

LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Memorandum



To: Andrianna Peterson, Village Manager
From: Andrew M Peters, Acting Chief of Police
Date: November 21, 2017
Re: Monthly Report for October 2017

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

The Police Department's annual auction of abandoned, unclaimed, and surplus property took place October 21st this year and it was a success. The event was well attended and included 15 registered bidders. The items approved for sale were auctioned with the help of Officer Falls and Parking Clerk Fran Liepe. The auction resulted in a net profit of \$891.00. Of the total, \$6.00 was related to items sold from expired Article 36 Seizure eligible cases, drug cases and it was transferred to the Department's Drug Fund. \$20 was related to an item sold from a DUI related seizure eligible case and it was transferred to the department's DUI fund. Thus leaving \$865.00 for deposit in the Village's General Fund. Of special interest, 3 items each sold for over \$100.00 with the highest bid of the day being \$125.00 for a Specialized bicycle. The auction also resulted in the sale of 57 items from the property cage and evidence vault, resulting in the closing of several cases.

The Village of La Grange experienced a large amount of rain in a short period of time that caused several of the streets to be flooded. Officers were working with employees from the Department of Public works to close streets until the flooding subsided and enabled safe passage. Some of the streets were closed for several hours. The streets that were closed included the Ogden Avenue Bridge, La Grange Road between 47th and 49th St., and East Ave between 47th and 49th Street. Several of the side streets needed closing as well.

MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS:

Ofc. Kaiser, Ofc. McDermott, S/L Herrera and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to a domestic disturbance in the 300 block of Bluff Avenue in reference to a boyfriend and girlfriend who were involved in a verbal disagreement. Peace was restored and the girlfriend, who does not live at the address, went to her own residence for the night.

Ofc. Cassiberry and Ofc. Kaiser along with Sgt Rohlicek and Sgt Ljubenko investigated a disturbance in the 200 block of Sawyer Avenue involving a group of teenage boys. The boys were attempting to contact a resident to speak with them in reference to the boys suspecting the resident

was the offender that robbed them a couple hours previously in Brookfield. Brookfield P.D. was notified and the investigation was turned over to Brookfield P.D.

Ofc. Cassiberry and Ofc. Kaiser along with Sgt Rohlicek and Sgt Ljubenko responded to a report of shots fired in the area of Lincoln and Sawyer. The area was checked and several residents were spoken to. We were not able to locate any evidence of shots being fired.

Ofc. Kaiser and Sgt. Rohlicek responded to the area of 00 block S. Ashland Avenue for a male subject that contacted the suicide hotline and claimed he wanted to commit suicide. Officers spoke with the subject and he voluntarily went with the La Grange Paramedics to La Grange Hospital for evaluation and treatment.

Ofc. Kaiser, Ofc. McDermott and S/L Herrera responded to 00 block of S Spring Avenue for a report of a 24 year old female who was out of control and arguing with her boyfriend. At the conclusion of the investigation the 24 year old female was transported to La Grange Hospital for a psychological evaluation by the La Grange Paramedics.

ARRESTS:

Sgt. Rohlicek conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for speeding near Harris and La Grange Road and found the driver, a 42 year old, male Melrose Park resident, had a revoked driver's license. The driver was also found to have two warrants for his arrest out of DuPage County. The warrants were related to driving violations that occurred several months prior in DuPage County. The driver was taken into custody, arrested for driving in LaGrange on a revoked driver license and speeding. He was transported to DuPage County in reference to the warrants.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

The midnight shift completed 127 traffic contacts and investigated 4 property damage traffic accidents, one of which was a hit and run involving a parked car. The shift issued 44 parking citations for overnight parking and other violations. The shift Officers conducted 54 building checks and foot patrols. The shift members assisted in preparing the surplus property that was Village Board approved for auction.

TRAINING:

The shift successfully completed the October 2017 Police Law Institute online training along with the Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. Officer Cassiberry successfully completed the 2-day Breath Analysis Technician certification course.

DAYSHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS:

During the month of October, 2017, the Day Shift handled the following case files: ID Theft (3), Domestic Situations (4), Theft (3), Minor Possession Tobacco (1), Criminal Damage To Property (3), Burglary To Motor Vehicle (3), Aggravated Battery (1), Cannabis/Possession Drug Paraphernalia (1), Motor Vehicle Theft (3), Deceptive Practice (1), Robbery (1), Death Investigation (1).

Ofc. Andries investigated an Identity Theft in the 1000 blk S Madison in which unknown person(s) used the victim's identification to attempt to open fraudulent accounts, and an Identity Theft case in the 00 blk N Poplar in which the victim's social security number was fraudulently used to attempt to open financial accounts. He also investigated a Theft of motor vehicle case in the 400 blk S Edgewood in which two unlocked vehicles were stolen from the driveway of a residence and a Domestic incident at LMH over a child custody issue.

Ofc. Falls handled a Domestic battery case in the 1000 blk S La Grange, a Domestic Situation in the 600 blk S 10th, and 1100 blk S Kensington, and a Burglary to Motor Vehicle case in the 400 blk S Edgewood in which entry was gained to an unlocked vehicle. She also investigated a Theft case in the 00 blk S La Grange in which a Halloween decoration was stolen.

Ofc. Fulla investigated a Possession Cannabis/Possession Drug Paraphernalia case at Goodman and 7th, stemming from a traffic stop. He also involved in an Aggravated Battery in the 5700 blk S La Grange Rd in which he was battered during a traffic stop.

Ofc. Niewold responded to Burglary to Motor Vehicle cases in the 00 blk N Drexel, and 400 blk S Leitch in which unlocked vehicles were entered. He also recovered stolen property in the 500 blk S 10th which was found to be proceeds from a theft which occurred in the La Grange Highlands.

Ofc. Wolf responded to two Criminal Damage to Property cases in the 500 blk S 6th and the in the 00 blk S 6th in which a residential window was found damaged by an unknown object and the pavement membrane of the parking garage was intentionally damaged by a motorist. He also investigated a Theft report in the 00 blk W Cossitt in which a Halloween decoration was stolen, an Identity Theft case in the 300 blk Sunset, and a Deceptive Practice case in the 00 blk S la Grange in which a counterfeit note was passed at an establishment. Ofc Wolf responded to a Robbery case in the 600 blk S La Grange in which several subjects stole items from a Business.

ARRESTS:

Ofc. Falls arrested Jay L Sommerfield, a 72 year old resident of La Grange for Domestic Battery. Ofc. Fulla arrested Nico J Rabe, a 20 year old of Countryside for Possession Cannabis/Possession Drug Paraphernalia.

Ofc. Fulla arrested Scott Shreffler a 47 year old resident of Gilman, IL for Aggravated Battery to a Peace Officer and traffic.

Ofc. Fulla arrested Robert D Bence, a 57 year old resident of Highland, IN and Esteban Salgado, a 36 year old, resident of Chicago for operating an overweight truck.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

Members of the Day Shift took part in the Fire Department Open House and conducted several lock-down drills at Spring, Gurrie, and 7th Avenue Schools. Ofc. Falls conducted a tour at the police department for a local Girl Scout Troop. The shift also responded to 415 calls for service, issued 17 parking tickets, 17 Compliance Tickets, and took 30 accident reports.

TRAINING:

Ofc. Fulla attended Advanced Truck Enforcement training. Ofc. Niewold attended PPCT Weapon Retention training which is a train-the-trainer course. Ofc. Falls attended Grant Writing

training. Ofc. Fulla attended CAC training and Ofc. Comstock attended Firearms Instructor training and will be assuming responsibilities as a Department firearms instructor.

AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS:

Investigative Case Reports taken this month included: Assault, Theft Under \$500, Domestic Trouble (4), Well-Being Check (5), Theft of Services, Bicycle Theft (2), Aggravated Battery, Criminal Damage to Property (4), Suspicious Incident (2), Disorderly Conduct (3), Voluntary Committal, Property Loss, Identity Theft, Criminal Trespass to Land (3), Battery (3), Theft Over \$500.

Ofc Nemecek, along with additional shift officers, responded to a business in the 00 Block of South La Grange Road, after Nemecek observed a female screaming, causing a disturbance. Officers learned that the female became combative and threatened to harm herself, after stating that she was dissatisfied with the service. La Grange paramedics were contacted and the woman was subsequently transported to La Grange Hospital for further treatment and evaluation. The business did not wish to pursue criminal complaints, but the woman was issued a No Trespass Order.

Ofc Wessendorf responded to La Grange Hospital in reference to a Theft of Service. A taxi driver reported that a woman took a cab ride from New Lenox to the La Grange area, and her credit card was declined upon arrival. The driver did not wish to press charges and the incident was documented as a matter of record only.

Ofc Irizarry responded to the PD lobby to take a report of a Fraudulent Email. Upon arrival, a local business manager reported that an associate at their office believed her email account was compromised, due to two suspicious monetary transaction matters discovered from an unknown source, requesting over \$100,000 USC. Both transactions were stopped prior to any financial loss and all accounts were closed. No further police action was requested.

Ofc Rogers responded to the alley in the 100 Block of Hayes in reference to a Criminal Damage to Motor Vehicle report. A resident reported that he was sitting in his car when he heard the rear window being smashed out. The man stated he believed he may know the subject who may have caused damage to his vehicle, but did not wish for the police to pursue the matter further.

Ofc Kang responded to a restaurant in the 00 Block of South La Grange Road in reference to a Theft of a wallet. Upon arrival, it was learned that the victim's credit cards were used unlawfully to purchase items in Broadview. A request for surveillance video from the restaurant and the business in Broadview was made at the time of the report. The case was turned over to Investigations.

Ofc Burrell and additional La Grange units responded to a church in the 500 Block of South Park to take a Disorderly Conduct complaint. Upon arrival, it was reported that a man entered the church and began asking patrons for money. After talking to several people, the man began to exit the building, uttering that he should destroy the building. The parishioners called the department

to make a report and give a description of the man. Surveillance video of the suspect was retrieved but the man has yet to be identified.

Ofc Irizarry and Inv Coleman responded to the 1000 Block of Spring in reference to a Well-Being Check of a juvenile. An employee within the school reported that there may be physical abuse occurring to one of the male students, due to an incident with the student and his parent, which the employee witnessed. Irizarry and Coleman completed the investigation at the school, then provided a follow-up assessment at the home of the juvenile. The case was turned over to Illinois DCFS.

Ofc Kang, along with S/L Moncivais and Ofc Nemecek, responded to the 1400 Block of West Cossitt in reference to a suicidal subject. Upon arrival, officers learned that a female in the residence made statements threatening to harm herself while talking on the telephone with her boyfriend, who called police. The female admitted to those statements and advised she was suffering from extreme depression. Lagrange Fire Department paramedics were contacted, and the woman was taken to LaGrange Hospital for a voluntary committal.

Ofc Wessendorf and Ofc Rogers responded to the 100 Block of South 7th for a Domestic Disturbance. Upon arrival, officers spoke to the female resident who advised that she had a verbal argument with her husband over finances and damage to their family vehicle. Both parties agreed to separate for the night and no further police action was requested.

ARRESTS:

Officers Kang, Nemecek and Irizarry arrested a 37-year old La Grange man for Criminal Damage to property, after the man caused damage to a window in the 200 Block of Washington. Officers initially responded to a call of a disturbance at the residence and found two males involved in a physical altercation. The men were separated and the offender was taken into custody after it was determined that he kicked out a basement window at the home.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

The Afternoon shift completed 205 traffic contacts which included 3 Misdemeanor Traffic Arrests for Driving While License Suspended/Revoked. Officers completed 32 crash reports (3 Personal Injury) and issued 10 parking citations. Shift Officers conducted 23 Building/Business Checks and Foot Patrols.

TRAINING:

The shift successfully completed the October 2017 Police Law Institute online training on: Cultural Competence, Traffic and pedestrian Stops, Warrantless Searches Co-Tenants of Property, Investigative Responses (Legal Basis), Criminal Resisting/Obstructing, Entry onto Private Property by Police, and Qualified Immunity.

Ofc Irizarry completed a Grant Writing Training course at the Calumet City PD.

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS:

Investigative case reports taken/followed up on this month include: Burglary to Motor Vehicle (1), Theft (1), Aggravated Battery to a Police Officer (1), Criminal Damage to Property (1), Child Abuse (1) Unlawful use of a Credit Card (1), theft of Motor Vehicles (2), and Death Investigation (1).

Inv. Uher conducted follow-up investigations into a theft and Unlawful use of a Credit Card. Inv. Uher obtained surveillance video of a female white suspect unlawfully using the victim's credit card to make purchases at retail establishments. Inv. Uher created a Critical Reach Track Informational Flier and disseminated it to local jurisdictions for identification purposes. Case closed.

Inv. Coleman conducted follow-up investigation into Criminal Damage to Property to the Village Parking Garage deck. Inv. Coleman obtained surveillance video from the parking garage of a suspect vehicle doing a burn out on the top deck of the garage. Inv. Coleman created a Critical Reach Track Informational Flier and disseminated it to local jurisdictions for identification purposes. Case closed.

Inv. Uher conducted follow-up investigation into a Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Child Abuse Neglect Report. Inv. Uher spoke with the parties involved and learned the case was not related to a criminal incident. Inv. Uher turned his findings over to the DCFS. Case closed.

Inv. Uher conducted follow-up investigations into a Theft. Inv. Uher learned an unknown male black subject obtained \$700 USC from the victim through deception. Inv. Uher obtained surveillance video of the suspect, created a Critical Reach Track Informational Flier and disseminated it to local jurisdictions for identification purposes. Case closed.

Inv. Coleman conducted follow-up investigation into a Burglary to Motor Vehicle. Inv. Coleman and Inv. Uher attempted to locate the victim's keys in Chicago with negative results, after a Tile tracking device alerted to its location. Inv. Coleman is in the process of obtaining a Grand Jury Subpoena for records due to the victim's information being used to pay a ComEd bill. Case pending identification of a suspect.

Inv. Uher assisted the Midnight Shift with a Death Investigation. Inv. Uher processed and collected evidence from the scene as well as photographed it for documentation purposes. Inv. Uher also coordinated with the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office and subsequently the case was turned over to them. Case closed.

Inv. Coleman conducted follow-up investigation into the Theft of two motor vehicles. Inv. Coleman canvassed the area for surveillance video in an attempt to identify offenders. Inv. Coleman later learned one of the vehicles was recovered in Chicago and linked to an incident currently under investigation. Inv. Coleman also identified a possible suspect and is coordinating with Chicago PD in locating the suspect in both cases. Case pending.

ARREST:

Inv. Uher issued five Village ordinance compliance citations to minors in possession of tobacco products while on campus of Lyons Township High School North campus property.

Inv. Coleman assisted S/L Patrick Fulla in regards to a traffic stop and Battery to a Police Officer. Inv. Coleman photographed S/L Fulla's injuries, which he sustained while making an arrest. Inv. Coleman also obtained surveillance video from local businesses. Inv. Coleman later contacted the Cook County States Attorney's Office and presented the facts of the cases for felony review of charges. Mr. Scott D. Shriffler M/W 47 YOA was subsequently charged with one felony count of Aggravated Battery to a Peace Officer, Resisting Arrest of a Peace Officer and various traffic offenses. Case closed.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

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

Inv. Uher and Inv. Coleman assisted the South Suburban Majors Crimes Task Force with investigating a Homicide in Bridgeview, IL. Howard Strepek (56 yoa), was subsequently charged with First Degree Murder.

Inv. Uher and Inv. Coleman attended Transportation Rail Incident Preparedness & Response Training

Inv. Uher attended Officer in Charge training.

Inv. Uher and Inv. Coleman attended Open Source Intelligence Techniques Training hosted by the All Our Children's Advocacy Center (AOCAC).

Inv. Uher and Inv. Coleman attended a two day Illinois Homicide Investigators Association Conference.

AUXILIARY AND PART-TIME POLICE UNITS

The Auxiliary Unit volunteered 92 hours during the month of October. 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 and unit's presence was also observed and appreciated during this year's Halloween Walk.

The Part-time Officers made 27 traffic contacts, which included 16 citations. They were also active during the month responding to 101 calls for service in the community.

PARKING DIVISION

The parking division registered \$17,390.00 in parking fines through conventional payments, on-line payments, or collection efforts.

TRUCK ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

	Location	Date	Time	Result			Equipment	Moving	License/Reg	Weight	Insuance
La Grange RD	CBD	10/18/17	1:52	W	C		1	1			
		1 Sub-total by Area									
	Cossitt thru 47th	10/17/17	10:15	W	C			2			
		10/17/17	10:15	W	C			2			
		2 Sub-total by Area									
	Other	10/25/17	12:32			Y				1	
		1 Sub-total by Area									
Ogden Ave	East - La Grange RD	10/17/17	8:23	W			6	1	1		
		10/20/17	10:00	W	C		3				
		10/26/17	11:26			Y				1	
		3 Sub-total by Area									
	La Grange & West	10/26/17	8:04		C		1				
		1 Sub-total by Area									
Other	East Ave										
		0 Sub-total by Area									
	47th Street										
		0 Sub-total by Area									
	Other										
		0 Sub-total by Area									
						0 Sub-total by Area	11	6	1	2	0

Summary of Activities

PATROL ACTIVITIES	November		November		2017	2016
	2017		2016		YTD	YTD
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	1,290		1,649		12,575	14,394
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	65		65		656	577
FELONY ARRESTS	1		5		8	22
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	1		4		34	38
DUI ARRESTS	0		1		10	7
WARRANT ARRESTS	2		5		19	19
TRAFFIC VERBAL WARNINGS	192		216		1,980	1,734
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	67		44		518	455
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	81		40		861	390
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	72	625	76	584	5,803	5,700
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	553		508			
JUVENILE ARRESTS	0		0		36	18
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	16		14		152	93