

LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Memorandum



To: Robert J. Pilipiszyn, Village Manager
From: Chief Renee Strasser 
Date: August 19, 2015
Re: Monthly Report for July 2015

July 13, 2015 was a historic day for the LaGrange Police Department. At that evening's Village Board Meeting, Village Clerk John Burns administered the oath of office to four members of the Police Department, representing every rank under the new organizational structure.



Arturo Heredia is our newest Police Officer and is currently enrolled at the basic recruitment academy conducted by the Cook County Sheriff's Police Department at Triton College. He is scheduled to graduate the academy on September 11, 2015 and will then begin his twelve week field training with a veteran Police Officer.

Squad Leader Dave Rohlicek was promoted to Sergeant after 20 years of service. Dave's career has been dedicated to serving organizational members and the community as a D.A.R.E. Instructor, Investigator, Field Training Officer, School Resource Officer and Supervisor.

Sergeant Andy Peters was promoted to Deputy Chief after 20 years of service. Andy's career has been dedicated to serving organizational members and the community as a D.A.R.E. Instructor, Firearms Instructor and Supervisor.

Deputy Chief Renee Strasser was appointed Chief of Police after 26 years of service. Renee's career has been devoted to serving the organizational members and the community as a D.A.R.E. Instructor, Investigator, School Resource Officer, Field Training Manager and Supervisor.

MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS: Ofc. McDermott, Ofc. Comstock, Ofc. Coleman and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to a possible domestic disturbance at an apartment building in the 300 block of W. Calendar. A male and female subject who were friends were talking /arguing loudly, disturbing their neighbors. Incident was verbal only, peace was restored and the female subject left the residence to spend the night with another friend.

Ofc. Comstock, Ofc. Wessendorf and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to a domestic disturbance in the 300 block of W. Calendar. A father and son were involved in a verbal only argument. Officers were able to resolve the issue between the two subjects and peace was restored.

Ofc. Comstock, Ofc. Wessendorf and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to a possible Domestic Battery incident in the 300 block of Bluff Ave. It was discovered that a male and female subject, who are married, got involved in a verbal argument which lead to both subjects pushing and shoving each other. Neither subject was injured. Officers were able to restore the peace and recommend possible counseling services for the couple. The male subject left the residence for the night.

Ofc. Wessendorf, S/L Wolf and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to a disturbance in front of a business on the 40-100 block of S. LaGrange Rd. Incident was a verbal argument between two male subjects, peace was restored and both subjects were sent their separate ways.

Ofc. McDermott, Ofc. Wessendorf and Sgt. Wardlaw responded to the report of possible multiple shots fired in the area of the 400 block of S. 7th Ave. Upon investigation no evidence was found of gunshots being fired, though a box of fireworks was located near 47th/6th Ave. It appeared noise had been made by fireworks.

ARRESTS: Ofc. Comstock observed a suspicious vehicle parked in the Sedgewick Park parking lot after hours. Vehicle was occupied by a 20 year old female subject and 18 year old male subject. Upon investigation, it was discovered the subjects had a partially consumed six-pack of beer with them in the vehicle. Both subjects were issued local ordinance citations for Minor in Possession of Alcohol.

PTO. Strand, Ofc. Herrera, Ofc. Wessendorf, Ofc. Irizarry and Sgt. Wardlaw investigated a suspicious vehicle parked in the 600 block of W. Hillgrove Ave. Vehicle was occupied by a male subject and two female subjects, all subjects were minors under the age of 21. The vehicle contained open alcohol. The male subject was issued a traffic citation for Illegal Transportation of Alcohol. Youth Contact Cards were completed and subjects were turned over to their parents.

Ofc. Wessendorf conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle driven by a female subject in the 500 block of East Ave. R/O detected a strong odor of cannabis emanating from inside the vehicle. Upon investigation it was discovered the subject possessed cannabis as well as a pipe and grinder with cannabis residue. Subject was taken into custody and charged/ cited for traffic violation as well as Unlawful Possession of Cannabis and Unlawful Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY: The midnight shift completed 179 traffic contacts which included 1 Misdemeanor Traffic Arrest for Driving While License Suspended/Revoked. Shift Officers issued 190 parking citations for overnight parking and other violations. Shift officers also conducted 112 Building/Business Premise Checks and Foot Patrols.

TRAINING: The shift successfully completed the July 2015 Police Law Institute online training along with the Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. In addition, S/L Wolf attended NIPAS 1-day Arrest Team training in Streamwood.

DAY SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS: Investigative case reports taken this month include: Burglary (1), Burglary to Motor Vehicle (1), Criminal Damage to Property (2), Battery (2), Theft (3), Counterfeit USC (1), Identity Theft (2), Suicidal Subject (1), Missing Person (1), and Suspicious Person (1)

Ofc. Kang investigated a report of fraudulent activity at 00 hundred block N. Catherine. The victim in this case received an email regarding an outstanding bill for services never rendered.

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S/L Fulla took a report about an Identity Theft complaint in the 800 block S. Stone. The complainant was supposedly contacted by the "IRS" via email requesting personal banking information and monies owed. The IRS does not notify by email, case under investigation.

Ofc. Hon responded to a Criminal Damage to Motor Vehicle report in 100 block of Bluff in which the victim's car tires were slashed.

Sgt. Rohlicek investigated a report from Brownsville Tennessee reference a child custody complaint. Sgt. Rohlicek was able to mediate the situation. It concluded with the child being voluntarily turned-over to a mutually agreed upon family member who subsequently transported the child back to Tennessee to be reunited with the custodial parent.

Ofc. Kang took a report reference an Identity Theft 00 block of S. Spring. While filing for unemployment, the victim discovered someone else had been utilizing his social security number.

Ofc. Hon investigated a delayed garage Burglary in the 00 hundred block of South Spring. Four sets of golf clubs were stolen from the unlocked garage.

Ofc. Moncivais investigated a Burglary to Motor Vehicle in 800 block of 7th Avenue. A leaf blower and attachment were missing.

Ofc. Kang took a Theft report from a woman who had her wallet stolen from her purse while in the waiting room of AMITA Hospital.

Ofc. Kang investigated a counterfeit \$100 bill that was attempted to be passed at Trader Joe's. The suspect took the money back and fled the store.

ARRESTS: S/L Fulla investigated a Criminal Trespass to Property complaint at Starbucks. A local man, who was barred from entering that location, entered the establishment. The offender was subsequently charged with Criminal Trespass to Property, Resisting a Police Officer, and Battery.

Ofc. Moncivais and Ofc. Kang responded to the 100 block of Sawyer for a suspicious person. A 63 year old LaGrange resident was located and arrested on a warrant for his failure to appear on a previous arrest for Driving While License Suspended by a LaGrange Officer.

Ofc. Hon conducted a traffic stop near East Avenue and Ogden Avenue. During his investigation, Ofc. Hon detected a strong odor of burnt cannabis coming from within the vehicle compartment. A search of the vehicle was conducted and a cannabis pipe was located. A 23 year old man from LaGrange was arrested and charged with one count of Unlawful Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Ofc. Hon conducted a traffic stop on a man from Chicago who was subsequently arrested for Driving on a Suspended Driver License. The suspension was for a DUI related offense and the vehicle forfeiture procedure is underway.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY: The shift completed 136 traffic contacts which included 11 Misdemeanor Traffic Arrests for no driver license and Driving While License Suspended/Revoked. The shift completed 26 Illinois Traffic crash reports.

TRAINING: The shift successfully completed July 2015 Police Law Institute online training along with the Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins

AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS: Investigative case reports taken this month include: Domestic(2), Theft(11), Suicidal Subject(1), Residential Burglary(2), Disorderly conduct(2), Drug/Paraphernalia Possession(2), Criminal Damage to Property(3), Missing Person Juvenile(1), Identity Theft(2), Dog Bite(1).

Three Blackhawks flags were stolen from the front lawns of residences during the month of July.

Ofc. McDermott took an Identity Theft report in the 50 block of N. Poplar Pl. Someone obtained the victim's credit card information and made purchases.

Ofc Irizarry assisted CCSPD officer in the 200 block of Sawyer Ave. for a probation check. While at the rear of the residence a pit bull ran out of the house and attacked the CCSPD officer. Ofc Irizarry called for medical assistance, cited the dog owner and completed bite card and case file for the victim officer.

Several officers assisted Brookfield PD by securing the perimeter of Ehlert Park after shooting incident.

Ofc. Irizarry investigated a bike theft in front of 71 S. LaGrange. The offender broke the victim's lock in order to steal the bicycle.

Officers responded to a report of a man with a gun, in the trunk of a vehicle, inside a garage in the 100 block of Washington. Ofc Irizarry determined it was a toy "airsoft" gun that was being handled by the owner while he was in his trunk fixing his speakers.

Ofc Irizarry took an Identity Theft report from a victim in the 00 block of West Burlington Ave.

Ofc. Coleman investigated the theft of a necklace at Veni Vidi Val.

Ofc. Irizarry handled a Criminal damage to vehicle report at Kensington/Bell. The victim's rental vehicle had been keyed overnight.

Ofc. Rogers managed a garage burglary in the 100 block of South Waiola. The offender(s) entered an unsecured garage during the past week and removed a bicycle.

Ofc Irizarry investigated the report of a victim's vehicle window being broken by a large rock while driving in the area of 47th and 9th.

ARRESTS: Unlawful Possession of Cannabis and Drug Paraphernalia investigated by Ofc Coleman. Caller reports possible drug activity in a red car parked at Stone Park. Ofc Coleman interviewed subjects and obtained permission to search their backpacks. Cannabis and paraphernalia found in possession of one male juvenile. Juvenile transported to station and turned over to parent.

Ofc. Hon conducted a traffic stop at Ogden/East that resulted in an arrest for Unlawful Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY: The afternoon shift conducted 90 traffic contacts which resulted in 10 misdemeanor traffic arrests to include driving while license suspended/revoked, driving with registration suspended, no valid driver's license and possession of drug paraphernalia. Officers also conducted foot patrol at the LaGrange Craft Show and LGBA/LaGrange Park District's Endless Summerfest.

TRAINING: The shift successfully completed July 2015 Police Law Institute online training along with the Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. Sgt. Berg / K9 Dak completed bimonthly K9 Maintenance training in Alsip along with seven other area K9 units.

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS: Inv. Andries attended the court hearings for the individuals cited during the tobacco enforcement stings. All cited persons completed their training through the IL BASSET program and paid their respective fines.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY: Inv. Andries attended the newly formed Lyons Township Youth Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition meeting. The Coalition consists of village/community leaders, school officials and police officers.

TRAINING: Inv. Andries attended the MCAT meeting for the month of July.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

We bid a fond farewell to Telecommunicator Kathy Rapp after two tours of service with the Village of LaGrange. T/C/O Rapp recently served on the midnight shift. Along with her dispatching duties, she was responsible for preparing the monthly Uniform Crime Report Statistics. T/C/O Rapp was also a member of the Illinois Telecommunicator Emergency Response Taskforce.

AUXILIARY AND PART-TIME POLICE UNITS

The Auxiliary Unit volunteered 110 hours during the month of July and their time was spent conducting house checks, street lights out lists and various patrol duties. As always, the Unit played a vital role in providing safety and security for all the patrons of LaGrange's Annual Craft Fair.



The Part-time Officers made 22 traffic contacts and 1 misdemeanor Driving While Suspended/Revoked. They were also active during the month conducting directed traffic patrols and assisting the full-time officers where necessary.

PARKING DIVISION

The parking division registered \$17,692 in parking fines through conventional payments, on-line payments, or collection efforts. Passport Parking is catching-on more commuters are utilizing the software.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

PATROL ACTIVITIES	July		July		2015	2014
	2015		2014		YTD	YTD
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	1,465		1,449		9,422	9,185
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	44		62		406	479
FELONY ARRESTS	0		0		5	4
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	5		1		32	34
DUI ARRESTS	0		5		3	23
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	38		57		390	436
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	47		83		504	753
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	373	654	221	717	4,423	5,364
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	281		496			
JUVENILE ARRESTS	1		1		7	12
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	6		5		33	58