

LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Memorandum



To: Robert J. Pilipiszyn, Village Manager
From: Chief Renee Strasser 
Date: September 13, 2016
Re: Monthly Report for August 2016

August 5th to August 7th was LaGrange's Annual Endless Summerfest. LaGrange Police Officers, Auxiliary Officers and LaGrange Citizen Academy Alumni provided security and traffic enforcement for the thousands of guests that attended the three day event sponsored by the LaGrange Business Association and the LaGrange Park District.



On Saturday, August 1st, LaGrange Officers, team "Thin Foo Line" participated in the Human Foosball Tournament at the LaGrange Endless Summerfest to help raise money for the AMITA Health Adventist LaGrange Memorial Hospital Emergency Department expansion. Unfortunately, LaGrange Police lost to the Western Springs Fire Department. There is always next year!

MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS: P.O. Niewold and Ofc. Andries investigated a vandalism incident in the 800 block of Hillberry Ct. A large amount of fruits and vegetables were dumped in the driveway of a residence. There was no permanent damage.

P.O. Niewold and Ofc. Andries investigated a delayed report of a domestic disturbance between a female subject and her mother-in-law which occurred at LaGrange Memorial Hospital. The female subject was visiting her husband who was a hospital patient, when she became involved in a verbal altercation with her mother-in-law, which led to them pushing, shoving and scratching each other. They were escorted from the property by hospital security staff. No complaints were signed, mutual combatants, subjects returned to their separate residences. Domestic violence information/forms were given to both subjects.

Ofc. Wessendorf met with a complainant at the P.D. for a delayed theft report. Earlier in the day the complainant's Apple iPhone was stolen from her purse while she attended the Endless Summer Fest in Gordon Park. No suspects in the incident.

P.O. Niewold and S/L Herrera investigated a burglary to motor vehicle/criminal damage to vehicle which occurred in a business parking lot, 0-100 block of N. LaGrange Rd. Vehicle had been left in the parking lot with the doors secured. When the owner returned, he discovered the front passenger side window shattered and an Apple iPhone missing from inside the vehicle. No other items were taken or disturbed in the vehicle. A large decorative rock was located at the scene which appeared to have been used to break the window.

P.O. Niewold, S/L Herrera and Ofc. Andries responded to Lexington Health Care for the combative elderly male subject/patient who was causing a disturbance. The male subject suffered from Alzheimer's disease and anxiety disorder. The subject had thrown various items in his room to the floor and also opened the room window in an attempt to leave. When his nurse attempted to intervene and calm him down, he grabbed her arm and pushed her in the chest. Officers were able to calm the subject down. No complaints were signed.

While out on foot conducting premise checks of Gilbert Park, Ofc. Falls located non-gang related graffiti, done with paint, on the door leading to the basement of the park building. Photographs were taken of the graffiti and park district personnel were notified.

Ofc. Wessendorf, Sgt. Rohlicek and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to the 0-50 block of Sawyer Ave. for the special needs male subject with mental health problems, who had become angry and walked away from his group home residence. Ofc. Wessendorf located the subject a few blocks away. R/O's were able to calm the subject down and transported him back to the residence. At the residence, subject again became angry, acting out, throwing items to the floor and throwing a paper towel holder toward a staff worker, striking her in the leg. Officers were again able to calm the subject down, LGFD ambulance/paramedics were called to the scene.

ARRESTS: Ofc. Herrera, Ofc. Falls and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to LaGrange Memorial Hospital for the report of a male subject who refused to leave the emergency room area. It was discovered that the male subject from LaGrange Park had an active warrant for theft out of LaGrange Park. Subject was taken into custody and turned over to LaGrange Park P.D.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY: The midnight shift completed 172 traffic contacts which included 3 Misdemeanor Traffic Arrests for Driving While License Suspended/Revoked and investigated 3 property damage traffic accidents. Shift Officers issued 151 parking citations for overnight parking and other violations. Shift Officers conducted 187 Building/Business Premise Checks and Foot Patrols.

TRAINING: The shift successfully completed the August 2016 Police Law Institute online training along with the Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. In addition, Sgt. Ljubenko completed the Legal Aspects of Police Management training course and Ofc. Falls completed the 2-day Verbal Judo training course. P.O. Niewold completed step II of his field training on the Midnight Watch with FTO Herrera and moved to the Afternoon Watch to begin step III of his field training program.

DAY SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS: The investigative reports taken on this shift include: Battery (1), Burglary to Motor Vehicle (8), Criminal Damage to Property (5), Identity Theft (3), Damage to Village Property (1), Attempted Deceptive Practice (1), Theft (4), Suspicious Activity (1), Forgery (2), Burglary (garage) (1), Domestic Battery (2), Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance (1), Burglary (residential) (1), Leaving the Scene of an Accident (1).

Shift personnel investigated eight (8) Burglary to Motor Vehicle reports during the month. All the vehicles were entered sometime overnight and all vehicles were left unlocked. The first two were reported on Monday, Aug. 5th in the 600 blk of S. Madison and the 700 blk of S. Kensington. The next two were reported on Wednesday, Aug. 7th in the 600 blk of S. Kensington and 1400 blk of S. Mason. The 5th & 6th reports were made on Tue/Wed, Aug. 13th & 15th at LaGrange and Hillgrove and the 500 blk of S. LaGrange Rd..

The last two reports were called in on Fri/Sat, Aug. 16th & 17th in the 100 blk of S. Waiola and 00 blk of S. LaGrange Rd.

Ofc. McDermott responded to a Battery in the 600 block S Stone, in which an object was thrown by an unknown subject at the resident/victim. The victim was not injured.

Ofc. Wolf handled a Criminal Defacement of Property case in the 600 block 10th in which graffiti was spray painted on the resident's garage.

Ofc. McDermott investigated an Identity Theft in the 100 block Hayes in which a utility account was opened in the resident's name without permission.

Ofc. Moncivais took a report of an Identity Theft in the 300 block S Kensington in which there was fraudulent activity on the resident's credit card.

Ofc. Nemecek responded to a Criminal Damage to Property in the 800 block 11th in which the resident's car tire was damaged.

Ofc. Nemecek handled a Deceptive Practice case where NSF checks were written to a local business. The case was referred to the Bad Check Restitution Program.

Ofc. Nemecek completed a report on a Criminal Damage to Property in the 300 block Bluff in which a parked vehicle was "keyed" overnight.

Ofc. Nemecek investigated an Attempted Deceptive Practice in which there was an attempted fraudulent wire transfer from a local business-no loss.

Ofc. Moncivais handled a Theft case in the 600 block S La Grange, where USC was taken from a cash register of a business during business hours.

Ofc. Nemecek responded to a Forgery in the 100 block N La Grange, in which counterfeit USC was tendered to a local business.

Ofc. McDermott was dispatched to a Criminal Damage to Property case in the 00 block N Beacon in which graffiti was painted on a residential door.

Ofc. Moncivais took a Criminal Damage to Property case in the 100 block 6th in which a window and vase were damaged.

Ofc. Fulla investigated an Identity Theft in the 300 block 6th there was fraudulent activity on the resident's credit card.

Ofc. Wolf handled a Theft case in the 500 block W Hillgrove in which items were taken from the lunch room of a business.

Ofc. Fulla completed a report regarding a Forgery in the 00 block Dover in which a fraudulent check was mailed to the resident/victim.

Ofc. McDermott responded to a Garage Burglary in the 100 block Blackstone, in which a bicycle was taken from an unsecure garage.

Ofc. Wolf was dispatched to a Theft report in the 100 block S Madison in which two bicycles were taken from the resident's front yard.

Ofc. McDermott handled a Residential Burglary case in the 900 block S Ashland in which items were taken from an unsecured residence under construction.

Ofc. Fulla took a Theft report in the 00 block S La Grange in which a bicycle was taken from the rear of a business.

ARRESTS: Ofc. Fulla arrested a man for damaging a street light box in the 200 blk of S. Waiola.

Ofc. Nemecek arrested a 35 year old woman from DeKalb for a False Registration Sticker.

Ofc. Wolf and Ofc. Fulla arrested a 30 year old man from Chicago for leaving the scene of an accident and failure to provide information at the scene of an accident stemming from a hit-and-run injury accident.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY: The shift conducted 71 traffic contacts which included 2 misdemeanor traffic arrests for Driving while License Suspended or Revoked. The shift completed 30 Illinois traffic crash reports. Officers conducted 34 Foot Patrols and engaged in 13 Community Contacts. A total of 14 Compliance Citations were issued along with 13 Parking Citations.

The 2016-17 school year has begun and every dayshift officer is assigned to specific schools each morning to monitor student and vehicle traffic. Officers spend time greeting students and reinforcing with parents the proper drop-off and pick-up procedures.

Ofc. McDermott was invited to speak at the Leader Shop about community relations.

TRAINING: The shift successfully completed the August 2016 Police Law Institute online training along with the Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. S/L Fulla attended CAT Tourniquet training. Sgt Cimbalista attended Legal Aspects of Police Management training. Ofc. Wolf attended monthly NIPAS training. Sgt Cimbalista and Ofc. McDermott attended a Hoarder Taskforce training.

AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS: Investigative Case Reports taken this month included: Theft Under \$500 (2), Burglary to Motor Vehicle, Criminal Defacement of Property (2), Domestic Trouble (2), Bicycle Theft (4), Animal Complaint, Suspicious Activity (4), Death Investigation, Identity Theft (4), Disorderly Conduct (3), Fraud (2), Battery (2), Harassment via Electronic Communication, Missing Juveniles Located, Recovered Stolen Auto, Structure Fire, Theft Over \$500 (3).

Sgt. Wardlaw, along with additional police and fire units responded to the 100 Block of North Kemman Avenue for a Structure Fire at a local business. Firefighters from several mutual-aid municipalities responded to the scene and extinguished the blaze. The owner of the business reported damage to machinery inside the building at approximately \$800,000. The investigation yielded no evidence of foul play and no one was injured in the fire.

Ofc. Falls and additional police units responded to the 200 Block of Washington for a prowler complaint. A female resident reported that she believed an unknown person attempted to observe her, inside her residence, through an outside shower vent. Upon arrival, officers checked the immediate area and perimeter with negative results in locating a suspect.

Ofc. Kang along with additional police units and investigators responded to the 700 Block of south 11th in reference to a Death Investigation. A woman was reportedly found deceased in her home in an upstairs bedroom. The department was assisted by Cook County Sheriff's Police Investigators. The case was ruled a suicide by the County Medical Examiner.

Ofc. Irizarry met with a female LaGrange resident in the police lobby to take a report of Telephone Harassment. The woman stated she had been receiving disturbing calls and texts from a previous male acquaintance with whom she had ceased contact several years ago. Ofc. Irizarry left voicemail messages for the man to terminate any future communication attempts with the woman, to which he has complied.

S/L Comstock responded to the 400 Block of South Madison Avenue for an animal cruelty complaint. A woman reported seeing a man abusing his canine while they were present on her block. S/L Comstock located the male subject (with the dog) in the vicinity of Goodman and Edgewood Avenues, and found the animal to be in good condition, groomed, and in good overall health.

Ofc. Burrell investigated a Battery complaint, involving an elderly resident (victim), at a senior healthcare facility in the 4700 Block of South Willow Springs Road. Two female employees reported they were told by a male employee that he struck the resident in his chest. Upon contacting the patient's family, the designated power of attorney for the resident advised officers that the family did not wish to pursue the matter criminally, and would work with the facility to resolve the incident.

Ofc. Hon responded to the 100 Block North Ashland Avenue in reference to a juvenile complaint. A woman reported that her 12-year old son was offered contraband by one of his male classmates. Ofc. Hon and Inv. Coleman identified the classmate and met with him and his mother at the police department to discuss the matter.

Ofc. Rogers responded to Sedgewick Park in reference to a Disturbance near the playground area. Upon arrival, officers located a male who appeared to be intoxicated lying in the grass by the baseball fields. Witnesses advised the man made several unsettling statements, though not threatening in nature. The man was warned and given a ride to his residence for his safety.

Ofc. Niewold, along with FTO Irizarry responded to the 800 Block of South La Grange Road in reference to a Disorderly Conduct complaint. Two juveniles (sister and younger brother) reported that an older man yelled at them as they walked home from their elementary school. They reported that the man lived in the 900 Block of South Kensington. Upon locating the male subject, he admitted that he yelled at the kids after they refused to help him move some packages onto his property. The man was warned to cease all contact with any juveniles in the area, to which he advised he would comply.

Sgt. Wardlaw responded to the alley in the 100 Block of Bluff Avenue in reference to a Recovered Stolen Auto. Sgt. Wardlaw confirmed with Chicago PD and the owner of the late-model vehicle that the car had been stolen earlier in the day. The victim also claimed that she and her finance company may have been the victim(s) of an attempted "tow scam". The vehicle was towed from the scene and the owner was able to make arrangements to retrieve her vehicle.

Ofc. Kang responded to the 27 S Kensington in reference to a male and female male juvenile missing from Elm Park. Officers met with the parents of the juveniles in order to get information and descriptors. The children were subsequently located by Ofc. Burrell in the LaGrange downtown area unharmed, and returned safely to their home.

ARRESTS: Ofc. Rogers arrested a 26-year old Burbank man on an outstanding DuPage County Warrant for Driving While License Suspended, after Rogers completed a traffic stop in the vicinity of LaGrange Road and Goodman Avenue. The man was taken into custody without incident, and issued two additional traffic citations.

Sgt. Wardlaw, along with Inv. Coleman arrested a 37-year old Cicero man and a 30-year old Cicero man for two counts each of Theft (Felony), two counts each of Criminal Damage to Property, and one count each of Attempted Theft after the men were seen stealing bicycles from the LaGrange Rd and Stone Ave train depots. Sgt. Wardlaw initially observed the men and alerted additional police units.

Ofc. Rogers arrested 23-year old Stickney man for Disorderly Conduct after a female employee of a business in the 100 Block of South LaGrange Road reported that a male employee may have attempted to record her (via cell phone) while she was in a restroom.

S/L Comstock arrested a 51-year old Chicago man on an outstanding LaGrange Warrant for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. The man was taken into custody at the Lyons Police department and was subsequently found to have additional warrants from Cicero (Failure to Appear) and Cook County (Suspended License).

Ofc. Rogers arrested a 36-year old Berwyn woman on an outstanding warrant for Driving While License suspended after Rogers conducted a traffic stop in the vicinity of LaGrange Road and 47th Street. The woman was taken into custody without incident and issued additional citations.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY: The Afternoon shift completed 114 traffic contacts which included 6 Misdemeanor Traffic Arrest for Driving While License Suspended/Revoked. Officers completed 32 crash reports (5 Personal Injury) and issued 2 parking citations. Shift Officers conducted 78 Building/Business Checks and Foot Patrols. The shift provided assistance at the 3-day LaGrange Endless Summer Fest in Gordon Park. The shift participated in the National Night Out Against Crime event at Memorial Park.

TRAINING: The shift successfully completed the August 2016 Police Law Institute online training on: Burglary (Vehicles), Shoplifting (Retail Theft and Burglary), and Arrests – Entries into Buildings by Police in Hot Pursuit, along with the Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. Officer Rogers completed the NIPSTA Police Tactical driver Recertification course.

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS: Investigative case reports taken/followed up on this month include: Armed Robbery (1), Financial Identity Thefts (1), Fraud (1), Theft of Services (1), Criminal Damage to Property (2), Felony Thefts (3), Thefts (2), Burglary to Motor Vehicles (2) and Residential Burglary (2).

Inv. Uher and Inv. Coleman assisted the Afternoon Shift with the investigation into the death of a local resident. Investigators coordinated with Cook County Evidence Technicians in regards to scene processing. After review by the Cook County medical Examiners Officer the death was determined to be a suicide.

Inv. Coleman conducted follow-up investigation into a Burglary of a storage unit. Inv. Coleman attempted to locate several items taken in the burglary.

Inv. Coleman appeared before the Cook County Grand Jury and obtained a True Bill Indictment for Armed Robbery against the 29 year old man Robbins who held-up the 7-11.

Inv. Uher assisted Ofc. Rogers with a fire scene that was found to be suspicious. Inv. Uher examined the scene for evidence and then photographed the scene for documentation purposes.

Inv. Coleman assisted with processing a Burglary to Motor Vehicle scene handled by Day Shift, where several construction tools were taken. Inv. Coleman is in the process of trying to local the stolen items.

Inv. Uher conducted follow-up investigation into a Residential Burglary. Inv. Uher attempted to locate several items taken in the burglary. Evidence collected from the scene was submitted to the ISP lab for analysis.

Inv. Coleman conducted follow-up investigation into a Burglary to Motor Vehicle where a bicycle was taken. Inv. Coleman later learned the stolen bicycle had been pawned at a local pawn shop. Inv. Coleman recovered the stolen bicycle and developed a suspect. Case pending arrest of the suspect.

Inv. Uher conducted follow-up investigation into a Theft Over \$500 of a bicycle. Inv. Uher attempted to locate the stolen bicycle.

Inv. Coleman conducted follow-up investigation into a Theft of Services where a subject failed to pay for work done to his vehicle. Inv. Coleman is in the process of locating the offender in an attempt to resolve the matter.

Inv. Uher conducted follow-up investigation into a Residential Burglary. Inv. Uher attempted to locate several items taken in the burglary. Evidence collected from the scene was submitted to the ISP lab for analysis.

Inv. Coleman conducted follow-up investigation into a Fraud where an unknown person gained access to a victim's account and transferred funds without the authority to do so. Subsequently several other fraudulent accounts have been opened using the victim's information. Inv. Coleman is in the process of obtaining evidence in order to identify suspect(s).

Inv. Uher conducted a follow-up investigation into an Identity Theft where an unknown suspect used the victim's personal identifiers to obtain currency from the bank. Inv. Uher obtained photos of the offender and submitted the photos to the Michigan State Police Biometrics and Identification Unit in an attempt to ID the offender.

ARREST: Inv. Uher obtained an arrest warrant for a 43 year old Glendale Heights man for the crime of Home Repair Fraud. Recently Inv. Uher learned the man was in custody at St. Clair County, MI Detention Center. After waiving extradition Inv. Uher and Coleman picked up the man and transported him back to LaGrange. He was subsequently charged with one felony count of Home Repair Fraud.

Inv. Coleman assisted Sgt. Wardlaw with the arrests of two men from Cicero, one 30 years of age and the other 37 years of age, for bicycle thefts committed from the LaGrange RD Train Depot and Stone Ave

Train Depot. Charges included (3) felony counts of Theft, (2) misdemeanor count of Theft and (2) misdemeanor count of Criminal Damage to Property

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY: Inv. Uher was recently promoted to a Supervisory position with M.C.A.T. Inv. Coleman and Inv. Uher attended the monthly M.C.A.T. meeting hosted by Riverside PD. Inv. Uher and Inv. Coleman assisted Stickney PD, as M.C.A.T. Detectives, in regards to a shooting. Inv. Coleman successfully passed his interview with the S.S.M.C.T.F. and is now a member.

TRAINING: Inv. Uher and Coleman successfully completed the August 2016 Police Law Institute online training along with the Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. Inv. Coleman and Inv. Uher attended NIPSTA SUV Driver Training.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

The LTACC consolidation timeline remains fluid as there are several components of the project that will require additional time to complete. The IRMA coverage will not go into effect prior to November 1st. The timeline to process the IMRF application is anywhere from 60-90 days. AT&T is slow to respond to requests for additional phone lines. The radio vendor does not believe they will have ample time to install, test and train on the radio consoles based on the construction timeline they were given. They are proposing a completion date in November. In speaking with Tyler Technologies the new "Go Live" date will not be until after January 01, 2017. Considering all of the mitigating circumstances E/D Knutsen recommended cancelling the CAD cutover date scheduled for October 24, 2016. The Operations Board has instructed E/D Knutsen to coordinate with Tyler Technologies to reschedule the CAD cut over.

AUXILIARY AND PART-TIME POLICE UNITS

The Auxiliary Unit volunteered 114 hours during the month of August and their time was spent conducting house checks, street lights out lists and various patrol duties. As always, the Unit played a vital role in providing safety and security for all the patrons of LaGrange's Endless Summerfest.

The Part-time Officers made 43 traffic contacts, which included 10 citations and 2 misdemeanor Driving While Suspended/Revoked. 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 \$9,247 in parking fines through conventional payments, on-line payments, or collection efforts. Passport Parking is catching-on more commuters are utilizing the software.

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

August 2016	7-3 SHIFT	3-11 SHIFT	11-7 SHIFT	TOTAL
Total # Of Traffic Stops	10	3	0	13
Stop Cards	3	0	0	3
Verbal Warnings For Violations	23	0	0	23
Parking Citations	0	0	0	0
Local Ordinance Violations	0	0	0	0
Compliance Citations	10	3	0	13
State Citations	15	0	0	15
DWLS/DWLR/No CDL/No DL	1	0	0	1
Misdemeanor Arrests	3	0	0	3
Felony Arrests	0	0	0	0
Trucks Weighed-Scales	3	0	0	3
Overweight Bond Amounts	\$ 940	\$	\$	\$ 940
Truck Inspections Conducted	3	0	0	3
Overlength/Overwidth/Overheight	0	0	0	0
Safety Violations	10	0	0	10
Moving Violations	9	1	0	10
Non-Moving Violations	16	2	0	18
Lane Violations (La Grange Rd)	2	1	0	3
Outside Agency Citations/OOS	0	0	0	0

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

PATROL ACTIVITIES	August		August		2016	2015
	2016		2015		YTD	YTD
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	1,465		1,585		11,280	11,007
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	61		61		457	467
FELONY ARRESTS	3		1		13	6
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	2		3		30	35
DUI ARRESTS	0		0		5	3
WARRANT ARRESTS	1		*		13	*
TRAFFIC VERBAL WARNINGS	147		*		1,395	*
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	30		63		376	453
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	49		55		315	559
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	177	456	159	554	4,536	4,977
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	279		395			
JUVENILE ARRESTS	0		0		18	7
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	11		3		74	36