield for Disorderly Conduct after LaGrange Police units responded to the 800 Block of South Stone Avenue for a report of an unknown individual pounding on the door. Upon arrival, the juvenile offender was observed kicking the complainant's door and ringing the bell while several additional juveniles watched. Other responding police units located and identified all of the involved juveniles, and their respective parents were notified of the incident.

Ofc. Coleman responded to Sedgewick Park for a report of a small fire, possibly started by expended fireworks left behind in the area. After securing the area, LaGrange firefighters were dispatched to extinguish the fire. No suspects were located in the area.

Sgt. Odom responded to the 200 Block of Hayes for a report of a Residential Burglary. The two-story vacant home had several items stolen, which reportedly belonged to the previous owner (deceased). The case was turned over to Investigations for follow up.

Ofc. Coleman responded to the 300 Block of Bluff Avenue for a report of a Residential Burglary. Taken from the third-floor apartment was several items of jewelry, a computer gaming system, and free weights. The case was turned over to Investigations.

LaGrange Police units responded to a confirmed structure fire at a business located in the 100 Block of North Kemman Avenue. Police assisted several mutual aid fire companies who responded to extinguish the fire and investigate the scene.

ARRESTS: Ofc. Irizarry arrested a 43-year old Melrose Park resident on an outstanding Stone Park Warrant for Providing Fictitious Identification, after the Irizarry conducted a traffic stop in the vicinity of LaGrange Road and Homestead. The man was subsequently arrested for providing Obstructing Identification (along with traffic citations) after it was determined that he gave Ofc Irizarry a false name during the initial traffic stop. The man was arrested without incident.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY: The Afternoon Shift conducted 68 traffic contacts which resulted in 4 Misdemeanor Traffic Arrests to include Driving While License Suspended/Revoked, and Driving with a Suspended Vehicle Registration.

Afternoon Shift members completed their Annual Fitness Exams AND their Annual weapons qualifications.

TRAINING: The shift successfully completed the June 2015 Police Law Institute online training on: Canine Sniffs for Drugs during Routine Traffic Stops, Delays during Legal Stops, and Canine Alerts (Probable Cause). Sgt. Berg and K-9 Dak completed bi-monthly canine training.

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS:

Inv. Andries was called to a residential burglary that occurred in the 300 block of Bluff Ave. Inv. Andries photographed the residence and collected evidence in an attempt to identify a suspect. Inv. Andries continues to process the evidence.

Two unknown juveniles attempted to use fake identification to purchase tobacco and alcohol from a 7-Eleven convenience store. Inv. Andries was able to obtain the video surveillance footage and prepare an APB flyer seeking assistance in identifying the juveniles.

Inv. Andries attended the court hearings for the individuals cited for violations during the latest tobacco enforcement sting. Both the employee and business owner plead guilty and paid their fines in full.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY: As the Department's D.A.R.E. instructor, Inv. Andries was invited to attend a Chicago Fire Soccer game to discuss a D.A.R.E. outing. Chicago Fire Soccer plans to host a D.A.R.E. night in Spring 2016 for current D.A.R.E. students and D.A.R.E. graduates.



As part of D.A.R.E. Inv. Andries was invited to attend the annual St John's School end of the year picnic. Inv. Andries played sports games with the recent 5th Grade D.A.R.E. graduates and talked with them about safe, responsible and positive behavior over the upcoming summer.

Inv. Andries, Sgt. Cimbalista, Ofc. Moncivais, and Ofc. Pacana attended the annual Spring Ave School kick ball game. Officers interacted with the students and demonstrated good sportsmanship during the game.

TRAINING: Inv. Andries attended an MCAT meeting for the month of June. Inv. Andries attended SUV Driver Training at the NIPSTA Academy. This 2 day course covered SUV handling techniques at high rates of speed, accelerating, braking and reversing.

AUXILIARY AND PART-TIME POLICE UNITS

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

The Part-time Officers made 23 traffic stops and were active during the month conducting directed traffic patrols and assisting the full-time officers where necessary.

PARKING DIVISION

The parking division registered \$16,084 in parking fines through conventional payments, on-line payments, or collection efforts. The implementation of Passport Parking has begun and it is running smoothly.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

PATROL ACTIVITIES	June		June		2015	2014
	2015		2014		YTD	YTD
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	1,404		1,455		7,957	7,736
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	80		66		362	417
FELONY ARRESTS	1		1		5	4
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	5		3		27	33
DUI ARRESTS	0		6		3	18
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	30		61		352	379
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	49		129		457	670
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	94	469	226	775	3769	4,647
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	375		549			
JUVENILE ARRESTS	2		0		6	11
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	3		13		27	53