

# LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Memorandum



To: Robert J. Pilipiszyn, Village Manager

From: Andrew M Peters, Acting Chief of Police

Date: April 12, 2017

Re: Monthly Report for March 2017

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Members of the La Grange Police Department participated in the DARE basketball game. The game was played between the eighth grade boys and girls Gurrie Middle School basketball teams, and officers from Countryside, Hodgkins and La Grange PD. As usual, the spirited competition came down to the wire with the PD team winning by a single point in the closing minutes of the game. The event helped raise \$480 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.



The Lyons Township Area Communications Center (LTACC) go live date was March 20<sup>th</sup> and involved the effort of many service providers, technical support, and Staff. Most notably, Executive Director Kim Knutsen should be commended for the coordination of the consolidation of three

dispatch centers into one organization and the first consolidated dispatch center to open in Cook County since the state mandate was announced.

The La Grange Police Department hosted and participated in rapid deployment training. The training supports and instructs officers in responding to active shooter incidents. The event was made possible through the participation of the Cook County Department of Homeland Security, Illinois Tactical Officers Association, and Lyons Township High School. The collaborative effort of the participating agencies is a fine example of preparation and learning to help mitigate tragic events.



Local area Police and Fire Department Chiefs were invited guests at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Helping Hand Gala. The Helping Hand Organization awarded the representative departments, including the La Grange Police and Fire Departments with the Community Partner

Award for dedicated service and support to their families, members, and mission. A brief video was produced as a small part of the award presentation and you can follow the link below to view.

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/HelpingHandCenter/videos>

## **MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES**

### **INVESTIGATIONS:**

Ofc. McDermott met with a complainant reference a criminal damage to vehicle/road rage incident report. Complainant was driving his vehicle S/B La Grange Rd. near Cossitt Ave. Another vehicle drove up along the complainant's passenger side, and the male driver threw a cup of frozen yogurt at the complainant's vehicle, striking and damaging the passenger side view mirror. The offending vehicle then left the area continuing S/B on LaGrange Rd. Complainant was not able to obtain the registration/plate number of the offending vehicle and advised he would not be able to identify the offender if seen again.

S/L Herrera, Ofc. McDermott, Ofc. Kang, and Sgt. Rohlicek responded to the 1000 block of W. 41<sup>st</sup> St. to assist the Fire Department with a house fire. Officers provided traffic control and other assistance while the Fire Department extinguished the fire. No one was injured in the incident.

While conducting foot patrol, Ofc. McDermott observed graffiti/criminal defacement of property to a business door in the 0-50 block of E. Burlington Ave. The graffiti was non-gang related and appeared to have been done with a crayon, causing no permanent damage. The graffiti was similar to several other "tagging" incidents which had occurred in the business district during the previous weeks. There were no surveillance cameras in the area and no suspects in the incident.

Ofc. Nemecek, S/L Herrera, Ofc. Kang and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to the disturbance/disorderly conduct incident in the 100 block of N. LaGrange Rd. Three male subjects were inside a restaurant ordering food, at which point they became involved in an argument and verbal altercation. No physical contact was made between the subjects, no injuries. Peace was restored and "no trespassing notices" were issued to the three subjects at the request of the restaurant manager.

S/L Herrera, Ofc. Kang, Ofc. Nemecek and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to the 100 block of N. Drexel Ave. to assist the Fire Department with a house fire. The house was unoccupied and undergoing remodeling work. Officers provided traffic control and other assistance while the Fire Department extinguished the fire. No one was injured in the incident.

Ofc. Kang, Ofc. Nemecek, S/L Herrera and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to a condo building in the 100 block of E. Cossitt Ave. for the criminal damage to property incident. Complainant advised that he looked out the window of his upstairs condo unit and observed two subjects standing near the lamppost flanking the driveway which leads to the building's parking area. Complainant observed one of the subjects reach up with their hand or possible stick like object and hit the top of the lamppost, breaking the outer glass panes of the light fixture. Subjects then left the area N/B on foot. Officers observed the damaged light fixture and checked the area for suspects and other possible property damage. A vehicle located in the building's underground parking area was observed to have its driver side view mirror broken off. The side view mirror was located on the sidewalk a short distance from the parking area. A few blocks away, a suspicious male juvenile suspect was located. The complaining witness was unable to identify the male juvenile as one of the subjects he observed damaging the lamppost. The juvenile's parents were contacted and he was brought to the P.D. The male juvenile was subsequently released to his father without any criminal charges.

Ofc. Kang, Ofc. McDermott and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to the commercial burglary in the 0-100 block of S. LaGrange Rd. The glass to the business's front entrance door had been broken out with a brick type object. It appeared that offender(s) then entered the business and removed the cash register which contained approx. \$300.00 USC. Inv. Coleman was called out to process the scene and assist with the investigation. A few hours later the cash register was discovered lying on the ground several blocks from the business. The register had been broken into, and the cash USC was missing from inside. Case turned over to the Investigations Division.

Ofc. McDermott, Ofc. Kang and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to the domestic disturbance between a father and his 10 year old daughter in the 0-50 block of Sawyer Ave. It was learned that upon returning home from work, the father instructed his daughter to clean up some of her toys and other messes she created inside the residence. The daughter talked back to the father and refused to clean up her mess. The father warned the daughter that he was going to discipline her if she did not clean the mess, she still refused. The father then used the leather portion of his belt to hit the daughter's upper arm one time, and two times over the clothing of her buttocks area. A small red mark was observed on the daughter's upper arm and no injuries were observed on her buttocks area. Interview of other family members on scene revealed that in the past the father had used parental discipline by spanking his children with an open hand, but never using a belt. No other signs of neglect or abuse were observed inside the home. No criminal charges were filed, domestic violence information forms were provided. DCFS was notified of the incident.

Ofc. McDermott, Ofc. Falls and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to the 100 block of Sawyer Ave. for the domestic disturbance between a female subject and her boyfriend, outside in front of their residence. It was discovered that the subjects had been drinking and became involved in a verbal argument when the boyfriend tried to leave the residence. Both subjects began pushing/shoving each other with both falling to the ground. No injuries were suffered. Peace was restored, no arrest was made, mutual combatants, domestic violence information forms were provided. The boyfriend left the residence for the evening to stay with a relative in a neighboring town.

#### ARRESTS:

N/A

#### OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

The Midnight shift completed 177 traffic contacts which included 2 misdemeanor Traffic Arrests for Driving while License Suspended/Revoked and investigated 1 property damage traffic accident. Shift Officers issued 106 parking citations for overnight parking and other violations. Shift Officers conducted 85 Building/Business Premise Checks and Foot Patrols.

#### TRAINING:

The shift successfully completed the March 2017 Police Law Institute online training along with the Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. In addition, Ofc. McDermott, Ofc. Kang, Ofc. Nemecek and Sgt. Rohlicek completed Rapid Deployment/Active Shooter training conducted at Lyons Township High School-North Campus and Sgt. Ljubenko attended the ILEAS Training Conference in Springfield.

## **DAY SHIFT ACTIVITIES**

### **INVESTIGATIONS:**

Investigative Case Reports taken this month included: Identity Theft (2), Fraud/Deception (3), Criminal Defacement to Property (2), Criminal Trespass (1), Domestic Trouble (4), Theft Under \$500 (1), Disorderly Conduct (1), Unwanted Subject (2) and Suspicious Activity.

Ofc Fulla investigated a report of possible Criminal Damage to Motor Vehicle in the 400 blk of 9th. Upon speaking with the complainant, it was determined the scratches and dings in the door was actually prior damage, not criminal in nature.

Ofc Comstock investigated a Burglary at Gurrie School. Video surveillance captured two subjects walking in the building, attempting to gain entry to an apparent office room. No items were reported missing at the time of the report.

Ofc Andries investigated a possible Criminal Damage to Property report to residential property in the 1000 blk of S. Spring. Evidence collected from the scene included two pipes that were reportedly damaged by a former tenant. Due to lack of evidence/probable cause, the case was closed.

Ofc Kaiser investigated a report of Criminal Defacement of Property at the Ogden Ave Bridge. The graffiti was located by Public Works, as well as two cans of spray paint on-scene. The graffiti, possibly gang related depicted the letters "FTW" with a three-point crown and the number 17 with three dots above it. No suspects have been identified.

Ofc Cassiberry responded to a Disturbance in the 700 blk of 7th Av reference a physical fight between two contractors, reported by a third party caller. It was learned the disturbance was not physical in nature, reportedly verbal only over a payment dispute.

### **ARRESTS:**

Two Juveniles were written Local Ordinance violations for soliciting; one juvenile was transported on a Juvenile Warrant.

### **OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:**

The Day shift completed 86 traffic contacts 24 crash reports, issued 2 parking citations and 24 compliance citations. Shift Officers conducted 38 Building Checks and Foot Patrols.

Day Shift also conducted a Drug and Alcohol Safety presentation at Gurrie School, as well as community contacts.

### **TRAINING:**

The shift successfully completed the March 2017 Police Law Institute online training on: Investigatory Stops, Eavesdropping, and Line-Up Identifications. Shift members also completed Rapid Deployment/Rescue Task Force Training.

## **AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES**

### **INVESTIGATIONS:**

Investigative Case Reports taken this month included: Identity Theft (3), Fraud/Deception (3), Criminal Defacement to Property (2), Criminal Trespass (1), Domestic Trouble (4), Theft Under \$500 (4), Disorderly Conduct (1), Suspicious Subject (11) and Suspicious Activity.

Ofc Moncivais and police units responded to the area of La Grange/Ogden reference a disturbance involving a possible homeless male subject attempting to take money out of a tip jar. A male matching the description was located near the area and denied any involvement. The male agreed to not to return to the establishment.

Ofc Burrell investigated a domestic trouble call in the 00 blk of Spring Ave, between a La Grange female and her boyfriend, after the female refused to let her boyfriend leave the house. The male later changed his mind, stating he would be okay staying at the residence, peace was restored.

Ofc Rogers assisted the Fire Department with an aggressive patient/involuntary committal at Meadowbrook Manor. The patient reportedly hit an employee and then spit in her face. It was determined no criminal complaints were to be signed, and the patient was transported to La Grange Memorial Hospital without incident.

Ofc Wessendorf along with La Grange units responded to the 00 blk of Sawyer Ave for a battery that occurred to a caretaker, who was reportedly grabbed and pushed by a male she cares for. The male proceeded to struggle with officers, attempting to bite officers and grabbing their arms. The male was subsequently secured and transported to La Grange Memorial Hospital. No criminal complaints were signed.

Ofc Falls and Ofc Moncivais investigated a disturbance involving juveniles physically fighting in the La Grange business district. It was determined mutual combatants, and youth contact cards were completed. The juveniles were turned over to parents/guardians.

Ofc Niewold investigated an identity theft occurring in the 1000 blk of Arlington. The complainant reported several credit cards were opened in his name, without his authorization. The victim advised he would not be financially responsible for the charges, pending the police report. Although the complainant was willing to pursue the matter, the case was closed due to lack of evidence/leads.

Ofc Falls conducted a Death Investigation in the 700 blk of S Ashland. The Cook County Medical Examiner released the 56-year old victim's body to the family.

Ofc Burrell investigated a report of Fraud at the Jackson Square Mall. A male and female purchased over \$2,000USC worth of jewelry, and the store was later informed by the credit card company that the purchase was fraudulent. Photos of the male and female are pending.

### **ARRESTS:**

Ofc Falls arrested a 29-year old Cicero man for driving with a suspended license in the area of LaGrange Rd/Calendar Ave. The male was also issued a citation for failing to wear a properly fastened seatbelt.

Ofc Strand arrested a 21-year old Cicero woman for driving with no valid license, and cited for speeding.

Ofc Wessendorf arrested a 20-year old Berwyn man for Unlawful Possession of Cannabis (more than 30 grams, less than 100 grams) after investigating a suspicious vehicle at Sedgewick Park.

Ofc Rogers issued informal station adjustments to two juveniles for the offense of Disorderly Conduct and Unlawful Possession of Cannabis.

### **OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:**

The Afternoon shift completed 110 traffic contacts which included 3 Misdemeanor Traffic Arrests for Driving While License Suspended/Revoked. Officers completed 10 crash reports (3 Personal Injury) and issued 3 parking citations and 13 compliance citations. Shift Officers conducted 26 Building Checks and Foot Patrols.

The Afternoon Shift also hosted a Brookfield Intern who is completing his degree at Western Illinois University, looking to pursue a career in Criminal Justice.

### **TRAINING:**

The shift successfully completed the March 2017 Police Law Institute online training on: Investigatory Stops, Eavesdropping, and Line-Up Identifications. Sgt Wardlaw completed Human Resource/Risk Management and Supervisory Field Training Officer training. Shift members also completed Rapid Deployment Training.

## **INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION ACTIVITIES**

### **INVESTIGATIONS:**

Investigative case reports taken/followed up on this month include: Forgery (1), Fraud (1), Suspicious Activity (1), Armed Robbery (2), and Burglary (3), Theft of Auto (1).

Inv Uher and Inv Coleman responded to the area of Edgewood at the BNSF Railroad reference a suicidal male subject where Inv Uher located the male. The male, who reportedly made suicidal statements, was transported to the hospital for evaluation.

Inv Uher and Inv Coleman responded to the Village parking garage reference a male in possession of a gun, or possible BB gun. Responding units made contact with the male, who was subsequently transported to this PD for further investigation. The male was released without charges after a Field Interrogation card was completed. The firearm was inventoried by this PD for safekeeping, as the male did not possess a Firearm Owner Identification Card.

Inv Uher responded to the area of La Grange/Hillgrove reference a train accident involving a pedestrian. The deceased was transported to the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office who determined the incident to be a suicide.

Inv Coleman responded to the Hot Dog Co (76 S La Grange Rd) reference a Commercial Burglary. Evidence processed included the cash register, which was located near Bluff/Elm shortly after the incident was reported. An APB flier was disseminated for any possible leads.

Inv Uher conducted follow-up reference an Identity Theft involving a fraudulent PayPal account. The complainant/victim did not accrue any financial loss, and the case was closed.

Inv Coleman conducted follow-up reference an elderly female Identity Theft victim. It was learned the female victim did not suffer any financial loss, and no personal information was given out. Contact with the Aging Care Connections was made for any possible future assistance. Matter of record at this time.

Inv Uher responded to Gurrrie Middle School for a Burglary. Video surveillance was obtained which shows two subjects walking through the hallway, apparently attempting to gain entry to a locked room. Damage to the second floor was reported, but nothing of value has been reported missing at this time. The subjects have not been identified as of now.

Inv Coleman conducted follow-up on several cases including: Simple Battery (JUVENILE), Armed Robbery (2), and Theft of Auto (Two of which cases were closed by arrest).

Inv Uher and Inv Coleman also assisted Brookfield PD (M.C.A.T. Activation) reference a Vehicle Tracker that resulted in an arrest for Burglary charges.

#### **ARRESTS:**

Inv. Uher received ISP Laboratory information linking suspect Derik Epling to a Residential Burglary that occurred in October 2014. Inv. Uher and Inv. Coleman later located Derik Epling and obtained approval for one felony count of Residential Burglary.

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

Inv. Coleman and Inv. Uher attended the monthly Major Case Assistance Team (M.C.A.T.) meeting hosted by Riverside PD.

As the Elderly Services Officer, Inv. Coleman is continuing to follow up with services for a senior. Inv Coleman also assisted Patrol with CAD mobile training.

#### **TRAINING:**

Inv. Uher and Coleman successfully completed the March 2017 Police Law Institute online training.

Inv. Uher and Inv. Coleman attended Rapid Deployment and Rescue Task Force training hosted by La Grange PD and Cook County Department of Homeland Security.

**AUXILIARY AND PART-TIME POLICE UNITS**

The Auxiliary Unit volunteered 95 hours during the month of March. 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.

The Part-time Officers made 28 traffic contacts, which included 4 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 \$16,233 in parking fines through conventional payments, on-line payments, or collection efforts.

**TRUCK ENFORCEMENT**

The following totals represent the truck enforcement conducted by the patrol division as a part of their regular tour of duty for the month of March.

<b>March 2017</b>	<b>7-3 SHIFT</b>	<b>3-11 SHIFT</b>	<b>11-7 SHIFT</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Total # Of Traffic Stops</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Stop Cards</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Verbal Warnings For Violations</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Parking Citations</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Local Ordinance Violations</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Compliance Citations</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>State Citations</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>DWLS/DWLR/No CDL/No DL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Warrant(s) Served</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Misdemeanor Arrests</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Felony Arrests</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Trucks Weighed-Scales</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Overweight (axle/gross/registration)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Overweight Bond Amounts</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Truck Inspections Conducted</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Overlength/Overwidth/Overheight</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Safety Violations</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Moving Violations</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Non-Moving Violations</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Registration Violations</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Lane Violations (La Grange Rd)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Outside Agency Citations/OOS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Summary of Activities

PATROL ACTIVITIES	March		March		2017	2016
	2017		2016		YTD	YTD
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	1,425		1,378		4,431	4,105
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	52		50		142	149
FELONY ARRESTS	1		0		4	2
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	1		3		2	11
DUI ARRESTS	0		0		1	4
WARRANT ARRESTS	2		2		11	6
TRAFFIC VERBAL WARNINGS	262		172		745	534
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	59		52		155	144
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	78		68		222	136
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	117	657	317	828	1,769	2,320
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	543		511			
JUVENILE ARRESTS	2		0		12	7
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	7		7		31	27