

LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Memorandum

To: Robert J. Pilipiszyn, Village Manager
From: Chief Renee Strasser 
Date: May 12, 2016
Re: Monthly Report for April 2016



In 2010, DEA began hosting National Prescription Drug Take-Back events with local Law Enforcement Agencies. At the previous 10 Take-Back Day events, over 5.5 million pounds of unwanted, unneeded or expired medications were surrendered for safe and proper disposal. The disposal service is free and anonymous for consumers, with no questions asked.



On April 30, 2016 from 10:00am-2:00pm, the La Grange Police Department once again participated in the Drug Enforcement Administration's National Drug Take Back Initiative by serving as a collection site. A total of 606.20 pounds of medications were collected that will be safely destroyed and not make their way into our water system.



MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS: Ofc. Nemecek investigated a burglary to motor vehicle which occurred in the 800 block of S. Stone Ave. The vehicle had been parked in the driveway unlocked. An unknown offender removed the victim's purse from inside the vehicle.

S/L Herrera, Ofc. Andries, Ofc. McDermott and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to a health care/rehabilitation center in the 4700 block of S. Gilbert Ave. for a disturbance involving several family members. An elderly female subject was a patient at the rehabilitation center. Some family members became upset and tried to interfere when medical staff advised that the female subject needed to be transported to the hospital for respiratory problems. Peace was restored and the female subject was transported to the hospital by private ambulance service.

Ofc. McDermott, Ofc. Herrera, Ofc. Andries and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to the 500 block of S. LaGrange Rd. for a loud noise complaint/possible underage drinking party. Contact was made with the female teenage resident. It was learned she was throwing a birthday party for one of her friends while her mother was out for the evening. Several 15-16 year old subjects were in the residence. An unknown guest had brought beer/alcohol to the party, one of the female subjects was highly intoxicated and not feeling well. LGFD ambulance was called to the scene and the female subject was transported to LaGrange Hospital for

treatment/evaluation. All of the teenage subjects' parents were notified and advised of what occurred. All subjects were turned over to their parents.

P.O. Falls, Ofc. Coleman, Ofc. McDermott, Ofc. Nemecek, Sgt. Rohlicek and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to the 100 block of Washington Ave. for the domestic disturbance involving a husband and wife. It was learned the husband and wife are going through a divorce, the two became involved in a verbal altercation at which point the wife knocked a soft drink out of the husband's hand. Peace was restored, no complaints were signed. The husband voluntarily agreed to leave the residence for the evening and stay with a friend. Domestic violence information/forms were given to the subjects.

ARRESTS: Ofc. McDermott arrested two male juvenile subjects for possession of cannabis and possession of drug paraphernalia. Ofc. McDermott was conducting a premise check of the Village parking garage when she observed a vehicle occupied by what appeared to be two very young male subjects. She made contact with the subjects, learned that they were teenage juveniles and were in possession of marijuana and paraphernalia. The subjects were charged, placed on formal station adjustments and turned over to their parents.

Ofc. Andries arrested and processed a 24 year old male from Chicago on an outstanding LaGrange warrant for driving while license suspended (DWLS).

S/L Herrera arrested a male subject for aggravated speeding and obstructing/resisting a peace officer. S/L Herrera observed a vehicle going W/B 47th at Brainard Ave, at a high rate of speed, traveling 70mph in a 30mph zone. The vehicle was stopped in the rear receiving area of Mariano's Fresh Market in Western Springs. After being advised he would be cited, the subject ignored S/L Herrera's directions/commands to remain, and left the scene on foot, going into the store, stating he needed to go to work. Ofc. Nemecek and Ofc. McDermott arrived on scene to assist in locating the subject. Upon being located inside the store, the subject continued disobeying commands, pulling away from officers and stating he needed to go to work. The subject was subsequently taken into custody and charged with aggravated speeding, obstructing/resisting a peace officer and other traffic offenses.

Ofc. Andries arrested a male subject for domestic battery. Ofc. Andries, S/L Herrera, Ofc. McDermott and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to the 800 block of Brighton Lane for a domestic disturbance involving a male subject, his sister and his brother-in-law. The male subject became angry with his sister and her husband because they had taken their elderly mother out for dinner and he believed they had kept her out/brought her back too late. The male subject began yelling at his sister, they got into a verbal argument and he then struck her in the face/head with his hand. The male subject was subsequently arrested and charged with domestic battery. He was transported to Bridgeview Courthouse for a bond hearing.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY: The midnight shift completed 113 traffic contacts which included 3 Misdemeanor Traffic Arrests for Driving While License Suspended/Revoked and investigated 1 property damage traffic accident. Shift Officers issued 164 parking citations for overnight parking and other violations. Shift Officers conducted 114 Building/Business Premise Checks and Foot Patrols. Ofc. McDermott and Ofc. Nemecek assisted the BNSF P.D. in a detail at the LaGrange Rd and Stone Ave. depots, educating early morning pedestrian commuters about the dangers of walking around the down railway gates. Ofc. Andries continued teaching the spring semester DARE course to 5th grade classes at St. John's, St. Cletus and Spring Ave. schools.

TRAINING: The shift successfully completed the April 2016 Police Law Institute online training along with the Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. In addition, Ofc. Nemecek completed the 2-day Verbal Judo

training course and Sgt. Rohlicek attended the NARCAN program training. P.O. Falls began step II of her field training on the Midnight Watch with FTO Coleman.

DAY SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS: The investigative reports taken on this shift include: (1) Unlawful Use of Credit Card, Burglary (1), Domestic Battery (1), Identity Theft (1), Attempt Wire Fraud (1), Forgery (1), Criminal Defacement of Property (1), Theft by Deception (1).

Ofc. Kang investigated an Unlawful Use of Credit Card case in the 100 block Sawyer, in which unknown offender(s) made charges on a credit card without permission from the owner. There was no loss in the case-the purchase was stopped prior to shipping.

Ofc. Kang took a Burglary report in the 400 block S Spring, in which a bicycle was stolen from the garage.

Ofc. Kang handled a Financial Identity Theft case in the 800 block S Ashland, in which the complainant's information was used to open financial accounts.

Ofc. Hon learned of a suspicious incident in the 500 block S Ashland, in which a subject was attempting to give a roof repair estimate to the complainant when she never requested one.

Ofc. Kang investigated an Attempted Wire Fraud case in which the complainant's computer was tampered/hacked and unknown subject(s) attempted to transfer money from the complainant's accounts.

Ofc. Hon took a Forgery report in the 00 block E Burlington, in which unknown subjects cashed 2 forged checks.

Ofc. Hon responded to a Criminal Defacement of Property incident in Gordon Park in which an unknown subject spray painted graffiti on the sidewalk.

Ofc. Kang handled a Theft by Deception case in the 700 block 7th in which a subject portrayed themselves as a potential renter of the complainant's property, sent the complainant a check over the amount requested and asked for the excess monies to be returned, knowing the check was fraudulent.

ARRESTS: Ofc. Wolf investigated a Criminal Defacement of Property case at Elm Park in which playground equipment was written on with a marker. Two male juveniles, ages 12 and 13, both from La Grange were arrested.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY: The Dayshift completed 94 traffic contacts which included 5 Misdemeanor Arrests for Driving While Suspended, Revoked or without a Valid Driver's License and 22 Compliance Citations. Officers conducted 66 Community Contacts and 39 foot patrols, completed 32 crash reports and issued 16 parking citations. Dayshift officers provided traffic control for the St. Cletus 5K run and Ofc. Kang attended their annual Health Fair. S/L Fulla gave a drug presentation to students at Gurrie Junior High Students. Several Day Shift Officers participated in the Burlington Northern Railroad Traffic Enforcement Day.

TRAINING: The shift successfully completed the April 2016 Police Law Institute online training along with the Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. Officer Hon became certified as Breath Alcohol Operator. Sgt.

Cimbalista attended NARCAN training. Sgt Berg and his partner DAK participated in K-9 Training. Ofc. Wolf took part in NIPAS training. S/L Fulla attended Basic Truck Weight Certification.

AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS: Investigative Case Reports taken this month included: Property Dispute, Theft of Services, Residential Burglary (2), Order of Protection Short-Order Notice (2), Battery (2), Sidewalk Fall Down, Criminal Damage to Property, Disorderly Conduct, Suspicious Persons, Obstructing a Peace Officer, Domestic Trouble (4), Identity Theft (2), Stolen Auto, Burglary to Motor Vehicle, Unlawful Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Warrant Service, Well Being Check (2), Harassment by Electronic Communication, Retail Theft, Returned Property, Possession of Cannabis, Suicidal Subject.

Ofc. Falls along with FTO Irizarry conducted an investigation involving the dispute over property obtained by a couple, while living in the 900 Block of South 8th Avenue. Upon contact, the female party willingly turned over the property, with neither person requesting further police assistance.

Ofc. Burrell investigated a report of a Residential Burglary in the 300 Block of East Cossitt. At the time of the incident, the residence was vacant with no signs of forced entry. The realty agent for the property reported that taken was copper piping from the basement.

Ofc. Rogers responded to the 700 Block of West Burlington for a report of a Retail Theft. Rogers developed a suspect from a photograph taken of a male subject by one of the store employees. Upon locating the suspect, the male gave back the item (valued at \$30) to Ofc. Rogers. The item was returned to the store, and the offender was issued a No Trespass Order.

Ofc. Falls along with FTO Irizarry responded to the vicinity of Harris and LaGrange Road for a report of a Battery. Upon locating the victim, a description of the involved male subjects were given to police. Although the suspect was subsequently identified by responding officers, the victim indicated that he did not wish to pursue charges at that time.

P/T Ofc. Strand located several male teenagers in the 00 Block of South LaGrange Road, who were found to be in possession of an Illinois license plate registered to a LaGrange resident. The males turned over the plate to Ofc. Strand, who subsequently returned the plate to the vehicle owner.

ARRESTS: Ofc. Wessendorf arrested an 18-year old Brookfield man for Unlawful Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Possession of Cannabis after the man was located loitering Village Parking garage. A search of the subject's vehicle yielded the contraband.

Ofc. Rogers arrested a 54-year old Sheridan, IL woman for Battery (2-counts) after she reportedly made physical contact with two nurses, at LaGrange Memorial Hospital, causing injury.

Ofc. Irizarry and P/T Ofc. Egan completed Warrant Service on a 22-year old LaGrange resident after County officials contacted the department and advised of her presence at LaGrange Memorial Hospital. The woman was arrested on an outstanding traffic offense out of DuPage County.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY: The Afternoon shift completed 115 traffic contacts (53 Citations) which included 2 Misdemeanor Traffic Arrests for Driving While License Suspended/Revoked. Officers completed 20 crash reports (2 Personal Injury) and issued 2 parking citations. Shift Officers conducted 59 Building/Business Premise Checks and Foot Patrols.

TRAINING: The shift successfully completed the April 2016 Police Law Institute online training on: Use of Force – Stopping a Driver to Prevent Escape, Pointing a Firearm at a Suspect, Qualified Immunity, and Prompt Judicial Determination after a Warrantless Arrest. Officer Burrell attended Narcan training conducted at the DuPage County Health Department. Sergeant Wardlaw attended phase-2 of the Effective Police Supervision Course conducted in Springfield, Illinois. Squad Leader Comstock completed the Basic Truck Enforcement and Portable Scale Certification Course.

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS: Investigative case reports taken/followed up on this month include: Disorderly Conduct / Child Pornography (1), Unlawful Residency of a Child Sex Offender (2), Suspicious Activity (2), Identity Theft (Credit Card Skimming) (1), and Lost Article (1).

Inv. Uher conducted follow-up investigation into an Identity Theft (Credit Card Skimming) case that occurred in the Village of LaGrange. Inv. Uher identified an offender with a last known address out of Miami, Florida. The case was turned over to the U.S. Secret Service who are investigating similar incidents.

Inv. Uher and Inv. Coleman assisted the Dayshift Patrol Division with investigation into a Suspicious Activity Incident. A small black box containing electronic equipment was located on a Village parking meter near the BNSF railroad tracks. After determining the device was not a danger to the public it was collected for analysis. Investigators worked closely with various federal agencies during the course of the investigation, but eventually the case was turned over to the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI).

Inv. Coleman was conducting follow-up investigation into a Criminal Sexual Assault, when he learned a subject was selling firearms in another jurisdiction, via social media. Inv. Coleman contacted the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) and provided them with necessary information to look into the activity.

Inv. Uher conducted follow-up investigation into a Disorderly Conduct complaint where a juvenile was sending nude photos electronically to a subject via social media. Inv. Uher obtained subscriber information to the social media account, through a Grand Jury Subpoena and was able to identify a suspect. Due to the suspect residing in Sandy, Oregon Inv. Uher contacted the Sandy Oregon Police Department. Inv. Uher learned an investigation into the suspect was currently underway related to similar incidents and turned this case over to Sandy Oregon PD.

ARRESTS:

After a lengthy Investigation, Inv. Coleman and Inv. Ken Uher arrested James M. Goss for (2) felony counts of Unlawful Residence of a Child Sex Offender (residing within 500 feet of two schools). The Investigations Unit was assisted by US. Secret Service and M.C.A.T during the course of the investigation and arrest.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

Inv. Uher and Inv. Coleman attended the monthly M.C.A.T. meeting hosted by LaGrange Park PD. Inv. Uher served as a P/T Liaison at Lyons Township High School North campus.

Inv. Uher responded to Lyons PD on an S.S.M.C.A.T. callout in regards to a double Homicide Investigation. Due to diligent work by the team members, an offender John Arnold was arrested and charged with (2) counts of Homicide.

Inv. Coleman volunteered to return to the Midnight Shift for a month to serve as a Field Training Officer for Probationary Officer Taylor Falls.

TRAINING:

Inv. Uher and Inv. Coleman successfully completed the April 2016 Police Law Institute online training along with the Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. Inv. Coleman attended a five day basic Investigator training class.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

April 11th to the 15th was “National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.” Thank you Holly, Patty, Therese, Sue, Patty and Valerie for the vital contributions you make to the safety of our citizens. We appreciate all that you do!

LTACC Update: E/D Knutsen advised that the Intergovernmental Agreement for LTACC and West Suburban Communications Dispatch Center (WSCDC) for providing mutual backup of 9-1-1 dispatch and emergency communication services through the use of primary and backup public safety answering points was approved by WSCDC’s Board and awaits LTACC’s Board of Director approval. Once this is accomplished, LTACC’s ISP application will be submitted for consideration.

The Tyler Technologies CAD build is on schedule. GIS data is continually being compiled and submitted by all three jurisdictions.

LTACC’s Architectural Firm WOLD is currently working on design and contract development. The formal bidding and awarding of contractual services is scheduled from June 20th to July 13th.

AUXILIARY AND PART-TIME POLICE UNITS

The Auxiliary Unit volunteered 82 hours during the month of April and their time was spent conducting house checks, street lights out lists and various patrol duties.

The Part-time Officers conducted 44 traffic contacts of which 15 resulted in traffic citations. A Part-Time Officer also made a warrant arrest. As always, they were active during the month conducting directed traffic patrols and assisting the full-time officers where necessary.

PARKING DIVISION

The parking division collected \$16,353 in parking fines through conventional payments, on-line payments, or collection efforts. Parking Enforcement officers Hannon and Kotrba continued to serve as school crossing guards when needed.

TRUCK ENFORCEMENT

February 2016	7-3 SHIFT	3-11 SHIFT	11-7 SHIFT	TOTAL
Total # Of Traffic Stops	19	23	0	42
Stop Cards	12	4	0	16
Verbal Warnings For Violations	69	0	0	69
Parking Citations	0	0	0	0
Local Ordinance Violations	0	0	0	0
Compliance Citations	9	44	0	53
State Citations	19	0	0	19
DWLS/DWLR/No CDL/No DL	2	0	0	2
Misdemeanor Arrests	5	1	0	6
Felony Arrests	0	0	0	0
Trucks Weighed-Scales	2	0	0	2
Overweight Bond Amounts	\$465.00	\$	\$	\$465.00
Truck Inspections Conducted	6	0	0	6
Overlength/Overwidth/Overheight	0	0	0	0
Safety Violations	19	11	0	30
Moving Violations	6	11	0	17
Non-Moving Violations	12	24	0	36
Lane Violations (La Grange Rd)	5	2	0	7
Outside Agency Citations/OOS	2	0	0	2

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

PATROL ACTIVITIES	April		April		2016	2015
	2016		2015		YTD	YTD
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	1,388		1,339		5,493	5,085
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	51		52		200	216
FELONY ARRESTS	1		0		3	4
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	4		4		15	17
DUI ARRESTS	0		0		4	2
WARRANT ARRESTS	1		*		7	*
TRAFFIC VERBAL WARNINGS	190		*		724	*
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	90		52		234	186
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	47		83		183	321
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	273	827	149	606	3,147	2,755
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	554		457			
JUVENILE ARRESTS	4		0		11	2
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	8		3		35	20

* DATA NOT REPORTED IN 2015, NEW CATEGORY FOR 2016