

LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Memorandum



To: Robert J. Pilipiszyn, Village Manager
From: Chief Renee Strasser *RS*
Date: July 12, 2016
Re: Monthly Report for June 2016

On June 24, 2016 Probationary Officer Kyle Niewold graduated from the Cook County Sheriff's Police Training Academy. After 11 weeks of intense course work, physical fitness, firearms and driver's training, P/O Niewold will now embark on his 3 month Field Training Program with LaGrange Police Department Field Training Officers. We are proud of P/O Niewold and his accomplishments thus far and look forward to his successful career as one of LaGrange's finest.



Prescription opioid pain medications such as Oxycontin and Vicodin are currently among the most commonly abused drugs

in the United States. Research now suggests that abuse of these drugs may open the door to heroin abuse. To combat this national epidemic, the LaGrange Police Department has supported the *Drug Take-Back* initiative for several years by serving as a 24/7 location to dispose of unwanted medications. LaGrange Police Officers have now received training on how to properly administer the drug NARCAN which can save the life of an opioid overdose victim.

Officers will carry the NARCAN kits in their squad cars so they are readily accessible for use in emergency situations.

MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS: Ofc. Wessendorf responded to an address in the 1400 block of W 50th street to investigate a Forgery and Financial Identity theft. The victim was checking his bank statement on line and observed a check was cashed in the amount of \$1500 that he did not authorize.

S/L Herrera, Ofc. Wessendorf, and Sgt. Ljubenko investigated a Battery that occurred at a restaurant in the 100 block of N. LaGrange Rd. The father of a 14 year old juvenile reported his son was battered while at the restaurant. Video surveillance proved the involved parties were mutual combatants. Battery unfounded.

Ofc. Nemecek, Ofc. Andries, Sgt. Rohlicek and Inv. Uher investigated a Home Invasion that occurred at a condominium in the 300 block of Plainfield Rd. The victim reported her ex-boyfriend gained access to her condominium by climbing into her bedroom window while she was asleep in her bed. The victim

reported when this ex-boyfriend gained entry, he battered her causing bruises on her legs, torso, and face. The ex-boyfriend broke several televisions in the condo and subsequently left the location. After a full investigation, the victim refused to cooperate in the prosecution of the offender.

Ofc. Nemecek and Sgt. Rohlicek investigated a traffic accident that occurred at Dover and Ogden involving a 16 year old driver that struck and damaged a village sign and fire hydrant. It was initially reported by a witness that the offenders that struck the sign fled the scene. As it turns out, after damaging the street sign and fire hydrant, the 16 year old drove the vehicle to his residence a couple blocks away in LaGrange Park so he would not be late for curfew. The 16 year old told his father of the accident and the father called this P.D. to report the accident. The driver was cited for failing to reduce speed to avoid an accident and damage to village property.

The shift officers also responded to three domestic disturbances. Peace was restored at each location.

ARRESTS: S/L Herrera and Sgt. Rohlicek investigated a report of a male subject who was unresponsive lying on the bathroom floor of a restaurant in the 00 block of S. LaGrange Road. Entry to the bathroom was forced open causing damage to the door and the subject appeared to have overdosed on Heroin. The paramedics arrived and the subject, a 25 year old New Lenox resident, was transported to the LaGrange Hospital where he spent a couple days in the hospital. When he was released he was charged with Criminal Damage to Property and Unlawful Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Sgt. Rohlicek observed a vehicle speeding between 700-800 block of S. LaGrange Road and stopped the vehicle. The driver, a 27 year old Chicago man, was observed to be under the influence and was subsequently arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY: The shift Officers conducted 147 traffic contacts which included four misdemeanor arrests for no driver license. They investigated two property damage traffic accidents, one accident involving damage to village property, and one accident involving personal injury. The officers issued 73 parking citations for overnight parking and other violations. The Officers conducted 94 building/park checks and foot patrols.

All Officers successfully completed the annual physical fitness test. Chief Strasser and Sgt. Ljubenko participated in the Illinois Special Olympics Torch Run.

TRAINING: The shift successfully completed the June 2016 Police Law Institute online training along with the Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. Ofc. Nemecek successfully passed the Juvenile Officer state certification test. S/L Herrera successfully completed the one week Field Training Officer certification course.

DAY SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS: The dayshift officers completed the following case reports: Missing Juvenile (1), Domestic (1), Criminal Damage to Property (2), Battery (1), Theft (4), Criminal Sexual Assault (1), Disorderly Conduct (1), Stolen Auto (1), Cyberstalking (1), Identity Theft (2), Burglary to Motor vehicle (1), Residential Burglary (1), and Attempt Residential Burglary (1).

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Officer Hon took a Criminal Damage to Property report at 6th/Harris in which a vehicle sustained several holes on the passenger side of the vehicle.

Officer Hon responded to an Identity Theft case in the 300 blk S Edgewood, in which unknown offender(s) purported themselves as IRS Agents in an attempt to fraudulently obtain monies.

Inv. Uher investigated a Criminal Sexual Assault that allegedly occurred in 1994-1995 in the 100 blk Brainard. The case was turned over to other jurisdiction(s).

Officer Kang investigated a Theft case in the 700 blk Mason in which a cellular telephone was stolen from a garage sale.

Officer Nemecek took a Theft report in the 00 blk E 47th in which a bicycle was stolen from the parking lot of a store. The victim later relayed that he did not wish to pursue the matter.

Officer McDermott investigated a Theft case in the 400 blk S Edgewood in which a leaf blower was taken from a landscaping truck.

Officer Moncivais handled a Disorderly Conduct case in the 00 blk W Calendar, in which the victim was receiving harassing telephone calls.

Officer Wolf took a Criminal Damage to Property report in the 100 blk Bluff, where four tires of the victim's vehicle were damaged. The case is under investigation.

Officer Fulla responded to an Auto Theft at Maple and La Grange, in which landscapers left their vehicle/trailer unattended while they worked. Unknown offender(s) took the vehicle/trailer, which was later recovered in Chicago on 6/26.

Officer Nemecek and Day Shift officers investigated a Disorderly Conduct case in the 300 blk Catherine in which a subject known to the complainant threatened (over the telephone) to meet with him and kill him. The alleged offender was located in La Grange Park, at which time the victim was unwilling to pursue charges.

Officer Nemecek handled a Cyberstalking case in which the victim was receiving harassing/threatening messages from a family member. Information was given regarding obtaining an Order of Protection.

Officer Burrell took an Identity Theft report in the 700 blk S Kensington in which several fraudulent charges were made to the victim's credit card.

Officer Burrell investigated a Burglary to Motor Vehicle case in the 00 blk N La Grange Rd in which a handicapped placard was stolen from the victim's vehicle.

Officers of the Day Shift responded to a forcible Residential Burglary in the 1100 blk S Waiola. The case is currently under investigation.

Officers from the Day Shift also handled an Attempted Residential Burglary case in the 1100 blk S Stone, where unknown offender(s) attempted to open several doors of several residences on that block. The case is currently under investigation.

Officer Nemecek investigated an Identity Theft case in the 00 blk S La Grange Rd in which the victim's bank account was compromised with what the victim believed to be an on-line loan company.

ARRESTS: Officer McDermott arrested a 36 year old female from Ohio for an outstanding LaGrange warrant for Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle.

Officer Nemecek arrested a 31 year old male from New Lenox for an outstanding DWLS warrant.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY: The Dayshift completed 115 traffic contacts which included 7 Misdemeanor Arrests for Driving While Suspended, Revoked or without a Valid Driver's License, and 14 Compliance Citations. Officers conducted 4 Community Contacts and 29 foot patrols, completed 39 crash reports and issued 2 parking citations. On June 5, Day Shift Officers and Auxiliary Officers assisted with the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run.

TRAINING: The shift successfully completed the June 2016 Police Law Institute online training along with the Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. Probationary Ofc. Niewold graduated from the Cook County Sheriff's Police Academy. Ofc. Wolf attended NIPAS training and the NAPD Driving School. The entire shift were trained in the use of NARCAN. All officers completed their annual Firearms Qualifications and Fitness Test.

AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS: Investigative Case Reports taken this month included: Residential Burglary (2), Theft Under \$500 (4), Unlawful Visitation Interference, Domestic Trouble (4), Missing Person Returned (2), Suspicious Subject, Strong Armed Robbery, Property Dispute, Identity Theft, Telephone Harassment (2), Well-Being Check (2), Juvenile Fight, Sidewalk Fall Down (2), Criminal Damage to Property (3), Burglary to Motor Vehicle (2), Battery, Bicycle Theft (5).

Ofc. Falls, along with FTO Irizarry responded to Ashland and Cossitt for a report of a Strong-Armed Robbery involving two juvenile victims. Taken was a smart phone (I-Phone 6). The case was turned over Investigations who arrested a juvenile offender.

Two separate Residential Burglaries were reported on the same day; one in the 500 Block of South Brainard Avenue, the other in the 800 Block of S. Edgewood. Both involved forced entry, and items were taken from each residence. Both cases were turned over to Investigations.

Sgt. Wardlaw took a report of a bicycle part stolen from in front of the LaGrange Public Library. The part was eventually located by a citizen and it was returned with no loss to the bike owner.

Ofc. Kang responded to the 5100 Block of South Willow Springs Rd for a Burglary to Motor Vehicle report. Taken from the vehicle was a wallet containing the victim's driver's license and bank debit card. Ofc. Burrell reported to the scene and processed the vehicle for latent prints and other evidence. The wallet and its contents was returned to the victim. The victim requested no further police action.

Ofc. Irizarry responded to the area of Hillgrove and Gilbert in reference to a Domestic Disturbance report involving two parents and their adult son. Upon locating the family, it was learned that their son had threatened self-harm and was intoxicated. Irizarry immediately summoned LaGrange paramedics to the scene, who transported the 37-year old male to the hospital for further treatment and evaluation.

ARRESTS: Ofc. Irizarry and Ofc. Rogers arrested a 28-year old LaGrange man for two counts of Battery and one count of Criminal Damage to property, after he made physical contact with a male juvenile and the juvenile's mother, in the 900 Block of South 8th Avenue. The man became upset when the victims parked their van in his parking space as they were moving into a nearby apartment. Prior to being arrested, witnesses advised the man also damaged a piece of furniture belonging to the victims. The man was arrested, without incident.

S/L Comstock cited a 25-year old Chicago man for Unlawful Solicitation after the man was observed soliciting door to door in the 100 Block of North Edgewood.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY: The Afternoon shift completed 102 traffic contacts which included 5 Misdemeanor Traffic Arrest for Driving While License Suspended/Revoked. Officers completed 28 crash reports (2 Personal Injury) and issued 4 parking citations. Shift Officers conducted 49 Building/Business Premise Checks and Foot Patrols.

The shift participated in the annual Pet Parade and the associated 3-Day Carnival. In addition, the Afternoon Shift, along with the Auxiliary Police Unit provided security and traffic control during the "LaGrange Rocks" 5K run, hosted by The Leader Shop. Finally, the Afternoon Shift, along with the Auxiliary Police Unit participated in Congressman Lipinski's annual Patriot Day Parade.

TRAINING: The shift successfully completed the June 2016 Police Law Institute online training on: Non-Custody and Custody Interviews and Interrogations. Sergeant Wardlaw attended the 2-Day Rescue Task Force Instructor Trainer Course. Squad Leader Comstock completed the 2-Day Law Enforcement SUV Driving Course.

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS: Investigative case reports taken/followed up on this month include: Criminal Sexual Assault (1), Home Invasion (1), Forgeries / Financial Identity Thefts (2), Residential Burglaries (4) and Strong Armed Robbery (1).

Inv. Uher assisted the Dayshift Patrol Division with investigating two residential burglaries that occurred in the south end of La Grange. Inv. Uher processed the scenes for evidence and sent out Critical Reach informational fliers to surrounding agencies. Inv. Uher also processed evidence collected from the scene in an attempt to identify suspect(s). Case pending.

Inv. Uher assisted the Midnight Patrol Division with investigating a Home Invasion where several domestic related incidents have occurred. The offender in the incident was known to the victim and since the initial interview with the victim, she/he has become uncooperative with the investigation.

Inv. Uher conducted an investigation into a Criminal Sexual Assault that occurred between 1994 and 1995. Inv. Uher and Inv. Coleman interviewed the victim at one of the IDOC facilities and learned the offense(s)

Inv. Coleman conducted follow-up investigation into a Residential Burglary that occurred in 2015. ISP Laboratory results indicated latent print(s) recovered from the scene, matched a suspect residing in La Grange. Inv. Coleman contacted the victim and learned that she/he did not wish to pursue the matter.

Inv. Coleman conducted follow-up investigation into a Forgery / Financial Identity Theft case where a suspect deposited fraudulent checks via a mobile app. The suspect subsequently illegally obtained in excess

of \$7,000 US currency related to the transactions. Inv. Coleman is in the process of locating the suspect for an interview, as well as obtaining additional evidence. Case pending.

Inv. Coleman conducted follow-up investigation into a Fraud / Financial Identity Theft case where an unknown suspect obtained electronic control over the victims checking and savings account. During the course of the investigation Inv. Coleman learned an offender used the victim's bank debit/credit card information at two additional locations in surrounding jurisdictions obtaining proceeds. Inv. Coleman is in the process of obtaining photos of the offender in order to complete a Critical reach flier for identification of the offender. Case pending.

ARREST: Inv. Uher assisted the Afternoon Patrol Division with the investigation of a Strong Armed Robbery of two juvenile victims. It culminated in the arrest of 15 year old male juvenile from Brookfield. The victim's property was recovered and the case is pending in Juvenile Court.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

Inv. Uher and Inv. Coleman attended the monthly M.C.A.T. meeting hosted by WSPD. Inv. Coleman and Inv. Uher conducted surveillance activities related to ongoing complaints of bicycle thefts at the train depots as well as residential and vehicular burglaries. Inv. Uher and Coleman assisted the following agencies in regards to M.C.A.T. callouts: Hodgkins PD for Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault Search Warrant and Brookfield PD surveillance for Vehicle burglary suspect. Inv. Uher also assisted the following agencies in regards to M.C.A.T. callouts: Riverside PD surveillance for a Residential burglary suspect and Stickney PD for a suspicious Death Investigation. Finally, both Investigators worked the Pet Parade.

TRAINING: Inv. Uher and Coleman successfully completed the May 2016 Police Law Institute online training. Inv. Uher and Coleman successfully completed the June 2016 Police Law Institute online training. Inv. Coleman attended a four day Elderly Service Officer (ESO) training course and will now serve as the Department's ESO.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

E/D Knutsen advised the CAD Build-Out-Week in June went well. At the July Village Board meetings, E/D Knutsen will seek approval for the costs associated with the Dispatch Center's construction and the 9-1-1 system upgrade.

E/D Knutsen also had the opportunity to meet with her dispatch staff in June for lunch and LTACC updates.

AUXILIARY AND PART-TIME POLICE UNITS

The Auxiliary Unit volunteered 104 hours during the month of June 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 Pet Parade and the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch 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 \$11,185 in parking fines through conventional payments, on-line payments, or collection efforts.

TRUCK ENFORCEMENT

June 2016	7-3 SHIFT	3-11 SHIFT	11-7 SHIFT	TOTAL
Total # Of Traffic Stops	2	6	1	9
Stop Cards	2	4	0	6
Verbal Warnings For Violations	5	0	0	5
Parking Citations	0	0	0	0
Local Ordinance Violations	0	0	0	0
Compliance Citations	0	2	1	3
State Citations	0	0	0	0
DWLS/DWLR/No CDL/No DL	0	0	0	0
Misdemeanor Arrests	0	0	0	0
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	0	0	0	0
Equipment Violations	1	1	0	2
Registration Violations	0	1	0	1
Moving Violations	1	2	1	4
Non-Moving Violations	1	5	0	6
Lane Violations (La Grange Rd)	1	0	1	2
Outside Agency Citations/OOS	0	0	0	0

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

PATROL ACTIVITIES	June		June		2016	2015
	2016		2015		YTD	YTD
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	1,500		1,404		8,408	7,957
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	71		80		349	362
FELONY ARRESTS	1		1		7	5
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	3		5		23	27
DUI ARRESTS	1		0		5	3
WARRANT ARRESTS	2		*		11	*
TRAFFIC VERBAL WARNINGS	214		*		1,104	*
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	37		30		309	352
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	27		49		236	457
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	298	398	94	469	3,800	3,796
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	100		375			
JUVENILE ARRESTS	1		2		17	6
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	8		3		53	27

* DATA NOT REPORTED IN 2015, NEW CATEGORY FOR 2016