

LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Memorandum



To: Robert J. Pilipiszyn, Village Manager
From: Andrew M Peters, Acting Chief of Police
Date: May 17, 2017
Re: Monthly Report for April 2017

Attached for your review are the general statistics for the Shift activities for the month of April 2017. Besides the activities, I have included a summary of other noteworthy events.

MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS:

Ofc. McDermott, Ofc. Nemecek, S/L Herrera and Sgt. Rohlicek responded to the domestic disturbance in the 800 block of Hillberry Ct. A mother and her teenage son became involved in a verbal argument. Peace was restored, parties were separated for the night, domestic violence information/forms were provided.

Ofc. McDermott, Ofc. Nemecek, Sgt. Rohlicek and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to the 900 block of S. 8th Ave. for the report of possible shots being fired in the area. Officers searched the area and all possible witnesses and subjects in the surrounding area were interviewed. No damage, injuries or any evidence of actual shots being fired was located.

While on patrol Ofc. Kang observed a parked vehicle on the 700 block of S. Madison Ave. with the front driver side window smashed/broken out. The owner of the vehicle was located/notified. Per the owner, nothing was missing or taken from inside the vehicle. The owner advised he has not had any problems with anyone, and has no suspects in the incident.

Ofc. McDermott investigated a delayed reported burglary to motor vehicle incident which occurred in the 900 block of S. La Grange Rd. Complainant advised that several days earlier he looked outside and observed an unknown male subject seated inside his son's car, which was parked off the alley behind the residence. The subject exited the vehicle, the complainant hollered out at him, at which point the male subject fled the area on foot. Complainant advised the vehicle was not damaged and nothing was taken or missing from inside the vehicle. Complainant advised he would not be able to identify the male subject if seen again, no suspects in the incident, matter of record only at this time.

S/L Herrera responded to the report of a theft in the 0-100 block of S. La Grange Rd. Complainant advised that he left his bicycle, unsecured, in front of a business, propped up against the building while he went inside to talk to friends who worked at the business. When he went back outside to

leave, he discovered that his bicycle was missing. No witnesses were located, complainant has no suspects in the incident.

Ofc. McDermott met with a complainant at this P.D. regarding a forgery/deceptive practice incident involving his checking account. Complainant advised he was contacted by his bank asking if he wrote (7) checks to various individuals which totaled over \$5000.00 USC. Complainant advised he did not write/issue the checks and does not know the subjects to whom they were made. The checks were high sequence numbers, which complainant has not even reached yet in his checking account. Complainant has his check book in his possession, no checks are missing and the fraudulently created checks with corresponding check numbers, are still in his check book. Complainant's bank advised him he will not be responsible for the cashed checks and that they will open up an investigation. Case turned over to Investigations Division.

Ofc. McDermott, S/L Herrera, Ofc. Nemecek, Sgt. Ljubenko and members of the Day Shift responded to the report of a Metra train striking a pedestrian in the area of Hillgrove/Brainard Ave. It was learned that a subject was struck somewhere between the Gilbert Ave. crossing and Brainard Ave. crossing. BNSF P.D. personnel also responded. A deceased female subject was located along the railroad tracks near Peck Ave. The engineer and conductor of the Metra express train advised that as they approached the Gilbert Ave. R/R crossing, they observed a female subject walk out from the bushes south of the tracks. The subject approached the tracks and stepped onto the tracks in front of the moving train, being struck by the train in an area just east of the Gilbert Ave. crossing. The Investigations Division was contacted to respond as well as the Medical Examiner's (M.E.) Office. M.E. Investigators responded to the scene to conduct an investigation. Case turned over to Investigations Division and Medical Examiner's Office.

Ofc. McDermott, Ofc. Kang and S/L Herrera responded to the 300 block of E. Plainfield Ave. for the disturbance/criminal damage to property incident. Three male friends had become involved in a verbal argument. It was learned that earlier in the evening the three friends met in La Grange at one friend's residence and then went to a club in Markham. While in Markham, two of the friends got into an argument. All three returned to La Grange, the two friends who had been arguing earlier continued their argument in the parking area of the residence. One of the male friends then used his pocket knife to scratch and make small dents on the trunk area of the other friend's parked vehicle. Peace was restored, none of the subjects wished to sign or pursue criminal complaints, matter of record only.

Ofc. Nemecek met with the complainant in the 100 block of S. Brainard Ave. regarding a criminal damage to vehicle/property incident. Complainant advised she works overnight at LTHS-North. Before going to work she parked her vehicle in an employee parking area. When she returned to the vehicle to leave, she discovered the front and rear passenger side windows smashed/broken out and the two passenger side tires punctured/flattened. There are surveillance/security cameras on the outside of the building, but a check of the video shows the incident was not caught by the cameras. Complainant suspects her ex-husband may be the offender. Incident is under investigation.

ARRESTS:

After conducting a traffic stop, Ofc. Nemecek arrested a 25 year old female subject from Elburn for Driving Under the Influence (D.U.I.). Subject was charged with D.U.I, and traffic offenses, processed and released on bond with return court date.

Subsequent to conducting a traffic stop, Sgt. Rohlicek arrested a 41 year old male subject from Summit for Driving Under the Influence (D.U.I.). Subject was charged with D.U.I, and traffic offenses, processed and released on bond with return court date.

After investigating a single vehicle traffic accident in which the vehicle hit a curb and sign pole, S/L Herrera arrested the driver, a 20 year old male subject from Lyons for Driving Under the Influence (D.U.I.). Subject was charged with D.U.I. and traffic offenses, processed and released on bond with return court date.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

The Midnight shift completed 205 traffic contacts which included 4 misdemeanor Traffic Arrests for Driving while License Suspended/Revoked/No D.L. and investigated 2 property damage traffic accidents and one personal injury traffic accident. Shift Officers issued 68 parking citations for overnight parking and other violations. Shift Officers conducted 51 Building/Business Premise Checks and Foot Patrols. Shift Officers assisted the BNSF/Metra P.D. with their annual "Train Safety Blitz" public education campaign conducted at the LaGrange Rd. Train Depot.

TRAINING:

The shift successfully completed the April 2017 Police Law Institute online training along with the Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. In addition, Shift Officers completed their annual Firearms Qualification with pistol, shotgun and patrol rifle. Sgt. Rohlicek completed the first 4-day module of the ILETSB Executive Institute's Effective Police Supervision Course, conducted at Western IL. University in Macomb.

DAY SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS:

Investigative reports taken by the Day Shift during April 2017 included: Suspicious Person (1), Theft By Deception (1), D.C-Harassment By Electronic Communication (3), Theft (4), Domestic Situation (1), ID Theft (3), Criminal Damage To Vehicle (1), Forgery (2), Criminal Damage To Property (2), Suspicious Incidents (1), Credit Card Fraud (1), Juvenile Cases (3), Possession Drug Paraphernalia (1), Fraud (1), Battery (2), and Assault (1).

Officer Andries investigated a report of a Theft by Deception, in which an unknown caller advised the Complainant that they had won a lottery, however, they needed to pay a fee first. After the Complainant transferred money, she realized she had been deceived and contacted the police.

Officer Cassiberry investigated a report of an ID Theft and Forgery, in which a doctor's office was notified by a Walgreens that a patient was trying to obtain a prescription but it appeared to be fraudulent. The doctor's office verified the prescription was fraudulent and the case is under investigation.

Officer Comstock investigated two reports of Forgery in the 00 block E Burlington in which two subjects cashed forged/fraudulent payroll checks. The case is under investigation.

Officer Fulla investigated the sale/purchase of alcohol by a minor(s) in the 00 block E 47th, in which two minors purchased alcohol. Both minors were cited.

Officer Fulla investigated the Theft of a bicycle in the 00 block W Cossitt, in which a locked bicycle was stolen.

Officer Kaiser investigated two ID Theft cases in the 9600 block W Ogden in which credit cards were used in another location without the victim's consent. The cases are under investigation.

Officer Kaiser investigated a Disorderly Conduct case in which a juvenile entered a bank in the 00 block S La Grange and made alarming statements. The juvenile was arrested/station adjusted.

ARRESTS:

On 040517, Officer Fulla arrested two JUVENILES for Possession of Alcohol by a Minor.

On 041417, Officer Kaiser arrested a JUVENILE for D.C. stemming from an incident in the 00 block S La Grange Road.

On 041517, Officer Fulla arrested Ruiz, Hector V, 44, of Berwyn for No CDL and traffic.

On 042017, Officer Comstock arrested Garrett, German E, 42, of Chicago for No Valid Driver's License.

On 042517, Officer Fulla arrested Swanson, Christopher J, 50, homeless for DUI.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

During April 2017, the Day Shift handled 475 calls for service, 29 accident reports, wrote 16 compliance citations, and wrote 5 parking citations.

TRAINING:

On 041817, Officer Kaiser attended Law Enforcement Ethics class in Olympia Fields.

AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS:

Investigative Case Reports taken this month included: Telephone Harassment, Unlawful Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Warrant Service, Theft Over \$500, (3), Criminal Damage to Property (6), Domestic Trouble (2), Suspicious Activity, Disorderly Conduct, Bicycle Theft (4), Structure Fire, Identity Theft (5), Possession of Cannabis, Retail Theft.

Ofc Rogers, S/L Moncivais and several members of the Afternoon shift responded to the 300 block of South 6th Avenue for a Structure Fire. Responding officers arrived at the scene and assisted the fire department with perimeter security, traffic control, and initial interviews. The fire in the home was extinguished by responding mutual-aid fire units, and there were no reported injuries.

Ofc Wessendorf took a Theft report in the 00 Block of West Elm. A resident reported she discovered items of value missing from her home, including several gift cards and a watch, after using a contracted cleaning service. The resident immediately contacted the company to notify them of the incident. The case was turned over to Investigations.

Ofc Niewold responded to the 500 Block of South Edgewood Avenue in reference to a Disorderly Conduct complaint. A resident reported that a man pulled his vehicle into his driveway and began shouting what he believed were threats and insults at him. The resident did not wish to pursue the matter beyond issuing a No Trespass Order if the suspect returns to the residence.

Ofc Irizarry responded to the 1400 Block of West Cossitt Avenue in reference to a Fraud (Telephone Scam) complaint. A resident reported that he believed his brother in law, also a resident, was being scammed by unknown persons via telephone, after he learned that he paid \$5,000 to an unknown suspect(s) and planned to send \$8,000 more. The complainant reported that his brother in law suffers from developmental disabilities, and advised the family would monitor his banking activities more closely. The report was made as a matter of record with no further police action requested.

Ofc Burrell, along with additional La Grange Police and Fire units responded to the 100 Block of North Malden for a Domestic Battery investigation. Upon arrival, police learned that an adult father and son were involved in a brief physical confrontation, and the son began breaking things in the home, including a flat-screen television. Both suffered minor injury, and the son was taken to La Grange Memorial Hospital for an involuntary committal.

Ofc Falls responded to the 100 Block of Hayes in reference to a complaint of Telephone Harassment. A resident reported that an ex-boyfriend was sending her disturbing text messages while at home, and at her work place. Falls contacted the male subject and advised him to cease all contact with the complainant, to which he advised he would comply.

Ofc Wessendorf and Ofc Falls responded to the 100 Block of North La Grange Road for a Retail Theft in progress. A business reported that a suspect entered the business and left with an item of value, without paying for it. A person matching the description was located by police inside another business on the same block. The stolen item was recovered and returned to the business. The man was issued a No Trespass order, and no further police action was requested at the scene.

Ofc Rogers responded to the 300 Block of West Burlington in reference to a Disorderly Conduct Complaint. A bank ATM service agent reported that he overheard a male in a vehicle make threatening statement in reference to robbing the agents. The agent and the suspect got into a brief verbal exchange before the suspect drove off in a vehicle, without further incident. The case was turned over to Investigations for possible identification of the driver/suspect.

ARRESTS:

Ofc Falls cited two male juveniles from Brookfield for Possession of Cannabis (less than 10 grams) after several male juveniles were located loitering in an alley between Washington and Sawyer Avenues. All parents of the involved juveniles were contacted and notified of the incident.

Ofc Falls arrested a 27-year old Chicago woman on an outstanding DuPage County Warrant for Disorderly Conduct after Falls responded to the vicinity of Burlington and La Grange Road for a subject refusing to pay a cab fare. The woman was taken into custody, without incident.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

The Afternoon shift completed 122 traffic contacts which included 4 Misdemeanor Traffic Arrests for Driving While License Suspended/Revoked. Officers completed 28 crash reports (2 Personal Injury) and issued 15 parking citations and 23 compliance citations. Shift Officers conducted 52 Building Checks and Foot Patrols.

Ofc Niewold completed a safety talk to a Pack of 10 Cub Scouts at 7th Avenue School. The theme was "Adults you can trust, and Dialing 9-1-1."

Ofc Falls completed a safety talk to a troop of 15 Daisy Scouts at Spring Avenue School. The theme was "Respecting Authority."

TRAINING:

The shift successfully completed the April 2017 Police Law Institute online training on: Use of Force - stopping a Driver to Prevent Escape, Use of Force - Pointing a Firearm at a Suspect, Use of Force - Qualified Immunity, and Arrests - Prompt Judicial Determination.

Ofc Falls completed the Ethics for Law Enforcement course at the Olympia Fields Police Department.

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS:

Investigative case reports taken/followed up on this month include: Identity Thefts (2), Forgery (1), Fraud (2), Theft (1), Commercial Burglary (1), Residential Burglary (1), Death Investigation/Fatal Train Crash (1), Domestic Battery (1), Criminal Damage to Property (1) Criminal Defacement to Property (4) and Disorderly Conduct (1).

Inv. Uher conducted follow-up into two Identity Theft investigations occurring at the same location on separate dates. Inv. Uher examined gas pumps and attached credit card readers with a local business owner to determine if tampering had occurred. No signs of tampering were found. Recommendations were made to the owner to help reduce exposure to fraudulent activities.

Inv. Coleman conducted follow-up investigation into a Forgery of fraudulent checks being written. Inv. Coleman submitted a Grand Jury Subpoena to the Cook County States Attorney's Office seeking account holder and subscriber information related to a suspect's bank account.

Inv. Uher conducted follow-up into a Disorderly Conduct incident where two suspicious subjects made inappropriate comments to two ATM Technicians. A suspect has been developed and the case is ongoing. Inv. Uher is working with the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI).

Inv. Coleman assisted the Afternoon Shift with a Criminal Damage to Property investigation. Inv. Coleman processed evidence recovered from the scene for latent prints with negative results. Due to a lack of evidence and suspects the case was closed.

Inv. Uher and Inv. Coleman assisted the Midnight Shift, Day Shift and Cook County Medical Examiner's Office with an investigation into a fatal train crash with a pedestrian. Investigators collected evidence and made notification to the next of kin.

Inv. Coleman conducted follow-up Investigation into an alleged Domestic Battery. During the course of the investigation it was determined services from the Department of Child and Family Services (DFCS) would be relevant for the family. The case was referred to DCFS.

Inv. Uher conducted follow-up investigation into a Theft of Mislaid Property and Fraud. Inv. Uher is in the process of identifying a suspect(s) who fraudulently used the victim's credit cards at various locations.

Inv. Coleman assisted the Midnight Shift with a Commercial Burglary that occurred in the Central Business District. Inv. Coleman processed the scene for evidence, which was later submitted to the Illinois State Police Crime Laboratory for analysis.

Inv. Uher conducted follow-up investigation into a Residential Burglary. It was learned from the Illinois State Police Crime Laboratory that latent fingerprints recovered from the crime scene were being submitted to the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) for further examination.

Inv. Coleman conducted follow-up into a Fraud investigation. Inv. Coleman was able to identify a suspect in the case and further learned the suspect was involved in fraudulent activity in other jurisdictions. Inv. Coleman is coordinating with the U.S. Secret Service and multiple jurisdictions in regards to the open investigations.

ARREST:

Inv. Uher arrested a juvenile who admitted to spray painting graffiti at various locations in the village. The juvenile was subsequently charged with 4 misdemeanor counts of Criminal Defacement to Property and placed on a formal station adjustment.

Inv. Coleman assisted the Day Shift with locating a juvenile offender who caused two disturbances at a local bank on separate dates. The juvenile was subsequently charged with 1 misdemeanor count of Disorderly Conduct and petitioned to Cook County Juvenile Court.

Inv. Uher and Inv. Coleman worked with the Illinois Liquor Commission and conducted liquor compliance checks within the village. Sixteen establishments were checked and only two were

found to be out of compliance. Local Ordinance citations were issued to those in non-compliance for the offenses of Prohibited Sale of Alcohol to a Minor.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

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

Inv. Uher and Inv. Coleman assisted with two M.C.A.T. activations for assistance: Brookfield PD and Riverside PD.

Inv. Uher and Inv. Coleman assisted Maywood PD on an Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) activation.

TRAINING:

Inv. Uher and Inv. Coleman attended Sexual Assault Patient training.

AUXILIARY AND PART-TIME POLICE UNITS

The Auxiliary Unit volunteered 82 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 \$13,170 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 April.

ACTIVITY	7-3 SHIFT	3-11 SHIFT	11-7 SHIFT	TOTAL
Total # Of Traffic Stops	4	0	0	4

Stop Cards	2	0	0	2
Verbal Warnings For Violations	22	0	0	22
Parking Citations	0	0	0	0
Local Ordinance Violations	0	0	0	0
Compliance Citations	6	0	0	6
State Citations	0	0	0	0
DWLS/DWLR/No CDL/No DL	0	0	0	0
Warrant(s) Served	0	0	0	0
Misdemeanor Arrests	0	0	0	0
Felony Arrests	0	0	0	0
Trucks Weighed-Scales	0	0	0	0
Overweight (axle/gross/registration)	0	0	0	0
Overweight Bond Amounts	\$	\$	\$	\$
Truck Inspections Conducted	1	0	0	1
Overlength/Overwidth/Overheight	0	0	0	0
Safety Violations	3	0	0	3
Moving Violations	2	0	0	2
Non-Moving Violations	6	0	0	6
Registration Violations	1	0	0	1
Lane Violations (La Grange Rd)	1	0	0	1
Outside Agency Citations/OOS	0	0	0	0

Summary of Activities

PATROL ACTIVITIES	April	April	2017	2016
	2017	2016	YTD	YTD
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	1,195	1,388	5,626	5,493
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	74	51	216	200
FELONY ARRESTS	0	1	4	3
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	8	4	10	15

DUI ARRESTS	4		0	5	4
WARRANT ARRESTS	1		1	12	7
TRAFFIC VERBAL WARNINGS	181		190	926	724
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	50		90	205	234
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	90		47	312	183
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	96	507	273	2,276	3,147
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	411		554		
JUVENILE ARRESTS	7		4	19	11
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	11		8	42	35