

# LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Memorandum



To: Andrianna M Peterson, Village Manager  
From: Andrew M Peters, Acting Chief of Police  
Date: September 29, 2017  
Re: Monthly Report for August 2017

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

Ofc Falls, along with several members of the Afternoon shift arrested a 30-year old Joliet man for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Vehicle Operation on Approach of an Authorized Emergency Vehicle (Scott's Law) and several other citations, after the man collided with a stationary police squad (and ambulance) as officers were conducting a separate crash investigation. The man was extricated from his vehicle and immediately taken to the hospital for medical treatment. The man refused all chemical testing for breath alcohol content. He was later processed and charged, without incident.

August was a busy month for community events and the Department attended the La Grange Park District's Endless Summer Fest, the Leader Shop's annual school supply drive conducted at the La Grange Community Center, two National Night Out events in neighboring communities, and several block parties.

Significant arrests were also made in the Home Invasion reported earlier in the year, the vandalism to the Village Fountain, and damage to the Village's Parking Garage. The details of these arrests are described in the information that follows.

### **MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES**

#### **INVESTIGATIONS:**

Ofc. McDermott responded to and investigated a battery incident at a healthcare/rehabilitation facility in the 4700 block of Willow Springs Rd. An elderly male patient who suffers from dementia and other ailments, hit/punched a nurse who was caring for him. No injuries were suffered, no complaints signed, victim and facility wanted incident as matter of record only.

Ofc. Falls responded to the 1000 block of S. Madison Ave. for a theft incident. A flag and pole were taken from the front porch of a residence. No witnesses or suspects in the incident.

Ofc. Falls and S/L Herrera responded to and investigated the criminal damage to property/vandalism incident in the 0-100 block of S. La Grange Rd. Liquid soap had been placed into the Village water fountain located in front of the Village Hall. Surveillance video was

recovered which captured possible suspects in the incident. The Investigations Division closed the case with the arrest of the offenders.

Ofc. Falls, S/L Herrera and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to the 0-100 block of S. Spring Ave. for the domestic disturbance incident involving a female subject and her boyfriend. The incident was verbal only in nature. The female subject suffered an anxiety attack and began a verbal argument with her boyfriend. No complaints were signed, peace was restored.

Ofc. Falls, S/L Herrera and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to the 0-100 block of W. Burlington Ave. for the domestic disturbance incident between a female subject and her boyfriend. The two became involved in a verbal argument when the female subject accused the boyfriend of being involved with another woman. The female subject also advised that the boyfriend had commercial grade fireworks devices in their apartment. The fireworks were located, safely removed from the apartment and turned over to the Cook County Sheriff's Department Bomb Squad for destruction. The boyfriend was issued an L.O. citation for prohibited storage/possession of fireworks. Peace was restored, the boyfriend agreed to leave the apartment to stay with a friend. Domestic violence/information forms provided to both subjects.

S/L Herrera responded to the 500 block of Sunset Ave. for the criminal damage to property/vehicle incident. A large rock was thrown through the rear window of a vehicle parked in the driveway of a residence. The rock shattered the window and damaged the vehicle's rear window sill. No witnesses or suspects in the incident.

Ofc. Cassiberry, S/L Herrera, Sgt. Rohlicek and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to assist LaGrange Park P.D. with a robbery in the area of Homestead/31<sup>st</sup> St. The victim was robbed by two male subjects possible armed with handguns. One subject was apprehended by LaGrange Park officers after a short foot chase. Responding officers assisted in securing a perimeter and locating proceeds, evidence from the robbery. A K-9 unit responded to assist in searching for the second subject who fled the scene. The second subject was not located.

Ofc. Niewold responded to the criminal defacement of property/vandalism incident. Non-gang related graffiti was spray painted onto a garbage/recycling receptacle in Elm Park. The Park District was notified of the incident. No witnesses or suspects in the incident.

Ofc. McDermott conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of Elm and 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. The male subject driver was subsequently found to be in possession of a small amount of cannabis. The male subject was issued a Civil Citation for possession of cannabis, less than 10 grams.

Ofc. Niewold observed two male juvenile subjects and one female juvenile subject in Elm Park after hours, in violation of curfew. The subjects were also found to be in possession of alcohol. L.O. citations were issued to the subjects for curfew violation and possession of alcohol by minors. The juvenile subjects were turned over to their parents.

Ofc. McDermott, Ofc. Falls, S/L Herrera and Sgt. Rohlicek responded to and investigated a rash of approx. seven burglary to motor vehicles incidents which occurred in the 300 & 400 blocks of S. Waiola & Spring Aves. All of the victimized vehicles were unlocked. An attempt to steal at

least one of the vehicles was made. A wallet and cash was reported missing out of one of the vehicles. Nothing was reported missing from the other vehicles. Evidence items were collected from the scenes. The Investigations Division is actively investigating the incidents.

S/L Herrera observed a vehicle "darked out," driving without its headlights, on N/B Gilbert approaching Ogden Ave. A check of the vehicle registration through LEADS showed that the vehicle was reported stolen out of Chicago. S/L Herrera activated the squad emergency lights and attempted to make a traffic stop on the vehicle, but the vehicle fled and eluded, driving into Western Springs by traveling W/B Ogden, S/B Franklin, W/B 42nd, N/B Johnson and W/B Ogden towards Wolf Rd. S/L Herrera was joined by a Western Springs P.D. unit. The vehicle exited Ogden Ave. onto N/B I-294. Attempts to stop the vehicle were terminated when the vehicle continued fleeing at a very high rate of speed on N/B I-294. Information regarding the vehicle was directed to the Illinois State Police.

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

The Midnight shift completed 95 traffic contacts which included 1 misdemeanor Traffic Arrest for Driving while License Suspended/Revoked and investigated 2 property damage hit & run traffic accidents, 1 property damage traffic accident and 1 personal injury traffic accident. Shift Officers issued 83 parking citations for overnight parking and other violations. Shift Officers conducted 102 Building/Business Premise Checks and Foot Patrols. In addition, Ofc. Falls assisted the LaGrange Park P.D. in their "National Night Out" community event held in Memorial Park.

#### **TRAINING:**

The shift successfully completed the August 2017 Police Law Institute online training along with the Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. In addition, Ofc. McDermott completed a week long period of orientation and field training with the Investigations/Juvenile Division. Ofc. McDermott also completed a Basic D.U.I. Enforcement training course.

#### **DAY SHIFT ACTIVITIES**

##### **INVESTIGATIONS:**

During the month, the Day Shift handled the following cases files: (8) Burglary to Motor Vehicle cases, (2) Domestic Situation cases, (1) Residential Burglary case, (1) Juvenile case, (1) Deceptive Practice case, and (3) Theft cases.

Ofc. Comstock handled two separate Burglary to Motor Vehicle cases in the 900 blk S Spring in which unknown offender(s) entered unlocked vehicles.

Ofc. Andries handled another Burglary to Motor Vehicle case in the 1000 blk S Ashland in which unknown offender(s) entered an unlocked vehicle.

Ofc. Andries handled a Domestic Disturbance in the 200 blk Washington. No arrests were made.

Ofc. Andries handled a Domestic Situation at Brainard/47th. Domestic was verbal only and no arrests were made.

Officers investigated seven (7) Burglary to Motor Vehicle case in the 800 blk S Stone and S Waiola, 500 blk S Brainard, 300 blk S Spring, and 00 blk S Waiola in which unknown offender(s) entered unlocked vehicles.

Ofc. Kang handled a Theft case in the 5100 blk S Willow Springs Rd.

Ofc. Comstock handled a Deceptive Practice case in the 1400 blk W Cossitt.

Ofc. Nemecek handled a Theft case.

Ofc. Andries handled a Juvenile case at LTHS

### **TRAINING:**

Officer Nemecek attended Basic DUI class provided by the Illinois State Police and NEMRT.

### **AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES**

### **INVESTIGATIONS:**

Investigative Case Reports taken this month included: Fraud, Found Property (9), Theft Over \$500, Criminal Sexual Assault, Telephone Harassment (2), Identity Theft (3), Burglary to Motor Vehicle, Battery, Criminal Damage to Motor Vehicle (2), Drug Overdose, Criminal Trespass, Aggravated Assault, Bicycle Theft (4), Domestic Trouble (5), Sidewalk Fall Down, Warrant Service (4), Criminal Damage to Property, Theft Under \$500.

Ofc Kaiser took a report of a Stolen Bicycle taken from the 00 Block of West Cossitt. The bicycle was later recovered in a park in LaGrange Park and returned to the owner.

Ofc Wessendorf responded to a business in the 00 Block of North La Grange Road in reference to a Disorderly Conduct complaint. The manager reported that a man entered the store and became belligerent with employees when he was refused a purchase of an alcoholic beverage. The man was identified by Wessendorf and he was subsequently issued a No Trespass Order at his residence in La Grange.

Ofc Cassiberry responded to the department lobby to meet with a La Grange resident reporting a complaint of Telephone Harassment. The woman reported that her ex-boyfriend sent her numerous text messages, including some that she perceived to be threatening in manner. The woman advised she did not want the man contacted, but wanted the incident (and his cellular number) documented by the department. She was also given information on obtaining an Order of Protection.

Ofc Irizarry, along with Inv Coleman responded to La Grange Memorial Hospital for a report of a Criminal Sexual Assault. After interviewing the female victim and some relatives, it was determined and confirmed that the incident occurred in Chicago. Irizarry and Coleman completed the required initial investigation, collected all evidence, and turned over the case to Chicago PD detectives.

Ofc Burrell responded to the 300 Block of Bluff in reference to a Drug Overdose. Upon arrival, the woman was located and found to be unresponsive. She was revived by La Grange FD paramedics after being administered NARCAN (opioid antidote). The woman was subsequently transported to La Grange Memorial Hospital for further treatment and evaluation.

Ofc Rogers and additional La Grange Police units responded to the 100 Block of East Avenue for a Domestic Battery complaint. Upon arrival, officers learned that a father and daughter had a verbal argument that became physical. Neither party was injured, and neither wished to sign complaints. A kitchen knife was retrieved by officers at the scene and removed from the home. The juvenile was transported to La Grange Memorial Hospital for a psychiatric evaluation.

Ofc Kaiser responded to a business in the 00 Block of North La Grange Road in reference to a Retail Theft. Upon arrival, it was reported that a woman attempted to steal several pet related items. All items were returned to the store prior to officers/ arrival and the store reported no loss.

Ofc Cassiberry, along with several shift officers responded to the 200 Block of Sawyer in reference to a Domestic Trouble complaint. Upon arrival, officers interviewed the involved parties and learned that a woman arrived at the residence and damaged the screen door of the man's residence. The man did not wish to sign complaints, but wanted the woman removed from the property. The woman was warned and left the scene without further incident.

Ofc Rogers responded to the department lobby to speak with a resident involving the improper use of his credit card. The man reported that he believed his ex-wife may have stolen and used his credit card when she had custody of their daughter. The card was used at a La Grange business in the 700 Block of West Hillgrove. The case was turned over to Investigations.

#### **ARREST:**

Ofc Wessendorf arrested a 57-year old La Grange man for Criminal Trespass to property after the man entered a La Grange business after being served a Village No Trespass Order. Police were contacted by the business and the man was taken into custody without incident.

Ofc Cassiberry, along with several members of the Afternoon shift arrested a Chicago couple, along with three additional male passengers (from Chicago) for Criminal Trespass to Motor Vehicle after Cassiberry curbed the van they were driving in the vicinity of La Grange Road and 48th Street. A routine check of the vehicle's registration revealed that the vehicle was reported stolen out of Chicago. In addition, two passengers were charged for outstanding warrants. The recovered vehicle was seized by officers and turned over to the owner several days later.

Ofc Wessendorf cited a 37-year old Cicero man for Driving while License Revoked (DUI) and additional traffic violations after Wessendorf conducted a traffic stop in the vicinity of La Grange Road and 47th Street. The man's vehicle was designated for asset forfeiture by the department.

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

The Afternoon shift completed 131 traffic contacts which included 4 Misdemeanor Traffic Arrests for Driving While License Suspended/Revoked, and one DUI arrest. Officers completed 30 crash

reports (5 Personal Injury) and issued 46 parking citations. Shift Officers conducted 11 Building/Business Checks and Foot Patrols.

The shift provided security and traffic control for the La Grange Endless Summer fest.

The shift provided an escort for a funeral procession of a local minister's mother, who passed away.

The shift attended the Leader Shop's Annual school supply drive conducted at the La Grange Community Center.

The shift provided officers for the National Night Out Celebrations in LaGrange Park and Western Springs.

The shift attended 16 block parties during the month.

### **TRAINING:**

The shift successfully completed the August 2017 Police Law Institute online training on: De-escalation, Domestic Violence, Court Orders of Protection, and Interfering with the Reporting of Domestic Violence.

Officer Irizarry completed the 40 hour Basic Evidence Technician Training Course at the Burr Ridge Police Department.

## **INVESTIGATIONS ACTIVITIES**

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Investigative case reports taken/followed up on this month include: Burglary to Motor Vehicles (18), Domestic Battery (1), Criminal Sexual Assault (1), Unlawful Use of a Credit Card, Home Invasion (1), Criminal Damage to Property (3) and Attempted Stolen Auto (1).

Inv. Uher and Inv. Coleman conducted follow-up investigations into 18 Burglary to Motor Vehicles occurring throughout the month. On several of the cases latent prints were recovered and submitted to the Illinois State Police Crime Laboratory for analysis. Surveillance video evidence was located and two suspects were identified in at least one case. Investigators are in the process of linking other burglary cases and identify potentially additional suspects. Investigators are also working with local jurisdictions to pool resources. Cases are currently pending.

Inv. Coleman assisted the midnight shift with an attempted stolen vehicle investigation. Inv. Coleman processed and collected latent prints and DNA for the vehicle. The evidence will be submitted to the Illinois State Police Crime Laboratory for analysis. Case pending.

Inv. Uher conducted follow-up investigation into a bicycle theft from the Stone Ave Train Depot. Inv. Uher was unable to recover surveillance video evidence that would lead to the identity of the offender(s). Case closed.

Inv. Coleman conducted follow-up investigation into a domestic battery for the Afternoon Shift. Several attempts were made to locate the offender but all attempts were unsuccessful. Inv. Coleman obtained an arrest warrant for the crime of Domestic Battery against the offender Anthony Holder. Case pending arrest.

Inv. Uher conducted follow-up investigations into an unlawful use of a credit card case. A suspect was identified and interviewed by Inv. Uher. The case is pending additional follow-up at this time.

Inv. Coleman assisted the Afternoon Shift with investigating a Criminal Sexual Assault that occurred in Chicago, IL. As required by a new state law, a basic investigation into the incident was conducted and all information and evidence was later turned over to Chicago PD. Case closed.

#### **ARREST:**

Inv. Coleman and Inv. Uher arrested Marcin Kruzel M/W 011498 for Criminal Damage to Property. On 082216 and 082716 Kruzel operated his vehicle in such a manner as to cause his vehicle rear tires to lose traction and cause damage to the protective layer of the Village of La Grange parking garage deck. Kruzel was charged with one class "A" misdemeanor count of Criminal Damage to Property and released on a \$1,500 I-bond.

Inv. Coleman and Inv. Uher arrested Marcin Kruzel M/W 011498 and Przeayslav Sarna M/W 072399 for Criminal Damage to Property. On 081317 three offenders dumped laundry detergent and kitchen soap into the Village of La Grange water fountain causing the fountain water to form suds. The water fountain was drained, cleaned and examined for permanent damage at a cost of \$617.39 by La Grange Public Works. Kruzel and Sarna were identified as defendants in the incident and subsequently each were charged with one class "A" misdemeanor count of Criminal Damage to Property and released on a \$1,500 I-bond.

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

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

Inv. Uher and Inv. Coleman coordinated with several jurisdictions to conduct surveillance in reference to vehicle burglaries impacting local communities.

Inv. Uher conducted two background investigations for Crossing Guard applicants.

Ofc. Laura McDermott completed a 4 day field training program in the Investigations Unit. Inv. Uher mentored Ofc. McDermott during the 4 days related to the functions and responsibilities of the Investigations Unit.

#### **PARKING DIVISION**

The parking division registered \$14,435.00 in parking fines through conventional payments, on-line payments, or collection efforts.

**TRUCK ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS:**

<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Total # Of Traffic Stops	24
Stop Cards	13
Verbal Warnings For Violations	29
Compliance Citations	13
State Citations	14
DWLS/DWLR/No CDL/No DL	1
License Violation(s)	3
Misdemeanor Arrests	5
Felony Arrests	0
Trucks Weighed-Scales	4
Overweight (axle/gross/registration)	5
Overweight Bond Amounts	\$2,844.00
Lane Violations (La Grange Rd)	3

**Summary of Activities**

<b>PATROL ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>AUGUST</b>		<b>AUGUST</b>		<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>2017</b>		<b>2016</b>		<b>YTD</b>	<b>YTD</b>
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	1,236		1,465		10,414	11,280
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	62		61		527	457
FELONY ARRESTS	1		3		7	13
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	1		2		29	30
DUI ARRESTS	1		0		9	5
WARRANT ARRESTS	0		1		14	13
TRAFFIC VERBAL WARNINGS	179		147		1,619	1,395
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	47		30		408*	376
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	92		49		704	315
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	136	582	177	456	4,597	4,536
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	446		279			
JUVENILE ARRESTS	3		0		35	18
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	21		11		113	74

\*Adjusted for under reporting JAN17 totals (38 reported, 48 actual).