

LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Memorandum



To: Andrianna M Peterson, Village Manager
From: Andrew M Peters, Acting Chief of Police
Date: August 8, 2017
Re: Monthly Report for July 2017

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



Officer Rocco Piraino began his career with the La Grange PD. Officer Piraino is a resident of Chicago, obtained a Bachelors in Criminal Justice from Lewis University, and has been recently working in the retail security field. We welcome Officer Piraino to the family as he starts the Police Academy and wish him all the best on this exciting new chapter in his professional career.

The LGPD accepted delivery of eight (8) Motorola MPX APX 7000 radios as part of the Cook County Sheriff's Police Interoperable Communications System UASI Grant. The radios were paid for and programed at no cost to the Village. The new equipment is meant to increase our communications capabilities both locally and regionally. The increased coverage the radios provide also enhances officer safety and connectivity.

Ofc. Patrick Fulla met with members of the Community Nurse and Health Association of La Grange. This was the second step towards assisting the group with establishing a safety plan in the event an external factor or person presents an emergency situation within the facility. Acting Chief Peters and Sergeant Wardlaw attended an action item review meeting at La Grange Memorial Hospital. The discussions began after recent regional incidents occurring in Emergency Departments. LGPD staff have been collaborating with ED and security personnel to develop safety protocols and provide training focused on violent and ongoing encounters with patients often suffering mental health episodes. As part of the ongoing efforts to help LMH develop and update their safety protocols, Sgt Wardlaw provide a block of instruction on active shooter incidents to LMH Emergency Department personnel.

Investigators and Dayshift Patrol assisted in the service of a warrant and arrest of James Otis, a resident of 219 Hayes. The arrest was a culmination of an extensive investigation, involving collaboration with the US Postal Service and Warrenville PD. Investigator Uher and Investigator Coleman worked diligently in bringing about a successful resolution to the case.

Midnight Shift Activities

INVESTIGATIONS:

Ofc. Niewold, Rogers, Sgt. Rohlicek and Ljubenko along with LaGrange Park Ofc., Western Springs Ofc., and Brookfield Ofc. responded to LTHS for potential intruders inside the Lyons

Township H.S. North Campus. Several teams of Ofc.ø went inside the school in search of the intruders. Two adult males, and one female juvenile (former students / recent graduates of LT) walked out of the school and were taken into custody. The female was found to have a small amount of cannabis and was issued a civil citation for under 10 grams of cannabis. School Administrators were notified and they declined prosecution.

Ofc.ø Falls, McDermott and Sgt. Rohlicek responded to the area of Harris and La Grange Rd. for a fight in progress. An adult male Western Springs resident claims he was eating pizza outside the restaurant and was punched by an unknown male for an unknown reason. He went to the ground and his wallet fell out and it is now missing. The offender had left the scene.

Ofc. Falls conducted a traffic stop at Brainard and Ogden. The driver, a 17-year-old juvenile La Grange Highlands resident was found to be in possession of Cannabis under 10 grams. His parent was contacted and he was cited a civil citation for the cannabis.

Ofc.ø Falls, McDermott and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to 100 block of Sawyer for a domestic involving a boyfriend and girlfriend. The boyfriend left the area and the girlfriend wanted a report done and did not want to sign criminal complaints. The incident was documented in a report.

Ofc.ø Niewold, Herrera and Sgt. Rohlicek responded to the 200 block of S. Edgewood and learned a resident was the victim of a vehicle Burglary. A search of the area by the Officers revealed six other residents had their vehicles burglarized in the following locations: Two vehicles in the 300 block of S. Leitch, four vehicles in the 300 block of S. Peck. Missing from one vehicle was a laptop computer and misc. papers. Each of the vehicles was unlocked.

Ofc. Herrera responded to a Criminal Damage to Property in 1100 block of S. Stone Ave. The mailbox was broken by a blunt object.

ARRESTS:

Ofc. Niewold conducted a traffic stop and arrested the driver, a 23-year-old male La Grange resident who had an active warrant for his arrest stemming from a 2015 arrest in Stephenson County Illinois for failing to appear in court on a Cannabis arrest. The resident posted bond and received a court date in Stephenson County.

Ofc. Falls observed a vehicle improperly parked on La Grange Road near Burlington and the driver was slumped over the wheel. The driver was found to be under the influence and was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of an Alcoholic Beverage. This driver was a 30-year-old male Chicago resident. The driver was issued citations for improper parking, DUI, and BAC above .08 with a return court date. The driver posted the required bond.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

The midnight shift completed 153 traffic contacts which resulted in 4 misdemeanor arrests for Driving While License Suspended/Revoked or No Valid Driver License. Three traffic crash reports were completed. 25 parking citations were issued for overnight parking and other violations. The Officers conducted 79 building/business checks and Foot Patrols.

TRAINING:

The Officers successfully completed the Police Law Institute training along with the Lexipol Daily training Bulletins for the month of June.

Day Shift Activities

INVESTIGATIONS:

Investigative Case Reports taken this month included: Theft (7), Burglary to Motor Vehicle (5), Criminal Damage to Property (3), Domestic Battery (3), Identity Theft (3), Burglary, Fraud, Suspicious Subject and one Death Investigation.

Ofc Andries investigated a report of a theft of a bicycle in the 300 Block of Bluff Ave.

Ofc Andries responded to a report of Criminal Trespass in the 500 block of Ashland. It was learned three unlocked vehicles had been entered overnight. The case was closed due to a lack of evidence/witnesses.

Ofc Comstock took a report of a Stolen Motor Vehicle in the 500 Block of Catherine. The vehicle had been left unlocked with the keys in it. Later in the day the vehicle was recovered in Chicago and was processed. Case pending evidentiary results.

Shift members responded to the 300 Block of E Calendar for a Domestic Investigation. It was determined complaints would not be signed. Additional services were offered to both parties.

Ofc Nemecek responded to the 300 Block of South Park for the possible Burglary to Residence. During the investigation, it was determined entry was not made to the residence. The complainant wished to keep the incident a matter of record only.

Ofc Comstock investigated a report of an Identity Theft from a resident in the 200 Block of Leitch. During the investigation, it was learned two vehicles were rented out of state using the resident's information. The vehicles have been reported stolen in the appropriate out-of-state jurisdictions. Case closed locally due to lack of evidence.

Ofc Nemecek investigated a Theft by Deception after the complainant came to the lobby to file the report. The resident advised that during a real estate transaction a substantial wire transfer was stolen by someone posing as an involved party via the internet.

ARRESTS:

Ofc Kang arrested a 29-year-old Chicago woman following a traffic stop at 51st and La Grange. The driver was cited for Driving on a Suspended License and Expired Registration.

Ofc Kang arrested a 19-year-old Montgomery man following a traffic stop at La Grange and Burlington. The man was cited for Driving on a Suspended License and No Insurance.

Ofc Kang cited a woman for Cruelty to Animals and for being Illegally parked in a Handicap Spot. Ofc Kang and Ofc McGuire responded to La Grange Memorial Hospital for the report of a dog left in a vehicle. Ofc Kang determined the offender had mitigating circumstances due to a family member who was rushed to the hospital. The offender was advised of the fact she could have been charged criminally.

Ofc Kang arrested a 29-year-old LaGrange Park woman after a traffic stop at 53rd and La Grange. The driver was cited for Driving on a Suspended License.

Ofc Kang arrested a 25-year-old Chicago man following a traffic stop at La Grange and Burlington. The driver, who was cited for Unlawful Use of Electronic Communication device, Expired Registration, No Insurance and Failure to Secure a Child Under 8, was found to be in possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia. Due to the amount of cannabis, the driver was charged criminally.

Ofc Kang arrested a 40-year-old Chicago man after a traffic stop at Ogden and La Grange. The driver was cited for Driving on a Revoked License.

S/L Fulla arrested a 53-year-old Berwyn man following a report of a stolen bicycle at the Library. Video surveillance produced images of the suspect who was later located without the bicycle. Additional investigation led to the recovery of another stolen bicycle and video of that theft. The offender was charged with two counts of theft and one count of criminal damage to property.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

The Day Shift completed a total of 16 parking citations, 34 compliance citations, 48 state citations, 24 crash reports, 334 incident reports, and 29 case files. S/L Fulla also participated in a table top exercise for an active shooter involving members of the Community Nurses Association. Ofc Andries spoke with a group of pre-school children at Creative Montessori School. Ofc Andries spoke about strangers and gave the children a tour of his squad.

TRAINING:

The shift successfully completed the July 2017 Police Law Institute online training and Lexipol training. Members of the shift also completed roll call training regarding the dangers of Fentanyl.

Afternoon Shift Activities

INVESTIGATIONS:

Investigative Case Reports taken this month included: Theft Over \$500, Burglary to Motor Vehicle (4), Domestic Trouble (6), Identity Theft, Bicycle Theft (2), Disorderly Conduct (2), Theft Under \$500 (2), Theft from Motor Vehicle.

Ofc Wessendorf responded to the 5100 Block of South Willow Springs Road for a report of a Domestic Disturbance. A woman reported that she was grabbed and pushed by a family member, causing minor injury. After interviewing all involved parties and witnesses, it was determined that the complaint was unfounded.

Ofc Cassiberry responded to the 100 Block of Sawyer for a Disorderly Conduct complaint. A resident reported receiving two calls (voice messages) from an unknown male, in which vulgar language was used, including the caller stating he will find the woman. Ofc Cassiberry contacted the caller, who admitted to making the calls and advised he was upset with the victim. The male caller was warned that further calls would result in his arrest. Upon notifying the victim, she requested no further police action.

Ofc Burrell and Squad Leader Moncivais responded to the 400 Block of East Avenue for a Domestic Disturbance. Upon arrival, the couple both admitted to arguing and pushing each other in the presence of their two children. The female agreed to leave the residence for the evening, and the children spent the night with a relative.

Ofc Irizarry responded to the 300 Block of East Calendar for Disturbance. Upon arrival, officers learned that a resident was receiving threats via telephone from a female relative. Irizarry was

eventually able to locate the relative, at which time she was brought to the station for her personal safety, and to speak with La Grange FD paramedics. The complainant requested no further police action.

Ofc Rogers responded to the PD lobby to take a Stolen Bicycle report. Upon arrival, it was learned that the victim's Mountain Bike was stolen from the bicycle rack at the Stone Avenue Train Depot. It should be noted that the stolen bike was later recovered by officers on the day shift, and returned to the owner.

Ofc Kaiser responded to the 800 Block of South La Grange Road for a delayed report Domestic Battery. A woman reported that a neighbor witnessed her husband strike their son while disciplining him. The woman reported that the child suffered no injury and would like the report made as a matter of record. Kaiser contacted Illinois DCFS and advised them of the incident.

ARRESTS:

Ofc Burrell, along with Officers Kaiser and Irizarry arrested a 67-year-old Oak Park man on an outstanding River Forest PD Warrant for Obstructing Identification. The man was taken into custody after officers were called to a business in the 00 Block of North La Grange Road for a report of a man panhandling. The man was arrested without incident.

Ofc Kaiser cited a 24-year-old Forest Park woman after she caused a property damage accident in the vicinity of Ogden and East Avenues. The woman was subsequently stopped by the LaGrange Park PD and arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol.

Ofc Rogers curbed a vehicle wanted in a Theft of several plastic cases from a business in Western Springs. The male driver was turned over to the Western Springs PD, who charged the offender.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

The Afternoon shift completed 146 traffic contacts which included 2 Misdemeanor Traffic Arrests for Driving While License Suspended/Revoked. Officers completed 26 crash reports (1 Personal Injury) and issued 2 parking citations. Shift Officers conducted 15 Building/Business Checks and Foot Patrols.

The shift provided security and traffic control during the Annual Fireworks Show.

The shift attended two block parties during the month.

TRAINING:

The shift successfully completed the July 2017 Police Law Institute online training on: Investigating Recently Committed, Recently Discovered Violent Crimes.

Ofc Kaiser completed the Juvenile Specialist Skills training course and is now a state certified Juvenile Officer.

Ofc Wessendorf completed a weeklong Ride-Along with Investigations.

The shift completed Roll Call Training on the Dangers of the Opioid Drug Fentanyl.

Investigations Division Activities

INVESTIGATIONS:

Investigative case reports taken/followed up on this month include: Identity Thefts (4), Burglaries (1), Burglary to Motor Vehicles (4), Theft (1), Stolen Auto (1), and Forgeries (2).

Inv. Uher conducted follow-up investigation into two forgeries. Inv. Uher was able to identify two suspects. Inv. Uher later obtained two arrest warrants for two offenders wanted in connection to the Forgeries that occurred at the Currency Exchange in La Grange. Case pending custody of offenders.

Inv. Coleman conducted follow-up investigation into a Burglary to Motor Vehicle. Inv. Coleman was able to obtain latent prints. The latent prints will be submitted to the Illinois State Police Crime Laboratory for analysis. Case pending.

Inv. Uher conducted follow-up investigation into a Theft by Deception. Inv. Uher is currently coordinating with Countryside PD and the Federal Bureau of Investigations in identifying and locating the suspects. Case pending.

Inv. Coleman conducted follow-up investigation into a Burglary. Inv. Coleman learned that no fraudulent transactions had been committed against the victim's credit accounts. Case closed due to a lack of suspects and evidence.

Inv. Uher Conducted follow-up investigation into three Identity Thefts. Inv. Uher learned there was no surveillance video capturing fraudulent transactions. Case closed lack of suspects and evidence.

Inv. Coleman conducted follow-up on three Burglary to Motor vehicles. Inv. Coleman processed the vehicles for evidence with negative results. Due to a lack of evidence and suspects the cases were closed.

Inv. Uher conducted follow-up investigation into an Identity Theft. Inv. Uher checked local gas station service pumps credit card machines and learned none had been tampered with. Due to a lack of evidence and suspects the case was closed.

Inv. Coleman conducted follow-up investigation into a stolen auto. Inv. Coleman learned the stolen vehicle had been recovered in Chicago. The vehicle was processed for evidence and the case is currently pending further investigation.

Inv. Uher conducted follow-up investigation into a Theft. Inv. Uher checked local pawn shops and learned the stolen items had not been pawned. Case closed due to a lack of suspects and evidence.

ARREST:

Inv. Uher issued three local ordinance citations for subjects trespassing upon the property of Lyons Township High School as well as one local ordinance citation for disorderly conduct. The following subjects were issued citations as follows:

Dulla, Jack 19 YOA	Trespass to Property and Disorderly Conduct
Nelson-Sandall, Luke 18 YOA	Trespass to Property
Lovelace, Lucas 19 YOA	Trespass to Property

Inv. Uher and Inv. Coleman assisted Warrenville PD and the US Postal Inspectors with the execution of a search warrant related to numerous offenses being committed by a subject James Otis, 31 YOA. James Otis was subsequently arrested on scene and later charged with Identity Theft under the approval of the Attorney General's Office.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

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

Inv. Uher and Inv. Coleman assisted Hodgkins PD on two separate call outs for assistance through the M.C.A.T.

Inv. Uher and Inv. Coleman assisted Brookfield PD on a call out for assistance through the M.C.A.T.

AUXILIARY AND PART-TIME POLICE UNITS

The Auxiliary Unit volunteered 107 hours during the month of July. Time was spent conducting house checks, street lights out lists, traffic control for special events, and various patrol duties. They also serve as a partner to patrol officers out on the beat. The unit's presence was also observed and appreciated during this year's Craft Show.

The Part-time Officers made 18 traffic contacts, which included 5 citations. They were also active during the month helping with calls for service in the community.

PARKING DIVISION

The parking division registered \$17,073 in parking fines through conventional payments, on-line payments, or collection efforts.

TRUCK ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS: July 2017:

ACTIVITY	7-3 SHIFT	3-11 SHIFT	11-7 SHIFT	TOTAL
Total # Of Traffic Stops	23	2	0	25
Stop Cards	8	2	0	10
Verbal Warnings For Violations	18	0	0	18
Parking Citations	0	0	0	0
Local Ordinance Violations	0	0	0	0
Compliance Citations	12	0	0	12
State Citations	12	0	0	12
DWLS/DWLR/No CDL/No DL	1	0	0	1
Warrant(s) Served	0	0	0	0
Misdemeanor Arrests	0	0	0	0
Felony Arrests	0	0	0	0
Trucks Weighed-Scales	6	0	0	6
Overweight (axle/gross/registration)	5	0	0	5
Overweight Bond Amounts	\$4,786.00	\$0	\$0	\$4,786.00
Truck Inspections Conducted	9	0	0	9
Overlength/Overwidth/Overheight	0	0	0	0
Safety Violations	17	0	0	17
Moving Violations	3	2	0	5
Non-Moving Violations	23	0	0	23
Registration Violations	8	0	0	8
Lane Violations (La Grange Rd)	3	0	0	3
Outside Agency Citations/OOS	3	0	0	3

Summary of Activities

PATROL ACTIVITIES					2017	2016
	2017		2016		YTD	YTD
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	1,002		1,411		9,178	9,815
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	64		47		465	396
FELONY ARRESTS	0		3		6	10
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	3		5		28	28
DUI ARRESTS	1		0		8	5
WARRANT ARRESTS	2		1		14	12
TRAFFIC VERBAL WARNINGS	214		144		1,440	1,248
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	65		37		351	346
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	102		47		612	266
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	45	482	83	280	4,015	4,080
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	437		197			
JUVENILE ARRESTS	3		1		32	18
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	22		10		92	63