

# LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Memorandum



To: Robert J. Pilipiszyn, Village Manager

From: Andrew M Peters, Acting Chief of Police

Date: March 10, 2017

Re: Monthly Report for February 2017

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Officer Laura McDermott and Officer Jin Kang participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mighty Patriots Basketball Game. They were praised for providing a very exceptional group of young athletes an experience they will never forget. The Athletes were the talk of the school following the game making them the big guys and girls on campus.



Investigator Uher and Investigator Coleman took part in several Major Crimes Assistance Team (MCAT) call outs resulting in significant arrest for the region. Neighboring communities have been experiencing burglaries over the course of a couple months. A Riverside Detective identified a suspect who fit the Modus Operandi of the recent burglaries. On February 16, 2017 the investigators conducted surveillance of the suspect as he and a second subject committed burglaries in Morton Grove and Lincolnwood. The offenders, along with a second suspect car were stopped in the 2600 blk of Armitage. The original suspect had pending burglary charges in Morton Grove and Lincolnshire as well as a burglary warrant from Brookfield PD. They also arrested a second subject who was in possession of a loaded Tec 9 semi-automatic pistol with an obliterated serial number. The defendant refused to make any statements so Countryside and Western Springs were not able to charge him for our burglaries. On February 17, 2017 MCAT Detectives were activated to assist North Riverside PD with a Home Invasion investigation that include alleged shots being fired at responding



officers. Because there were many people to interview, canvass, evidence collection, intelligence, videos, search warrants and suspect interviews, the MCAT team was activated. The MCAT team was commended for working very well together and professional assistance during the investigation. On Monday, Feb 27, 2017 at 08:00 MCAT Detectives were activated to assist Brookfield PD with a Tracker surveillance on a burglary crew suspects. It was suspected that this crew was responsible for recent burglaries in Brookfield and Lyons. The MCAT tracker was installed on the suspect vehicle and followed for two days. On the first day, the suspect did not appear to have committed any burglaries but we believe they may have been checking locations on Chicago's Northside. On Tuesday, Feb 28, 2017 MCAT was activated to surveil suspects and vehicle from a Brookfield Investigation. The suspects we tracked from the north side of Chicago through Brookfield, Forest Park, Oak Park & Berwyn. While in Forest Park the suspects

were observed at several locations committing burglaries. The MCAT team was assisted by Chicago PD Area Central Burglary team and Forest Park Detectives and Officers.

## **MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES**

### **INVESTIGATIONS:**

Ofc. McDermott, Ofc. Nemecek, Ofc. Hon and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to a condo building in the 0-100 block of S. Madison Ave. for the criminal damage to property incident. It was learned that a resident went down to a lower floor and kicked the entrance door to the unit directly below him, damaging the door and door frame. The offender advised that he became angry because he could not sleep due to the noise coming from the unit below him. Victim stated he did not want to pursue criminal charges. Offender apologized to the victim and advised he would make restitution for the damaged door.

Ofc. McDermott, Ofc. Nemecek and Ofc. Hon responded to the 0-100 block of S. Ashland Ave. for the suicidal subject. The male subject advised that he had been depressed and was beginning to have thoughts of harming himself. Subject was transported by LGFD Paramedics/Ambulance to LaGrange Memorial Hospital for psychological evaluation and treatment.

Ofc. McDermott, Ofc. Nemecek, Ofc. Kang and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to the 0-50 block of S. LaGrange Rd. for the disturbance involving a male customer in one of the restaurants. The male subject was missing the box for a new cell phone he had just purchased. The box still contained the new cell phone battery and had been sitting on his table. Subject believed that an employee had thrown the box out into the garbage. It was learned that the subject had actually inadvertently threw the box into the trash. The box with cell phone battery, was recovered from the garbage receptacle and returned to subject. The subject apologized to the restaurant employees and left the business.

Ofc. Hon met with a female subject in the P.D. lobby regarding a telephone harassment complaint. The subject resides in the 900 block of S. 8th Ave. and advised that she had received several unwanted text messages from an ex-boyfriend requesting that she call/contact him. Subject had not been in a relationship with the ex-boyfriend for over five years. Subject was shown how to block calls on her phone. No complaints to be signed, subject wanted incident as matter of record only.

Ofc. Falls and Ofc. McDermott responded to a business in the 0-100 block of S. LaGrange Rd, for an unwanted male subject who was in one of the restrooms and refusing to leave. Contact was made with the subject who advised he was homeless and subsequently made a statement of wanting to harm himself. LGFD Ambulance was called to scene. Subject was transported by LGFD Paramedics/Ambulance to LaGrange Memorial Hospital for psychological evaluation and treatment.

Ofc. Herrera, Ofc. McDermott and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to the 300 block of Bluff Ave. for the stolen motor vehicle report. The male complainant advised that his vehicle had been parked on

the street and believed that it had been stolen. After a brief investigation it was learned that the vehicle had been taken by the complainant's roommate, and driven back to their residence in Chicago. No complaints to be signed.

Ofc. Kang, Ofc. Nemecek, Sgt. Rohlicek and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to the 200 block of S. LaGrange Rd. for the suspicious incident report. Male complainant advised that he had heard the car alarm go off briefly for his vehicle parked in his detached garage. Complainant exited his house to investigate and observed the unlocked side door to his garage, to be open slightly. Nothing was missing or tampered with in the vehicle or garage. A check of the surrounding area for any possible subjects had negative results. Check of vehicles in surrounding area showed that none appeared to have been entered or tampered with.

Ofc. Kang, S/L Herrera, Ofc. McDermott, Ofc. Hon and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to the 700 block of E. Cossitt Ave. for the criminal damage to property incident. Male complainant advised that while inside his residence he heard glass breaking to one of his windows. It was observed that the outer glass pane of a large double pane living room window had been broken/shattered by an unknown object. A check of the surrounding area for possible suspects or other damage had negative results. Complainant advised he has not had problems with anyone and has no suspects in the incident.

#### **ARRESTS:**

Ofc. Kang arrested a 23 year old male subject from Blue Island for Driving While License Suspended and an active Warrant out of DuPage County for Driving While License Suspended. Subject was processed and transported to court for a bond hearing.

Ofc. McDermott arrested/cited a 19 year old male subject from Chicago for Possession of Cannabis, less than 10 grams. Subject was a passenger in a vehicle stopped for a traffic violation.

#### **OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:**

The Midnight shift completed 199 traffic contacts which included 2 misdemeanor Traffic Arrests for Driving while License Suspended/Revoked and investigated 1 property damage traffic accident. Shift Officers issued 161 parking citations for overnight parking and other violations. Shift Officers conducted 93 Building/Business Premise Checks and Foot Patrols.

#### **TRAINING:**

The shift successfully completed the February 2017 Police Law Institute online training along with the Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. In addition, Ofc. Kang attended the Field Mobile build/training program for the new CAD system and Sgt. Ljubenko completed the Procedural Justice for Law Enforcement Agencies training course.

#### **DAY SHIFT ACTIVITIES**

#### **INVESTIGATIONS:**

On 2/1, Ofc. Cassiberry handled an Involuntary Committal case in the 200 block S Kensington

Ofc. Andries handled a Suspicious Incident at Ashland and Elm in which school children believed they were being followed. There was no evidence of such and the case was closed.

Ofc. Cassiberry handled a possession of controlled substance case in the 300 block Bluff in which medication had been stolen and possessed by a member of the household. No charges were filed.

Ofc. Kaiser handled a disorderly conduct by telephone case in the 800 block S La Grange regarding text messages left on the complainant's phone from a former boyfriend.

Ofc. Cassiberry handled a theft case in the 4700 block S Willow Springs in which money was missing from a patient.

Ofc. Andries handled a fraud case in the 300 block S La Grange regarding a deception over the internet. There was no loss.

Ofc. Cassiberry handled a possession of cannabis case at LTHS, where the student was issued a Civil Citation.

Ofc. Cassiberry handled a juvenile case at Sedgewick Park. No charges were filed.

Ofc. Andries handled a fraud case in the 100 block Washington, a telephone scam. There was no loss to the Complainant.

Ofc. Cassiberry handled an identity theft case in the 1000 block 8th, stemming from her bank and over the internet. The case is pending.

Ofc. Cassiberry handled a disorderly conduct case at LTHS, regarding parents of a student. A trespass notice was served and no complaints filed.

Ofc. Andries handled an identity theft case in the 100 block Blackstone, stemming from an unknown offender using the Complainant's social security number. There was no loss.

Ofc. Cassiberry handled a deceptive practice case in the 100 block E Burlington regarding a bad check received. There was no loss in the case and no charges filed.

Ofc. Fulla handled a criminal trespass case in the 100 block S Ashland, in which a trespass notice was served to the offender. No charges were filed.

Ofc. Kaiser handled a burglary to motor vehicle in the 300 block 7th, where item(s) were taken from an unlock vehicle.

Ofc. Comstock handled a deceptive practice case in the 800 block S Stone stemming from fraud over the internet and phone. There was no loss.

Ofc. Kaiser handled a theft case in the 500 block S La Grange in which a purse and medications were stolen.

Ofc. Cassiberry handled a burglary case in the 800 block S La Grange, where item(s) were stolen from a unit under construction.

Ofc. Kaiser handled a criminal damage to property case in the 700 block W Hillgrove, where graffiti was written on a wall/dumpsters.

#### **ARRESTS:**

Ofc. Fulla arrested a 43 year old male for an outstanding warrant out of DuPage County.

Ofc. Fulla arrested a 37 year old male for a violation of the sex offender registration act. After responding to the area for a parking complaint and verifying the offender was unlawfully in the school.

Ofc. Kaiser arrested a 37 year old female for an outstanding warrant for DWLS.

#### **OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:**

The shift completed 15 accident reports, 1 parking ticket, and 22 compliance tickets.

On 021717, Ofc. Cassiberry presented a Stranger Danger Talk at Grace Lutheran School.

#### **TRAINING:**

Sgt. Berg attended Legal Aspects of Police Management presented by NEMRT. Ofc. Fulla attended Field Mobile Training in preparation for training other department officers. Ofc. Cassiberry attended a Verbal Judo course presented by NEMRT.

#### **AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES**

#### **INVESTIGATIONS:**

Investigative Case Reports taken this month included: Identity Theft (3), Theft of Auto (1), Fraud/Deception (2), Criminal Damage to Property (2), Criminal Trespass (7), Domestic Trouble (5), Theft Under \$500 (3), Disorderly Conduct (10), Warrant Service (2), Missing Persons (3), Suspicious Activity, Dog Bite, Theft Over \$500 (2).

Ofc Moncivais conducted an Identity Theft investigation in reference to a complainant who received three separate credit card billing statements that she did not open or possess. The complainant was unaware how her information was compromised and will be following up with the three major credit bureaus.

Ofc Burrell investigated the report of a Missing Person-Endangered near the area of Ashland/Ogden Avenues. La Grange Police units were unable to locate the elderly male in the area. The Missing Person was located in Chicago by his family, in safe condition and in no need of assistance.

Ofc Rogers investigated a report of Identity Theft after a male resident reported receiving two packages from Verizon Wireless that he did not order. The packages were reportedly addressed in his name, totaling over \$1000USC. The complainant relayed he would be able to have the charges reversed pending receipt of the police report.

Ofc Irizarry investigated a simple battery that occurred to a member of the La Grange Fire Department at La Grange Memorial Hospital, while assisting an intoxicated and suicidal female. No injury was sustained and no criminal complaints were signed.

Ofc Wessendorf, along with additional La Grange Police units, responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of N Spring Avenue. The physical disturbance involved two adult males, and paramedics were requested to the scene for medical evaluations. Officers learned the two males had known each other from prior contacts, and it was determined mutual combatants.

Ofc Falls investigated a report of Disorderly Conduct involving a male resident who observed his ex-girlfriend peering into his front windows on several occasions, and repeatedly showing up at his residence after he requested that she not return. The female was served with a No Trespass Notice for the male's residence, per his request.

Ofc Niewold investigated a Theft under \$500 that reportedly occurred at a business in the 00 Block of La Grange Road. The female victim reported her backpack, wallet, driver's license, and debit card/cash to be missing. There is no suspect information or video surveillance available.

Ofc Burrell, along with additional La Grange Police units, responded to the 400 block of S Brainard Avenue reference a verbal domestic dispute involving three parties. The parties agreed to gather their belongings and part ways without incident. Peace was restored.

#### ARRESTS:

Ofc Moncivais arrested a 56-year old Chicago man for driving While License Suspended in the 9600 block of W Ogden Avenue, after identifying the male in a vehicle matching the description of a suspicious activity complaint in the vicinity of the arrest.

Ofc Rogers arrested a 38-year old La Grange man for Misdemeanor Speeding and Failure to Properly Restrain a Child under the age of 8 in a vehicle, in the area of La Grange Road and Cossitt Avenue.

Ofc Falls arrested a 43-year old Mokena man for Driving under the Influence of Alcohol after responding to the area of 52nd Street and Madison Avenue for a report of a male subject sleeping in a truck. The male reportedly stated he parked his car on the side of the road to have a couple drinks. He was taken into custody without incident.

Ofc Falls assisted with the arrest of a 37-year old La Grange woman who had an outstanding 2016 Kane County warrant for Obstruction of Justice. Officers learned of the outstanding warrant when the female arrived at this PD to report a delayed theft of her purse.

### **OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:**

The Afternoon shift completed 178 traffic contacts which included 5 Misdemeanor Traffic Arrests for Driving While License Suspended/Revoked. Officers completed 37 crash reports (4 Personal Injury) and issued 3 parking citations. Shift Officers conducted 101 Building Checks and Foot Patrols.

### **TRAINING:**

The shift successfully completed the February 2017 Police Law Institute online training on: Strip Searches, Obstructing a Peace Officer (Providing False Information), and Obstructing Justice.

Sgt Wardlaw and Ofc Wessendorf attended Field Mobile (MDT) Training.

## **INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION ACTIVITIES**

### **INVESTIGATIONS:**

Investigative case reports taken/followed up on this month include: Financial Exploitation of the Elderly, Fraudulent use of Electronic Communications, Armed Robbery, Theft over (stolen automobile), Disorderly Conduct, Aggravated Battery, and Identity Theft Cases (2).

Inv Coleman assisted Brookfield PD administering a photo lineup reference multiple residential burglaries.

Inv Uher assisted Lyons PD administering a photo lineup.

Inv Uher assisted Stickney PD with video enhancement.

Inv Uher and Inv Coleman conducted surveillance at 801 S. Stone for multiple complaints of disorderly conduct.

Inv Uher and Inv Coleman conducted tobacco and alcohol compliance checks resulting in one violation being cited.

Both investigators participated in MCAT activations and activities that included: Western Spring PD and Countryside PD surveillance of burglary suspects, North Riverside home invasion investigation, Brookfield PD burglary suspect surveillance, MCAT monthly meeting, new equipment training, and received an award for their assistance with the Brookfield PD homicide investigation.

### **ARRESTS:**

N/A

## **TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

Continued training for the new LTACC equipment and software. LTACC on track for March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Go-Live date.

**AUXILIARY AND PART-TIME POLICE UNITS**

The Auxiliary Unit volunteered 94 hours during the month of February. Time was spent conducting house checks, street lights out lists and various patrol duties. They also serve as a partner to patrol officers out on the beat. Aux officers also assisted Countryside PD with their annual St Patrick's Day Parade.

The Part-time Officers made 36 traffic contacts, which included 11 citations. 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 \$13,795 in parking fines through conventional payments, on-line payments, or collection efforts.

**TRUCK ENFORCEMENT**

There are no truck total for this month.

**Summary of Activities**

PATROL ACTIVITIES	February		February		2017	2016
	2017		2016		YTD	YTD
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	1,559		1,411		3,006	2,727
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	38		47		90	99
FELONY ARRESTS	1		1		3	2
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	1		4		1	8
DUI ARRESTS	1		1		1	4
WARRANT ARRESTS	4		2		9	4
TRAFFIC VERBAL WARNINGS	258		186		483	362
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	58		37		96	92
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	64		42		144	68
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	167	604	202	642	1,112	1,492
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	437		440			
JUVENILE ARRESTS	4		2		10	7
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	9		11		24	20