

LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Memorandum

To: Robert J. Pilipiszyn, Village Manager
From: Chief Renee Strasser 
Date: November 10, 2015
Re: Monthly Report for October 2015



On October 24, 2015, members of the LaGrange Police Auxiliary Unit provided pedestrian safety in the downtown area for the LaGrange Business Association's annual Halloween Walk and Fall Festival. This event draws hundreds of parents and children to LaGrange's Central Business District for a day filled with trick-or-treating, shopping and dining. We are pleased to report that this year's event went off without-a-hitch thanks to all the Auxiliary Officers who volunteered their time to help safely cross all the parents and children in attendance.



The month of October included several days of warm weather and more opportunities for LaGrange Police Officers to interact with our middle school students during outdoor recess. Field Training Officer Patrick Fulla snapped a quick photograph of Probationary Officer Ryan Nemecek accepting a student's invitation to join them in game of jump rope on the playground at Spring Ave. School. This certainly looks like the making of a future D.A.R.E. Instructor!



MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS: Ofc. Comstock, S/L Wolf and Sgt. Ljubenko conducted a death investigation in the 900 Block S. Kensington Ave, involving a 59 year old male. The subject was found unresponsive inside his residence by his mother. The case was turned over to the Medical Examiner's Office.

Ofc. Herrera, S/L Wolf and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to 00 Block of S. Ashland Ave in reference to two unknown male subjects in the lobby of the building. Upon arrival officers located two male juveniles, being 15 and 16 years of age, in the lobby without permission as well as being out pass curfew. The juveniles were transported back to the police station where it was learned they were reported as missing out of DuPage County. The two male juveniles were later turned over to DuPage County Sheriff's Office.

Sgt. Wardlaw followed up on a report of a Criminal Sexual Assault initially taken by S/L Uher that occurred in the 600 Block of S. Madison Ave. R/O set up a Victim Sensitive Interview (V.S.I.) with All Our Children's Advocacy Center and notified the Cook County States Attorney's Office. Inv. Andries attended the V.S.I. and later closed out the case due to the victim's refusal to cooperate.

Ofc. Comstock investigated a Fraud incident occurring in the 300 Block of Bluff Ave. It was learned an unknown male subject purchased a pizza from a Di Nico's deliver driver, using a fictitious \$100.00 currency note. The fictitious currency note was forwarded to the United States Secret Service and the case was closed, due to a lack of offender information.

Ofc. Comstock assisted by Sgt. Wardlaw stopped a vehicle for traffic offenses in the 700 Block of E. 47th St driven by a 20 year old male. An odor of cannabis was noted emitting from the vehicle along with from the driver's breath. During a search, drug paraphernalia containing cannabis residue was located within the front driver's compartment area. The defendant was subsequently charged with Possession for Drug Paraphernalia and traffic offenses.

Ofc. Comstock, Sgt. Ljubenko and Sgt. Wardlaw responded to the 00 Block of N. Brainard Ave in reference to a Domestic Battery. During the course of the investigation officers learned the male offender battered the female victim causing injuries requiring medical attention. It was further learned hours prior, the male offender choked the female victim, but the victim refused to pursue charges. The male offender was later charged with one count of Domestic Battery.

Ofc. Heredia and S/L Wolf were assigned to follow-up on a missing endangered adult from the 200 Block of S. 8th Ave. Officers learned the missing female contacted the complainant and advised she was staying in a hotel in Chicago for a few days. Officers contacted Chicago PD and requested they make contact with the missing female for a well-being check. Chicago PD located the missing female and verified she was ok and not in any danger. The female was removed from LEADS as missing and the case was closed.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

The midnight shift completed 83 traffic contacts which included 4 Misdemeanor Traffic Arrest for Driving While License Suspended/Revoked. The shift investigated 1 property damage traffic accident and Shift Officers issued 93 parking citations for overnight parking and other violations. Shift Officers conducted 91 Building/Business Premise Checks and Foot Patrols. Sgt. Wardlaw attended a Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association Meeting.

TRAINING:

The shift successfully completed the October 2015 Police Law Institute online training along with the Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. Ofc. Comstock and Ofc. Coleman attended Ethics training. Ofc. Coleman also received his certification as a Field Training Officer. In addition, Sgt. Ljubenko and Sgt. Wardlaw attended IRMA Training. S/L Wolf attended monthly NIPAS training.

DAY SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS: Investigative Case Reports taken this month include: Residential Burglary, Fraud (3), Identity Theft, Theft under \$500 (4), Disorderly Conduct (2), Suspicious incident (3), Criminal Damage to Property, Cannabis Arrest, Criminal Defacement of Property, Child Abuse and neglect report from the Department of Child and Family Services, Domestic altercation, overdose on medication.

Ofc. Moncivais investigated a theft of an electronic dog collar in the 200 block of sunset. The collar was taken from around a dog's neck while the dog was out in the front yard of the residence. The dog owner let the dog out in the front yard and a short time later the dog was let in and the collar was missing. The yard was checked and the collar was not found. It was secured so the dog couldn't remove it. A dog collar was

missing from the same dog two weeks prior. The owner called the company where she got the collar and learned it is common to have the collars stolen and reprogrammed.

Ofc. McDermott investigated a Disorderly Conduct in the 300 block of Bluff where a letter was received by a resident that alleges drug use by the recipient of the letter. The recipient denies using drugs and claims that was a long time ago. This letter was believed to have been sent by another resident in the same apartment complex with the intent to harass the recipient. The letter was not signed. Ofc. McDermott spoke with the suspect who denied sending the letter but complained about his drug use.

Sgt. Rohlicek and Ofc. Moncivais investigated suspected gang activity where gang signs were shown in front of Lyons Township High School by one student to another student. Both parties denied showing gang signs. Assistant Principal Dostal will handle the matter internally.

Ofc. McDermott and Moncivais investigated two incidents of bike thefts in 00 block of S. LaGrange Rd. and at the LaGrange Road Train Station. One suspect is seen using bolt cutters to cut the lock that secures the bicycle to the rack. The suspect left prior to Ofc. McDermott's arrival. The other theft had no witnesses or video surveillance.

Sgt. Rohlicek investigated a Residential Burglary in 00 block of N. Waiola on a house under construction with no sign of forced entry. There were several contractors with access to the house by key pad code on the lock. A couple contractors had since stopped working for the company and are not able to be reached. Missing were tools, ladders, and other equipment.

Ofc. Nemecek investigated an Identity Theft of a LaGrange resident where the offenders had purchased 2 cell phones and were given Las Vegas area code numbers, a Verizon Wireless bill for \$200, Office Depot credit, and a \$350 balance on cell phones purchased in Las Vegas.

Ofc. Wessendorf investigated a Criminal Defacement of property complaint on a garage in the 700 block of East Cossitt where gang graffiti was on the garage with Latin King letters and crown.

Ofc. Irizarry and Ofc. Nemecek investigated separate fraud complaints in the 200 block of S. Spring and 00 block of S. Madison with similar facts. The resident received an automated voice mail message claiming the resident by name owes the IRS money and will be sued if the money is not paid. Neither resident made a payment.

Ofc. Wessendorf investigated in the 100 block of N. Kensington fraudulent transactions were made on the resident's credit card and charged \$800.

Sgt. Rohlicek investigated a suspicious person in 800 block of 9th Avenue. The resident was awoken in the middle of the night to her dog barking. She saw a man standing outside her residence close to her window looking inside the house for several minutes. There was no one in that room the person was looking into. The dog continued barking at the window the man was standing in front of. The resident continued watching the man and after a few minutes he walked away out of sight.

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Sgt. Rohlicek, Ofc.ø Moncivais, and Wessendorf investigated a male subject sitting on the residentø front porch in the 200 block of S. LaGrange Rd. The subject was told to leave by the resident and he kept standing there. The man was gone upon Ofc.ø arrival.

S/L Fulla investigated a DCFS Child Abuse and Neglect report where the parent left her young children sitting in the car for 30 minutes, in a parking lot while she went into the store. The keys to the vehicle were left and the children were able to start the vehicle and shut it off.

Ofc. McDermott investigated a Criminal Damage to Property report in the 00 block of 7th Avenue where the vehicle had three of their tires slashed sometime overnight.

Sgt. Rohlicek, Ofc.ø Moncivais and McDermott investigated a domestic altercation in the 200 block of Washington. The son was looking for his work boots and his mother would not help him. They got into a verbal altercation. The son left the residence, slammed the screen door and put his arm through the screen damaging the door. He apologized to his mother and she accepted.

Ofc. Moncivais investigated an overdose of medication in the 600 block of Spring Avenue. The residentø took in the 23 year old woman and had her staying at their house to provide a better environment. She drank two glasses of vodka and had taken too much medication. She was transported to LMH for evaluation.

Ofc. McDermott investigated a theft at Trader Joeø. An employee recognized a person in the store that she suspected of stealing from them in the past. The employee believed this person again stole from the store. This time she believes the person stole 3 racks of lamb and other merchandise.

ARRESTS: Sgt. Rohlicek, Ofc.ø Fulla and Nemecek arrested a 17 year old LaGrange resident for Possession of Cannabis while at LTHS . This person had 22 lollipops that contained THC. This person was alleged to be selling the lollipops at school. The lollipops were from Rock Mountain distribution in Colorado.

Ofc.ø Fulla and Nemecek arrested Darrell Fox a Chicago man for Public Indecency for masturbating while inside the library in plain view of the patrons.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY: The dayshift completed 120 traffic contacts which included 6 Misdemeanor Traffic arrests for Driving while License Suspended/Revoked. Officers completed 23 Illinois traffic crash reports and issued 8 parking citations. The Officers conducted 94 community contacts around the schools as they were arriving for the day. The Officers assisted during lock down procedures at St. Cletus, LTHS, and Cossitt School. The Officers assisted with traffic for the St. Francis homecoming parade. Deputy Chief Peters and Sgt. Rohlicek attended the Red Ribbon meeting at LTHS. The dayshift Officers went to Spring Avenue School and were recognized during the first responderø luncheon.

TRAINING: The shift successfully completed the October 2015 Police Law Institute online training along with the Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. S/L Fulla attended a one day class on Use of Force. Ofc. McDermott completed an ethics for Police class.

AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS: The Afternoon Shift Officers completed 30 case file reports for incidents involving: Domestic (5), Burglary to Motor Vehicle (3), Theft(7), Disorderly Conduct(2), Attempt Suicide, Missing Person, Harassment, Criminal Damage to Property, Criminal Damage to Vehicle, Fraud, Assault, Suspicious Activity(3), Sex Assault, and a Fugitive Warrant Arrest.

Ofc. Kang performed a traffic stop and found the driver to have an active warrant out of Harvey County Kansas. Further investigation found the warrant serviceable in 48 states, including Illinois. Subject taken into custody was transported to and processed at the LaGrange Police Department for traffic violations and the warrant. Subject transported to Bridgeview and turned over to Fugitive Warrant Section.

Ofc. Irizarry while on an ambulance call at Meadowbrook Manor, witnessed an assault between two nurses arguing about how to handle the patient being treated by LaGrange paramedics. The offending nurse was observed swinging a telephone at another nurse and verbally threatening same with harm. Offender taken into custody by Ofc. Irizarry, transported to and processed at the police department.

Ofc. Nemecek and S/L Uher responded to a fight in progress call at 20 W. Harris. Two males were reportedly fighting and upsetting the other pedestrians in the area. One of the described involved parties was located and interviewed in reference to the fight. Upon further investigation involved subject was cited under local ordinance for disorderly conduct.

Ofc. Hon was assigned a domestic battery complaint at 217 Washington. The 15 year old complainant stated his mother struck him with an electrical cord. An interview with the mother resulted in the mother threatening officers and upon further investigation the mother was taken into custody and arrested for assault, and domestic battery. DCFS was also contacted and they also opened an investigation.

Ofc. Nemecek and S/L Uher investigated a report of a teen showing off a handgun in the area of LaGrange and Harris. All shift members responded to the area and offender was located by S/L Uher by the description given earlier. Further investigation at the scene in reference to where the gun was located had the subject advise he ditched the BB gun in the bushes across from Weare Nuts. Officers recovered one BB gun and two airsoft guns in the bushes. Offender is a juvenile, transported to police station and representative from Illinois Masonic Home contacted to meet at police station for interview and juvenile arrest.

Ofc. Burrell investigated a theft from motor vehicle while it was parked unsecured in lot #8. Victim reports unknown offender entered his vehicle and took his prescription bottle containing 88 Alprazolam pills from the passenger seat.

Ofc. Hon was dispatched to LTHS North for the youth being held for pulling the fire alarm earlier in the day. Offender with his father present at this department stated he pulled the alarm as a result of a girl in his class offering offender \$200 to pull the alarm so she wouldn't have to take a test. Offender charged as a juvenile with Informal Station Adjustment a result.

Ofc. Nemecek and S/L Uher assigned a report of a juvenile threw a rock at a school bus breaking a window at Park and Cossitt. Damaged witnessed by school personnel and offender identified by same. Officers processed scene, located offender at his residence and had parent return with offender to this department. Offender admitted throwing the rock with his father present. Offender charged as a juvenile with Informal Station Adjustment a result.

ARRESTS:

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY: The shift completed 46 traffic contacts which included 6 misdemeanor traffic arrests for driving while license suspended/revoked and one arrest for driving with no valid licenses. 20 crash reports were completed during the month. Extra patrols were performed in the areas of schools in an effort to gain compliance of families picking up and dropping off students at the schools.

TRAINING: The shift successfully completed the October 2015 Police Law Institute online training along with the Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. Ofc Irizarry completed and was certified as a Field Training Officer. Sgt. Berg and K9 Dak successfully completed yearly K9 Certification at the Cook County K9 Training Center October 7, 8 and 9.

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS: Inv. Andries was called out to Riverside PD as members of our local Major Case Assistance team (MCAT). Inv. Andries assisted in locating a subject suspect of stealing cases of cigarettes off of delivery trucks during deliveries to various businesses.

Inv. Andries assisted Brookfield Police Department during an ILEAS call out for a Hazardous Material Spill on the BNSF train tracks.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY: As the Department's D.A.R.E. instructor, Inv. Andries was invited to Gurrie Middle School's 8th grade health class to speak with the students about the legal consequences of drug use and underage alcohol consumption.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

AUXILIARY AND PART-TIME POLICE UNITS

The Auxiliary Unit volunteered 87 hours during the month of October and their time was spent conducting house checks, street lights out lists and various patrol duties.

The Part-time Officers made 22 traffic contacts. 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 \$16,806 in parking fines through conventional payments, on-line payments, or collection efforts. The Parking Enforcement officers are busy at school crossing now that the crossing guard unit is short two personnel.

TRUCK ENFORCEMENT

The following totals represents truck enforcement conducted by the patrol division as a part of their regular tour of duty for the month of August

OCTOBER 2015	7-3 SHIFT	3-11 SHIFT	11-7 SHIFT	TOTAL
Total # Of Traffic Stops	24	1	2	27
Stop Cards/Warnings	11	1	2	14
Compliance Citations	24	0	0	24
State Citations	5	0	0	5
Trucks Weighed	1	0	0	1
Truck Inspections	3	0	0	3
Non-Designated Violations	0	0	0	0
Safety Violations	9	0	0	9
State/Local/Admin. Violations	25	0	0	25
Lane Violations (LaGrange Rd)	11	1	2	14

- These figures include 1 overweight truck (improper registration) with a bond/fine amount of \$2,964.00
- These figures include 1 LGPD truck inspection and 2 truck inspections by I.C.C. police which resulted in 2 Administrative State Citations issued by the I.C.C. Officer.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

PATROL ACTIVITIES	October		October		2015	2014
	2015		2014		YTD	YTD
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	1,584		1,330		12,591	11,829
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	54		81		521	614
FELONY ARRESTS	1		0		7	5
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	4		14		39	53
DUI ARRESTS	0		4		3	29
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	59		59		512	549
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	37		99		596	944
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	109	606	201	778	5,583	6,881
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	497		577			
JUVENILE ARRESTS	1		2		8	15
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	6		16		42	84