

LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Memorandum



To: Robert J. Pilipiszyn, Village Manager
From: Chief Renee Strasser *RS*
Date: August 16, 2016
Re: Monthly Report for July 2016

On July 13, 2016 Squad Leader Patrick Fulla drove to Dallas Texas to represent the LaGrange Police Department at the Funerals of Sgt. Michael Smith (Dallas PD), Ofc. Michael Krol (Dallas PD) and Ofc. Brent Thompson (Dallas Rapid Transit Authority). As an organization, we all mourned the loss of our brave brothers in blue who made the ultimate sacrifice, in the line-of-duty, on July 7, 2016. We honor these Fallen Heroes every day we put on the uniform and vow to protect those in our community from harm just as the Dallas Officers we doing on that fateful day.



MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS: Ofc. Andries, S/L Herrera and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to the 100 block of W. Calendar Ave. for the report of an attempt armed robbery. A female subject was walking W/B on the sidewalk when she was passed by two male offenders. One of the male offenders pointed a handgun at her and demanded her purse. The victim pleaded with the offenders to not take her purse. The offenders fled the area on foot without taking the victim's purse or any other property. The victim was not touched or injured during the incident. Officers searched the area for the offenders with negative results. The case was turned over to the Investigations Division.

S/L Herrera, Ofc. Wessendorf and Sgt. Rohlicek responded to the 0-100 block of S. Kensington Ave. for a domestic disturbance. A female subject and her male boyfriend got into a verbal argument which led to them pushing/shoving each other. Peace was restored, neither subject was injured, no complaints were signed. The male subject agreed to leave the residence and stay with a nearby relative for the evening. Domestic violence information/forms were given to both subjects.

Ofc. Andries, Ofc. Wessendorf and Sgt. Rohlicek responded to the area of 48th and LaGrange Rd. for the report of an electrical/power line which had fallen down. The live power wire landed on a vehicle parked on the street and caught the vehicle on fire. The Fire Department and COMED were called to the scene. One vehicle sustained extensive damage from the fire, another parked vehicle sustained minor damage. Vehicle owners were notified. The heavily damaged vehicle was towed from the scene.

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Ofc. Wessendorf met with a complainant at the P.D. for report of theft of lost/mislaid property. Earlier in the evening the complainant and her boyfriend parked their vehicle in the Village Parking Garage and walked to a restaurant on LaGrange Rd. for dinner. The complainant advised she had her purse with her when arriving at the restaurant and when returning to their parked vehicle. The couple drove back home to their residence in Chicago at which time the complainant realized her purse was missing. The purse was not located at the restaurant or in the garage/area. Complainant cancelled her credit cards which were located inside the purse.

Ofc. Andries, S/L Herrera, Ofc. Wessendorf and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to and investigated an armed robbery which occurred at the 7-Eleven, 6 E. 47th St. A male subject dressed in dark clothing with a scarf/mask covering half his face, entered the store, displayed/pointed a Taser stun gun device at the clerk and demanded all the money from the register. Officers searched the surrounding area for the offender and possible discarded cash trays with negative results. Video surveillance evidence was secured from the store. The clerk was not touched or injured during the incident. The case was turned over to the Investigations Division.

Ofc. Wessendorf responded to a residence in the 800 block of S. Stone Ave. for a criminal damage to property incident. The residents were woken up by a loud noise. It was discovered that the residence's mailbox had been damaged/destroyed by fireworks being placed inside the mailbox. Neither the house nor other property was damaged by the incident. There are no suspects in the incident.

Ofc. Rogers, Ofc. Wessendorf, Ofc. Andries and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to a residence in the 200 block of Washington for a possible disturbance/battery. A female subject was in her backyard with a small group of friends and some family members. The female subject got into a verbal argument with one of her male friends. The male friend then began arguing with another male subject who was present and bumped into the subject as he exited the yard. Peace was restored, no one was injured and none of the subjects wished to sign complaints.

ARRESTS: P.O. Niewold and S/L Herrera arrested a male subject from Western Springs for domestic battery. P.O. Niewold and S/L Herrera met with a female subject at this P.D. who advised that earlier in the evening she had attended a party at a friend's residence in the 200 block of S. Spring Ave. While at the party she got into a verbal argument with her ex-boyfriend who was also in attendance. When she turned to walk away, the ex-boyfriend pushed her to the ground from behind. The female subject sustained injuries to her knee, elbow and face. The male subject (ex-boyfriend) was subsequently taken into custody and charged with Domestic Battery.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY: The midnight shift completed 107 traffic contacts which included 4 Misdemeanor Traffic Arrests for Driving While License Suspended/Revoked. Shift Officers issued 70 parking citations for overnight parking and other violations. Shift Officers conducted 119 Building/Business Premise Checks and Foot Patrols. Shift Officers and Auxiliary Officers provided traffic/crowd control for the Harry Potter book event/release at Anderson's Bookstore.

TRAINING: The shift successfully completed the July 2016 Police Law Institute online training along with the Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. In addition, S/L Herrera and Sgt. Ljubenko completed NARCAN training and Sgt. Ljubenko completed the 1-day Police Tactical Driving Course at NIPSTA in Glenview. P.O. Niewold began step II of his field training on the Midnight Watch with FTO Herrera.

DAY SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS: The dayshift officers completed the following case reports: Identity Theft (3), Theft (3), Burglary (1), Residential Burglary (1), Burglary to Motor Vehicle (3), Criminal Damage to Property (3), Battery (2), Aggravated Battery (1), Disorderly Conduct (2), Attempted Fraud (1), Fraud (1), Unlawful Use of a Credit Card (1).

Ofc. Niewold investigated an Identity Theft case in the 100 block S Park, in which an unknown person filed tax returns under the complainant's identity.

Ofc. Wolf handled a Theft case in the 200 block S Spring, in which a bicycle was stolen from a driveway.

Ofc. Nemecek took a Burglary case in the 100 block S Kensington in which a bicycle was stolen from a detached garage.

Ofc. Moncivais responded to a Criminal Damage to Property report in the 100 block Bluff, in which an unknown subject broke the passenger window of a vehicle.

Sgt. Cimbalista investigated a Disorderly Conduct case in the 00 block S Ashland, in which a subject was taking pictures of female teenagers. The investigation did not lead to the identification of the suspect.

Ofc. Wolf handled a Disorderly Conduct case in the 600 block 10th in which the complainant was receiving harassing telephone calls from out-of-state.

Ofc. Niewold took a Fraud report in the 200 block Washington in which fraudulent charges were made on the complainant's charge account.

Ofc. Nemecek investigated an Unlawful Use of Credit Card case in the 500 block 7th in which several charges were made on the complainant's credit card.

Ofc. McDermott handled an Identity Theft case in the 800 block S La Grange Rd in which fraudulent activity transpired over the Internet using the complainant's information.

Ofc. McDermott took a Burglary to Motor Vehicle report in the 00 block S Ashland in which a handicapped placard was stolen from the complainant's vehicle.

Ofc. Nemecek responded to an Attempted Fraud report in the 900 block 8th (IRS scam).

Ofc. Nemecek investigated an Aggravated Battery case at LaGrange's AMITA Hospital in which a patient struck employees of the hospital. No arrest was made due to the subject's diminished mental capacity.

Ofc. McDermott handled an Identity Theft case at LaGrange's AMITA Hospital in which there was fraudulent activity on the complainant's credit card. The victim's purse was previously stolen.

Ofc. McDermott took a Criminal Damage to Property report in the 100 block S Ashland in which the rear bumper of the complainant's parked vehicle was damaged, not by a crash.

Ofc. Moncivais responded to a Burglary to Motor Vehicle report in the 200 block Tilden in which keys to construction equipment were stolen from the complainant's vehicle.

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Ofc. Nemecek investigated a Theft case in the 00 block W Calendar in which the complainant's wallet was stolen from a dressing room of a store.

Ofc. Nemecek handled a Criminal Damage to Property case in the 1100 block S Kensington in which the complainant's mailbox was damaged.

Ofc. McDermott investigated a Burglary to Motor Vehicle report in the 00 block 8th in which several items were stolen from an unlocked vehicle.

Ofc. McDermott took a Residential Burglary report in the 800 block S Catherine in which a bicycle was stolen from an attached garage.

Ofc. McDermott handled a Battery case in the 600 block S. Stone in which the complainant believes someone threw an object at her leg two weeks prior.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY: The Dayshift completed 77 traffic contacts which included 9 Misdemeanor Arrests for Driving While Suspended, Revoked or without a Valid Driver's License, and 12 Compliance Citations. Officers conducted 33 foot patrols, completed 23 crash reports, issued 3 parking citations and 1 local ordinance ticket.

TRAINING: The shift successfully completed the July 2016 Police Law Institute online training along with the Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. S/L Fulla and Ofc. Moncivais attended NAPD driver's training.

AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS: Investigative Case Reports taken this month included: Fraud (2), Animal Bite (2), Theft Under \$500 (3), Burglary, Disorderly Conduct, Battery (2), Suicidal Subject, Sidewalk Fall Down (2), Aggravated Driving while License Revoked, Obstructing Identification (2), Domestic Trouble (8), Identity Theft (3), Criminal Damage to Property, Warrant Service, Resisting Arrest, Residential Burglary, Theft Over \$500.

Ofc. Rogers investigated a case involving fraudulent refills for prescription medication being called in to a pharmacy, located in the 00 Block of North LaGrange Road. A check of the information provided by the unidentified caller to the pharmacy yielded negative results in locating the suspect.

S/L Comstock responded to the 00 Block of South Spring Avenue for a Burglary report. The victim reported two guitars and golf equipment were stolen from his storage locker. The case was turned over to Investigations.

Ofc. Burrell responded to the 600 Block of South LaGrange Road for a report of a Garage Burglary. Taken from the unlocked garage was an air compressor and an air impact gun. The home owner reported no suspects or witnesses.

Ofc. Falls investigated a Fraud case in the 00 Block of East 47th Street. Although there was no financial loss reported, it was determined that an Identity Theft may have occurred using a "skimming" device at the ATM inside the store. The case was turned over to Investigations.

ARRESTS: Sgt. Wardlaw arrested a 27-year old Chicago man on an outstanding federal Warrant for Military Desertion. The subject was reported to be Absent Without Leave (AWOL) from his Air Defense

Artillery Battalion located in Kentucky. The case was turned over to the Military Provost Marshall, Fort Bragg (NC).

Ofc. Falls arrested a 36-year old Brookfield man for Aggravated Driving while License Revoked (Felony) after conducting a traffic stop in the vicinity of Maple and Bluff Avenues. The man's Illinois driver's license had previously been revoked for a previous DUI in Wisconsin. The man was taken into custody and charged, without incident.

S/L Comstock arrested a 30-year old Chicago woman for Obstructing Identification and Driving while License Suspended after Comstock responded to the vicinity of Ogden Avenue and LaGrange Road for a report of a disabled vehicle in the roadway. The woman initially provided Comstock with a false name but eventually gave her correct identifiers which yielded the suspended license. The woman was arrested without incident.

S/L Fulla and Ofc. Irizarry arrested a 22-year old LaGrange woman for two counts of Battery to a Peace Officer and one count of Resisting Arrest after officers responded to the 200 Block of Washington for a fight in-progress. The woman became physically combative with officers during the course of the investigation and was arrested.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY: The Afternoon shift completed 126 traffic contacts which included 4 Misdemeanor Traffic Arrest for Driving While License Suspended/Revoked. Officers completed 19 crash reports (1 Personal Injury) and issued 2 parking citations. Shift Officers conducted 90 Building/Business Checks and Foot Patrols.

The Afternoon shift attended two block parties, and participated in the Back to School Supply Drive at the LaGrange Community Center.

TRAINING: The shift successfully completed the July 2016 Police Law Institute online training along with the Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. Sergeant Odom attended the 3-Day Search and Seizure (for Sergeants and Lieutenants) course. Officer Falls completed the Report Writing for Patrol Officers course.

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS: Investigative case reports taken or followed-up on this month include: Theft of Lost or Mislaid Property (1), Armed Robbery (1), Strong Armed Robbery (1), Attempted Armed Robbery (1), Forgeries / Financial Identity Thefts (2), Fraud (1), Theft of Services (1), Criminal Damage to Property (1) and Order of Protection Service Assist (1).

Inv. Coleman conducted follow-up investigation into an Attempted Armed Robbery that occurred near Arcade Pl. and Calendar Ave. Inv. Coleman worked on obtaining surveillance video from multiple locations in order to develop evidence, witness(s) as well as to identify the offender(s). The investigation is still active.

Inv. Coleman conducted follow-up investigation into a Fraud. Inv. Coleman learned the victim's bank account had been fraudulently accessed by unknown means and funds were used to make purchases in numerous jurisdictions. Inv. Coleman obtained surveillance footage of the offender making fraudulent purchases. Subsequently the suspect and suspect vehicle have been identified in similar crimes occurring in other jurisdictions. Case pending.

Inv. Coleman Conducted follow-up Investigation into a Theft of Services. Inv. Coleman is in the process of obtaining surveillance video in order to prove or disprove statements from parties involved in the matter. Case pending.

Inv. Coleman and Dayshift Patrol Division assisted the Cook County Sheriff's Office with serving an Order of Protection (O.O.P.), as well as retrieving weapons from the residence per the order. The O.O.P. was served without incident and the firearms were collected and logged as recovered property by the agency. Case pending.

ARREST: Inv. Coleman and Inv. Uher conducted follow-up investigation into a Strong Armed Robbery that occurred at Ashland and Cossitt Ave. Investigators determined that one of the offenders, an 18 year old man from Maywood sold the victim's phone. He was subsequently charged accordingly.

Inv. Coleman conducted follow-up Investigation into an Armed Robbery that occurred at the 7-11 located at LaGrange Rd and 47th St. Inv. Coleman noted similar incidents occurring in various jurisdictions, and networked with the affected police jurisdictions in an attempt to identify the offender. Inv. Coleman learned Oak Lawn PD took an offender into custody immediately following an Armed Robbery in their jurisdiction. Through coordinated interviews involving multiple jurisdictions, a 29 year old man from Robbins was subsequently arrested by Inv. Coleman and charged with Armed Robbery with a Firearm.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

Inv. Coleman attended the monthly M.C.A.T. meeting hosted by Lyons PD.

The S.S.M.C.T.F. working with CPD and Summit PD were able to arrest a male juvenile and charge him with multiple counts of Armed Robbery occurring in Chicago and (1) count of Homicide occurring in Summit. Inv. Uher was a part of the task force team assisting with the initial Homicide investigation.

Inv. Coleman is working with the Senior Center in order to obtain services for an elderly resident recently involved in a Domestic Disturbance.

TRAINING:

Inv. Uher and Coleman successfully completed the July 2016 Police Law Institute online training. Inv. Coleman attended Financial Crimes Training.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Tyler Technologies (TT) CAD build remains on schedule. E/D Knutsen is still waiting for the State to approve LTACC's NCIC interface, so that scheduled component of the project has been delayed. However, time was not wasted, the engineer worked on mobile provisioning. GIS data has been reviewed by TT and the committee is working on revisions. Finally, the Emergency Medical Dispatch interface has been installed.

Telecommunicator end-user training is October 17-21, 2016 and will consist of a total of 16 hrs. It will take place Mon-Thurs, with two afternoon sessions and two daytime sessions.

All three Village Boards approved the construction project with Constructions Solutions. Construction will begin August 22, 2016.

AUXILIARY AND PART-TIME POLICE UNITS

The Auxiliary Unit volunteered 98 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 LaGrange Craft Fair.

The Part-time Officers conducted 26 traffic contacts of which 13 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 \$9,710 in parking fines through conventional payments, on-line payments, or collection efforts.

TRUCK ENFORCEMENT

JULY 2016	7-3 SHIFT	3-11 SHIFT	11-7 SHIFT	TOTAL
Total # Of Traffic Stops	10	1	0	11
Stop Cards	4	0	0	4
Verbal Warnings For Violations	10	0	0	10
Parking Citations	0	0	0	0
Local Ordinance Violations	0	0	0	0
Compliance Citations	6	1	0	7
State Citations	3	0	0	3
DWLS/DWLR/No CDL/No DL	0	0	0	0
Misdemeanor Arrests	2	0	0	2
Felony Arrests	0	0	0	0
Trucks Weighed-Scales	1	0	0	1
Overweight Bond Amounts	\$555	\$	\$	\$555
Truck Inspections Conducted	0	0	0	0
Overlength/Overwidth/Overheight	1	0	0	1
Safety Violations	5	0	0	5
Moving Violations	3	1	0	4
Non-Moving Violations	15	0	0	15
Lane Violations (La Grange Rd)	0	1	0	1
Outside Agency Citations/OOS	0	0	0	0

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

PATROL ACTIVITIES	July		July		2016	2015
	2016		2015		YTD	YTD
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	1,411		1,465		9,815	9,422
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	47		44		396	406
FELONY ARRESTS	3		0		10	5
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	5		5		28	32
DUI ARRESTS	0		0		5	3
WARRANT ARRESTS	1		*		12	*
TRAFFIC VERBAL WARNINGS	144		*		1,248	*
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	37		38		346	390
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	30		47		266	504
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	83	280	373	654	4,080	4,423
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	197		281			
JUVENILE ARRESTS	1		1		18	7
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	10		6		63	33

* DATA NOT REPORTED IN 2015, NEW CATEGORY FOR 2016