

LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Memorandum



To: Robert J. Pilipiszyn, Village Manager
From: Chief Renee Strasser *RS*
Date: June 10, 2016
Re: Monthly Report for May 2016

On May 31, 2016, Officer Falls, Officer Hon, Officer Moncivais, and Squad Leader Fulla were invited to participate in an officers & teachers verses sixth grade students kick ball game at Spring Ave. School. Although the officers and teachers gave it a valiant effort, they were no match for Spring Avenue's mighty sixth graders. There is always next year.



MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS: Ofc. Andries, Sgt. Rohlicek, Sgt. Ljubenko and personnel from the Afternoon shift responded to the area of Sawyer/Calendar for the report of 4 to 7 possible shots being fired. A search of the area resulted in no suspicious subjects, vehicles, victims or damaged property being located. R/O's did locate 6 shell casings in the alley between Sawyer and Washington. The Investigations Division was contacted to process the scene. A canvas of neighborhood residents resulted in no one reporting seeing any suspicious subjects or vehicles in the area, only the hearing of loud "pop" or gunshot sounds. Case has been turned over to the Investigations Division.

P.O. Falls, Ofc. Coleman, Ofc. Nemecek, Ofc. Andries, Ofc. McDermott, S/L Herrera and Sgt. Rohlicek responded to the 0-100 block of S. 6th Ave. for the single report of possible shots being fired. Complaint advised that she heard two quick "pops" which she believed were possibly gunshots. Officers searched the area and canvassed neighborhood residents, but no one else reported hearing the loud "pops" and no evidence of gunshots being fired was located. Case was determined to be unfounded.

S/L Herrera, Ofc. Nemecek, Ofc. Andries, P.O. Falls, Ofc. Coleman and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to a domestic disturbance in the 300 block of E. Plainfield Ave. A male subject had gone to the residence to visit his ex-girlfriend and their young son. According to the subjects and a witness who was present, the two subjects became involved in a heated verbal argument which lead to both subjects pushing, shoving, hitting and scratching each other. Both subjects sustained minor injuries/scratches. Peace was restored, no arrests were made, and domestic violence information/forms were given to both subjects. The male subject left and returned to his residence in a neighboring town.

Ofc. Wessendorf, Sgt. Rohlicek and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to the 0-50 block of N. LaGrange Rd. for the report of an unwanted subject who was located inside a commercial building. It was learned that a male homeless subject had gone into the building the previous night before the businesses closed and went into an unoccupied office area under construction in an attempt to stay warm overnight. The following morning the subject was located by a security person who arrived to open up the building. A search of the building revealed no other subjects in the building, no missing items reported and no damage located. The building owners declined to pursue criminal charges. Subject was warned, given "No Trespassing Notice" and advised he would be arrested if he returned to the property.

Ofc. Nemecek investigated the report of a stolen vehicle from the 100 block of Washington Ave. The vehicle had been parked behind the residence, unlocked and with the keys left inside. Approximately one day later, the vehicle was located unoccupied in Chicago, by the Chicago P.D. The vehicle's interior compartment sustained extensive damage due to fire. No suspects in the incident.

Ofc. Andries responded to the 100 block of Sawyer for the missing person report involving a male teenage juvenile subject who is a habitual runaway. The male subject advised his mother he was going to visit one of his friends in a nearby town, he did not return home. For several days the male subject and his mother communicated via text messages, the male subject advised that he was fine, but would not tell her where he was. Male subject was placed into LEADS as a missing juvenile-habitual runaway.

Ofc. Nemecek investigated a vandalism incident in which a house was "egged" in the 800 block of S. 10th Ave. Several eggs were thrown at the front door and picture window area of the house and at three vehicles which were parked in the driveway. There did not appear to be any permanent damage to the house or the vehicles. There are no suspects in the incident.

ARRESTS: Ofc. Nemecek, Sgt. Ljubenko, Ofc. McDermott and Sgt. Rohlicek responded to the 300 block of Blackstone Ave. for the report of an unwanted subject. The male subject was involved in an altercation with the guests of a party he was attending. An argument ensued that turned physical and the male subject left the party. The male subject returned to the residence a short time later with a handgun and threatened a guest with it. The victim and several quests were able to subdue and disarm the male subject. The 44 year old man from Romeoville was taken into custody and charged with felony Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon, Aggravated Assault and three counts of Battery.

P.O. Falls and Ofc. Coleman arrested a male subject for Unlawful Possession of Cannabis. P.O. Falls, Ofc. Coleman and Sgt. Rohlicek observed a suspicious vehicle parked on the 700 block of S. 6th Ave. occupied by two male subjects. Upon investigation it was learned that one of the subjects was in possession of a large amount of cannabis. The 25 year old LaGrange man was taken into custody and charged with Unlawful Possession of Cannabis.

Ofc. Andries arrested a 22 year old female from LaGrange for Domestic Battery. Ofc. Andries, S/L Herrera, Ofc. Nemecek, P.O. Falls and Ofc. Coleman responded to the 0-50 block of S. Spring Ave. for the domestic disturbance. The female subject had gotten into an argument with her aunt. The female subject placed her aunt into a “bear hug” and squeezed tightly, knowing that her aunt recently had back surgery and was still recovering.

P.O. Falls and Ofc. Coleman arrested a male subject on an outstanding LaGrange warrant for Driving While License Suspended (DWLS).

Ofc. McDermott arrested a 20 year old female from LaGrange Highlands for Unlawful Possession of Cannabis and traffic violations. Ofc. McDermott observed a vehicle speeding on N/B LaGrange Rd. from Maple Ave. Ofc. McDermott conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle. A strong odor of marijuana emanated from inside the vehicle. A search of the vehicle resulted in the discovery of a large amount of marijuana.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY: The midnight shift completed 163 traffic contacts which included 1 Misdemeanor Traffic Arrest for Driving Without a Valid License and investigated 1 property damage traffic accident, 1 hit and run property damage traffic accident and 1 personal injury traffic accident. Shift Officers issued 46 parking citations for overnight parking and other violations. Shift Officers conducted 95 Building/Business Premise Checks and Foot Patrols. Ofc. Andries completed teaching the spring semester DARE course, conducting DARE Graduation ceremonies for the 5th grade classes at St. John’s, St. Cletus and Spring Ave. schools.

TRAINING: The shift successfully completed the May 2016 Police Law Institute online training along with the Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. In addition, Ofc. McDermott completed the 2-day Breath Analysis Operator/Technician certification course and Sgt. Ljubenko attended the 3-day IPPFA Public Pension Trustee Training Conference in East Peoria. Shift Officers completed their annual firearms qualification with pistol, shotgun and patrol rifle. P.O. Falls completed step II of her field training on the Midnight Watch with FTO Coleman, and moved to the Day Watch to begin step III of her field training program.

DAY SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS: The investigative reports taken on this shift include: Battery (1), Identity Theft (1), Criminal Damage to Property (3), Theft (2), Fraud (2), Suspicion (1), Burglary (1), Disorderly Conduct (1).

Sgt Cimbalista took a Battery report at 5100 block S Willow Springs Rd in which a patient struck a nurse. No complaints were signed.

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Ofc. Fulla investigated an Identity Theft report in the 200 block S Madison, where packages were shipped to the victim's residence that he did not order and an account was opened with his information.

Ofc. Hon handled to a Criminal Damage to Property case in the 200 block Sawyer in which a vehicle window was broken by unknown offender(s).

Ofc. Kang completed a Theft report in the 500 block 10th in which a cellular telephone was stolen after being dropped on the victim's property.

Ofc. Wolf took a Fraud report in the 100 block W Cossitt in which a wire transfer of monies was done in error. The case has been turned over to the FBI.

Ofc. Hon completed a Criminal Damage to Property case at Waiola and 53rd in which unknown person(s) uprooted and stole a stop sign and damaged a village tree.

Ofc. Hon investigated a Suspicious Incident in the 100 block S Brainard in regards to a suspicious letter that was sent to an administrator.

Ofc. McDermott handled a Burglary case in the 00 block S Spring in which items were stolen from a storage unit.

Ofc. McDermott took a Fraud report in the 00 block Bluff in which unknown offender(s) had transferred money from the victim's account without permission.

Sgt Cimbalista completed a Theft case in the 100 block S Brainard in which a cellular telephone was stolen.

Ofc. Falls investigated a Criminal Damage to Property case in the 00 block S La Grange in which eggs were thrown at the building, causing damage to the wooden frame/door.

Ofc. Falls handled a D/C case in the 100 block Drexel in which the victim was receiving harassing calls/texts, but did not wish to sign a complaint.

ARRESTS: Ofc. Fulla and Ofc. Falls arrested a 49 year old female from Ohio for Unlawful Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle, which was stolen from the 00 block W Harris and located on I57 by the Illinois State Police.

Ofc. Fulla and Ofc. Falls arrested a 54 year old local homeless man on 2 outstanding warrants for criminal trespass/possession of drug paraphernalia and a new charge of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Ofc. Fulla and Ofc. Falls arrested a 40 year old man from La Grange for a Retail Theft complaint from Brookfield PD. Subsequent to arrest, Officers located suspected narcotics, which field tested positive for heroin. He was charged with Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance. In his vehicle, Officers also located proceeds from a Burglary to Motor Vehicle. He was also charged with Burglary. The same man was then charged by Western Springs Police Department for another Retail Theft from a week prior.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY: The Dayshift completed 114 traffic contacts which included 2 Misdemeanor Arrests for Driving While Suspended, Revoked or without a Valid Driver's License, 8 Misdemeanor Traffic Offenses and 12 Compliance Citations. Officers conducted 33 Community Contacts

and 51 foot patrols, completed 30 crash reports and issued 7 parking citations. They covered 5 school crossings and made 2 warrant arrests.

Officers collaborated with the Park District to present 8 classes regarding "Stranger Danger" to kids attending at Gilbert Park, Sedgwick Park, and the main Park District Building. Shift Officers, Auxiliary Officers, and Citizen Police Academy Alumni worked together at the Spring Avenue School Bicycle Rodeo. Officers Fulla, Moncivais, Hon and Falls attended the Memorial Day service at LTHS/VFW.

TRAINING: The shift successfully completed the May 2016 Police Law Institute online training along with the Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. Sgt Cimbalista attended a seminar on proper handling of reptiles and new reptile laws. Ofc. Wolf attended MACTAC and NIPAS training. Ofc. Kang attended Verbal Judo class. Sgt Cimbalista and Ofc. Fulla attended a seminar on Lessons Learned from Sandy Hook. Members of Day Shift completed annual firearms qualifications.

AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS: Investigative Case Reports taken this month included: Fraud, Stolen Auto, Disorderly Conduct (2), Theft Over \$500, Criminal Damage to Property (4), Domestic Trouble (5), Suspicious Person, Warrant Service, Battery, (4), Suicidal Subject, Criminal Defacement of Property (2), Drug Overdose, Well-Being Check (3), Forgery, Burglary to Motor Vehicle (3), Damage to Village Property, Involuntary Committal, Theft Under \$500 (2).

Ofc. Irizarry investigated a Battery complaint involving two neighbors in the 100 Block of Hayes Avenue. The two men were engaged in a physical altercation in the alley behind their residence. Responding officers arrived and separated both parties. The victim did not wish to pursue criminal complaints, as neither was injured.

Ofc. Rogers responded to the 300 Block of South Madison Avenue in reference to a report of a Burglary to Motor Vehicle. The victim reported that he left his van parked on the street for several hours while completing electrical work inside a residence. Upon return to his vehicle, he observed several of his tools (valued at \$2,000) missing from his unlocked van.

S/L Comstock responded to Sedgwick Park in reference to a suspicious male subject at the little league baseball fields. Upon locating the man, Comstock identified the subject and determined that he was not an immediate threat to himself, or anyone in the area.

Ofc. Wessendorf and PTO Strand responded to the 900 Block of South 7th Avenue for a report of a fight between two male juveniles. Upon locating the combatants, officers turned over the males to their respective parents after it was determined that neither child was injured.

Ofc. Burrell responded to the vicinity of Calendar Avenue and Arcade Place in reference to a Battery complaint involving an elderly male resident and a male juvenile. The older male reportedly made a threat to the juvenile and struck him with his cane. The juvenile reported to police that he was not injured and was not afraid of the man. Upon speaking with the juvenile and his parents, they did not want to pursue criminal charges and wished to have the incident documented as a matter of record.

Ofc. Rogers responded to the 00 Block of South La Grange Road to take a Harassment report. A female reported that she believed her ex-husband was following her through town observing her as she dined inside

a restaurant. Upon contacting the man (via telephone) the ex-husband advised he would refrain from following her and have no further contact with the complainant.

Ofc. Kang responded to the Village Parking Garage in reference to a burning object inside one of the stairwells. Fire Department personnel extinguished the engulfed object and there was no reported damage on the property. The case is under investigation.

Ofc. Rogers and Ofc. Burrell investigated a report of two vehicles Burglarized while in a parking lot in the 200 Block of West Hillgrove. An unknown offender forced entry into both vehicles by breaking the windows and removing the victims' purses, which were in plain view. The vehicles were processed for latent prints, and each case was turned over to Investigations.

Ofc. Burrell responded to the 200 Block of Sunset for a Drug-Overdose (Heroin). Upon arrival, officers and paramedics found the female victim unconscious and unresponsive. Paramedics were able to revive the patient at the scene, at which time she was transported to the hospital for further treatment and evaluation.

ARRESTS: Ofc. Kang and Ofc. Rogers arrested a 43-year old Willowbrook man on an outstanding Cook County warrant for Violation of Probation after officers responded to the 1000 Block of South 7th to check on the well-being of the man, who appeared to be suffering from illness. The man was taken into custody and provided medical treatment.

S/L Comstock arrested a 21-year old LaGrange Park man for Unlawful Possession of Drug Paraphernalia after a traffic stop in the vicinity of 47th Street and Brainard Avenue.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY: The Afternoon shift completed 71 traffic contacts which included 1 Misdemeanor Traffic Arrest for Driving While License Suspended/Revoked. Officers completed 45 crash reports (3 Personal Injury) and issued 2 parking citations. Shift Officers conducted 30 Building/Business Premise Checks and Foot Patrols.

The Afternoon Shift along with the Auxiliary Unit provided security and traffic control during the "Back to School District 102 Fun Run." Ofc. Kang attended a block party in the 200 Block of Washington, hosted at the Community Center. Sgt. Odom attended the Community Diversity Group's 16th Annual Scholarship Fundraiser, hosted at the Community Center.

TRAINING: The shift successfully completed the May 2016 Police Law Institute online training along with the Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. Officer Wessendorf attended the 2-Day Breath Analysis Operator Course and the 2-Day Verbal Judo Course. Sergeant Wardlaw completed the Effective Police Supervision Course conducted in Springfield, IL. Officer Rogers attended Officer Wellness and Fitness training. Officer Kang attended the 2-Day Breath Analysis Operator Course. The Afternoon Shift completed Annual Firearms Familiarization and Qualifications.

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS: Investigative case reports taken/followed up on this month include: Child Pornography Possession / Dissemination (1), Possession of a Stolen Auto (1), Thefts (3), Identity Theft (1), Unlawful Discharge of a Weapon (1), Narcotics investigation (1), Missing Habitual Runaway Juvenile (1), Missing Adult (1) and Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse (1)

Inv. Uher and Inv. Coleman conducted follow-up investigation into a Heroin Overdose case that occurred in the Village of LaGrange. Investigators are working to identify where the illegal drugs came from and the person(s) who sold the drugs to the victim.

Inv. Uher conducted a follow-up investigation into a Theft of a bicycle case at Stone Ave Train depot bicycle racks.

Inv. Uher assisted the Dayshift Patrol Division with investigating a stolen vehicle with a GPS tracking device. Through a combined law enforcement effort by the LaGrange Police and Illinois State Police, an offender was located and found in possession of the stolen vehicle. The offender was transported back to LaGrange PD and the vehicle was returned to its owner. The offender was charged with one felony count of possession of a stolen motor vehicle.

Inv. Coleman conducted follow-up investigation into a Child Pornography Investigation where a juvenile sent nude photos electronically to her adult boyfriend. In turn the boyfriend and another subject disseminated the photos through social media. Inv. Coleman obtained subscriber information to the social media account(s), and was able to identify both offenders. The case is pending locating and interviewing the offenders.

Inv. Uher conducted follow-up investigation into two Theft Investigations (pick-pocket) from local restaurants. Inv. Uher obtained and reviewed video from Target Surveillance cameras and learned the offender was a female black that appeared to be similar in both occurrences. Informational fliers of the offender(s) were distributed to surrounding agencies in an attempt to identify the offender(s).

Inv. Uher conducted follow-up investigation into an Identity Theft incident where an unknown person used the victim's identity to purchase merchandise from AT&T. Inv. Uher attempted to identify the offender(s) through IP addresses and FedEx tracking numbers.

Inv. Uher assisted the Afternoon/Midnight shifts in regards to an Unlawful Discharge of a Weapon that occurred in an alleyway. Inv. Uher processed the crime scene and later reconquered the area for potential witnesses and suspects. Shell casings recovered from the scene were later submitted to the ISP laboratory for analysis.

ARRESTS: Investigators assisted Ofc. Fulla and Ofc. Falls in the arrest a 46 year old woman from Ohio for Unlawful Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle, which was stolen from the 00 block W Harris and located on I57 by the Illinois State Police.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY: Inv. Uher hosted the monthly M.C.A.T. meeting. Inv. Uher completed weekly Liaison work at LTHS North campus and also attended LTHS Graduation and Prom. Inv. Uher responded to Riverside PD on an M.C.A.T. callout, in regards to surveillance for a Residential Burglary suspect. Inv. Coleman continued Field Training of Probationary Officer Taylor Falls on the Midnight Shift for the majority of the month.

TRAINING: Inv. Uher and Coleman successfully completed the May 2016 Police Law Institute online training. Inv. Coleman attended a five day Homicide Investigator training class. Inv. Uher and Inv. Coleman completed annual firearms training. Inv. Uher and Coleman attended 4th District C.A.C. protocol training. Inv. Uher attended AOCAC training in regards to lessons learned at Sandy Hook.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

On May 9, 2016, the LaGrange Police Department added a new member to the Telecommunications team, Maura Montalvo. She comes to us with a background in Social Services and a Master's Degree in Public Administration. Once T/C/O Montalvo completes her field training, she will serve as the Department's dispatcher on the midnight shift.

LTACC UPDATE Western Springs has migrated to Tyler Technology (TT) CAD version 10.2sp4 on the production side. TT is currently building the GIS environment and Pat Schramm has the server and training room established. The Chiefs continue to work on defining the common places and incident types in preparation of the CAD build week June 20th.



Wold Architect-Bid Documents were available after 12:00 PM on Friday, May 20, 2016. A Pre-Bid conference and site visit was held on Thursday, May 26, 2016 at 10:00 AM. The Bid opening is taking place on June 10, 2016 at 10:00.

AUXILIARY AND PART-TIME POLICE UNITS

The Auxiliary Unit volunteered 86 hours during the month of May and their time was spent conducting house checks, street lights out lists and various patrol duties. Members of the Auxiliary Unit also provided security and traffic control during the "Back to School District 102 Fun Run."

The Part-time Officers conducted 23 traffic contacts of which 17 resulted in traffic citations. 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 \$15,435 in parking fines through conventional payments, on-line payments, or collection efforts. Parking Enforcement officers Hannon continued to serve as a school crossing guard when needed.

TRUCK ENFORCEMENT

MAY 2016	7-3 SHIFT	3-11 SHIFT	11-7 SHIFT	TOTAL
Total # Of Traffic Stops	18	7	0	25
Stop Cards	7	5	0	12
Verbal Warnings For Violations	20	0	0	20
Parking Citations	0	0	0	0
Local Ordinance Violations	0	0	0	0
Compliance Citations	8	2	0	10
State Citations	6	1	0	7
DWLS/DWLR/No CDL/No DL	0	0	0	0
Misdemeanor Arrests	4	3	0	7
Felony Arrests	0	0	0	0
Trucks Weighed-Scales	0	0	0	0
Overweight Bond Amounts	\$	\$	\$	\$
Truck Inspections Conducted	0	0	0	0
Overlength/Overwidth/Overheight	0	0	0	0
Safety Violations	12	0	0	12
Moving Violations	17	2	0	19
Non-Moving Violations	10	5	0	15
Lane Violations (La Grange Rd)	0	1	0	1
Outside Agency Citations/OOS	1	0	0	1

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

PATROL ACTIVITIES	May		May		2016	2015
	2016		2015		YTD	YTD
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	1,415		1,468		6,908	6,553
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	78		66		278	282
FELONY ARRESTS	3		0		6	4
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	5		5		20	22
DUI ARRESTS	0		1		4	3
WARRANT ARRESTS	2		*		9	*
TRAFFIC VERBAL WARNINGS	166		*		890	*
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	38		36		272	222
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	26		81		209	402
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	53	255	155	545	3,402	3,300
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	202		390			
JUVENILE ARRESTS	5		2		16	4
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	10		4		45	24

* DATA NOT REPORTED IN 2015, NEW CATEGORY FOR 2016