

# LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Memorandum



To: Andrianna M Peterson, Village Manager  
From: Andrew M Peters, Acting Chief of Police  
Date: 10/17/2017  
Re: Monthly Report for September 2017

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



Several 9/11 Commemorations were held to honor those lost in the terrorist attacks in New York City and at the Pentagon. A mass at St Cletus Church honoring emergency services and first responder personnel was held on Sunday September 10, 2017. Acting Chief Peters, Dayshift Officers, and Fire Fighters all attended the mass.

Police and Fire personnel also attended the Patriot Day Ceremony at the Robert E Coulter Jr. Legion Post 1941 on September 11, 2017. Village Manager Andrianna Peterson, Chief Don Gay, and Acting Chief Peters were all in attendance and Acting Chief Peters was honored to speak to the attendees, providing a law enforcement perspective of the events of 9/11 and its impact on first responders.

Officer Taylor Falls and Acting Chief Peters attended the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Race Unity Rally held at the Village Hall. The event this year focused on the importance of diversity and its positive impact on a vibrant community both socially and economically.

### **MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES**

#### **INVESTIGATIONS:**

Ofc. Falls responded to and investigated a missing person incident involving a male juvenile subject in the 100 block of Hayes Ave. After a short period of time, the male subject returned home on his own after attending a local high school football game with some friends. Officers went to the residence and verified that the subject had returned home and was in good health.

Ofc. Cassiberry and Sgt. Rohlicek responded to the domestic disturbance incident in the 400 block of S. 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. A female subject and her husband became involved in a verbal argument. Peace was restored, no one was injured, no arrests made. Subjects provided domestic violence/information forms.

Ofc. Cassiberry, S/L Herrera, and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to the domestic disturbance incident in the 200 block of S. Kensington Ave. involving a male subject and his alleged girlfriend. The male subject advised that the female subject arrived at his home uninvited, stayed on the outside porch area and refused to leave. Officers made contact with female subject as she was walking away from the residence. Female subject was slightly intoxicated, and she advised she was ok and wanted to return home. The male subject advised he wanted no further action taken. Peace was restored and the female subject was given a ride home to her residence in a neighboring town. Several hours later the female subject advised that when she was on the porch, the male subject grabbed her by the hand/arm and tried to pull her away. The female subject refused medical attention and refused to allow her hand/arm to be photographed. No visible signs of injury to the female subject. The male subject denied touching or grabbing the female subject. No complaints signed, parties separated for the night.

S/L Herrera, Ofc. Kaiser and Sgt. Rohlicek responded to the report of a battery incident in the area of Harris/La Grange Rd. A male subject and his friend became involved in a verbal altercation with at least two other unknown male subjects. The verbal altercation escalated into a physical altercation involving punching/hitting. Two male subjects suffered injuries, with one of the subjects suffering significant injuries to his face/head area. The other unknown male subject/suspects left the area prior to R/O's arrival. La Grange Paramedics/Ambulance were summoned to the scene and the male subject with significant injuries was transported to La Grange Memorial Hospital (LMH) for treatment. Case has been turned over to the Investigations Division for further follow-up investigation.

Ofc. McDermott, Ofc. Cassiberry, S/L Herrera and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to a domestic disturbance involving a male subject and his girlfriend in a parking lot in the 1300 block of Community Memorial Dr. The two subjects were seated in the male subject's vehicle and involved in a verbal argument. The female subject refused to get out of her boyfriend's vehicle. After speaking to officers, the female subject agreed to exit the vehicle. The male subject left in his vehicle to return to his residence in a neighboring town and the female subject got into her vehicle to return to her residence in another town. No complaints signed, peace restored, parties separated for the night.

Ofc. McDermott, S/L Herrera and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to the 800 block of S. La Grange Rd. for the male suicidal subject. The male subject stated that he had been feeling depressed, was thinking of possibly hurting himself and wished to go to the hospital. The La Grange Paramedics/Ambulance were summoned to the scene and the subject was transported to La Grange Memorial Hospital (LMH) for evaluation/treatment.

#### ARRESTS:

Ofc. Kaiser arrested a 41 year old male subject from La Grange for No Valid D/L, traffic offenses and Possession of a Controlled Substance. The subject was stopped for traffic offenses, found to have no valid driver's license and to be in possession of cocaine. Subject was processed and transported to court for a bond hearing.

Ofc. Cassiberry, Ofc. McDermott, S/L Herrera and Sgt. Rohlicek responded to a disturbance/battery in progress incident in the 900 block of S. 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. Ofc. Cassiberry arrested a

20 year old male subject from Bolingbrook for Battery and Criminal Damage to Property. Subject was processed and released on bond with a return court date.

Ofc. Kaiser arrested a 42 year old male subject from Schiller Park for Driving Under the Influence (D.U.I.). Subject was processed and released on bond with a return court date.

Ofc. Kaiser arrested a 28 year old male subject from Hillside on an active warrant for Domestic Battery out of La Grange. Subject was processed, posted required bond and was released with a return court date.

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

The Midnight shift completed 99 traffic contacts which included 4 misdemeanor Traffic Arrests for Driving while License Suspended/Revoked/No Valid D.L. and investigated 2 property damage traffic accidents, one of which involved an I.H.B. freight train striking a vehicle at the 47<sup>th</sup>/East Ave. crossing. Shift Officers issued 76 parking citations for overnight parking and other violations. Shift Officers conducted 61 Building/Business Premise Checks and Foot Patrols. In addition, the shift conducted operations in support of the West End Art Fair.

#### **TRAINING:**

The shift successfully completed the September 2017 Police Law Institute online training along with the Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. In addition, Ofc. Kaiser completed the 2-day Breath Analysis Operator/Technician certification course and Sgt. Rohlicek completed Transportation Rail Incident Preparedness & Response training course. Shift officers also completed firearms training utilizing the MEGGITT Firearms Training Systems (FATS) simulator device.

### **DAYSHIFT SHIFT ACTIVITIES**

#### **INVESTIGATIONS:**

During the month of September 2017, the Day Shift handled the following cases: (1) Drug case, (2) Identity Theft cases, (2) other cases, (3) Theft cases, (1) Battery case, (2) Criminal Damage to Property cases, (2) Traffic cases, (1) Suspicious Person case, (1) Missing Person case, (1) Burglary & Burglary to Motor Vehicle case, and (1) Deceptive Practice case.

Ofc. Andries handled a Possession of Cannabis case at LTHS in which a student was in possession of cannabis. A Civil Citation was issued. He took a report of Identity Theft case in the 700 blk of La Grange, in which the victim became part of an eBay/PayPal scam. Ofc. Andries handled a Fraud case, in which the victim's credit card number was used in several locations in Indiana and a Theft case in the 700 blk S Ashland, in which item(s) were taken from a residence, possibly by workers. Ofc. Andries investigated a Battery case at LMH, in which employees were battered by a mentally unstable subject. No complaints were signed. He also investigated a Theft case at LTHS, where the victim's cell phone was taken from the locker room.

Ofc. Comstock handled a Criminal Damage to Property case in the 00 blk 7th in which a residential door was damaged. No entry was gained. He investigated a Theft case in the 00 blk E Ogden in which a piece of construction equipment was stolen from the work site and a Suspicious Person call at LTHS, in which the subject was identified and advised not to return to the school.

Ofc. Falls responded to a Missing Person case at LTHS. The subject was located and reunited with family a short time later.

Ofc. Fulla investigated an Identity Theft case in the 1000 blk W 41st in which the victim's information was used at the Illinois Department of Employment Services and a Burglary & Burglary to Motor Vehicle case in the 100 blk N Malden, in which unknown offender(s) entered an unlocked vehicle inside an unlocked garage.

Ofc. Niewold handled a Criminal Damage to Property case in the 1000 blk S La Grange, in which the victim's property had damage from spray paint and a basketball net rim damaged. He also investigated a Deceptive Practice case in the 400 blk W Hillgrove, in which the victim was tendered a check for an item for sale and the check was fraudulent.

Ofc. Wolf handled a Civil Matter at the lobby of the police department.

#### **ARRESTS:**

Ofc. Comstock arrested, Enrique Martinez, a 26 year old male from Chicago for DWLS and traffic.

Ofc. Comstock arrested, Cedric L Robinson, a 42 year old male from Chicago for DWLS.

Ofc. Fulla arrested Gregorio Silva-Uribe, a 45 year old male from Chicago for Unauthorized Operation of CMV.

Ofc. Fulla arrested James J Andersen, a 59 year old male for No Valid CDL.

Ofc. Fulla arrested Yuriy Shvets, a 55 year old male from Park Ridge for Overweight CMV and traffic.

Ofc. Falls arrested Lorenzo Lindsey, a 36 year old male from Orland Park for Fleeing/Att. To Elude Police and traffic.

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

The Dayshift issued 17 Parking Tickets, 33 Compliance Tickets, took 34 Crash Reports, and responded to 591 calls for service. Day Shift officers also attended the First Responder mass at St. Cletus, and Auxiliary Unit assisted with the LTHS, St Francis, and St Cletus Homecoming Parades.

#### **TRAINING:**

Ofc. Falls attended Below 100 training, a training program developed to reduce officer accidents. All Day Shift officers attended Meggitt firearms training. Ofc. Falls attended a Humane Animal Investigator class and became certified animal humane officer. Ofc. Wolf attended Urban Rifle training, and Sgt Berg attended Transportation Railroad Preparation and Response training.

#### **AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES**

#### **INVESTIGATIONS:**

Investigative Case Reports taken this month included: Theft Over \$500, Criminal Damage to Property, Theft of Mislaid Property (2), Domestic Trouble (6), Battery (3), Deceptive Practice, Warrant Service (2), Well-Being Check (4), Identity Theft (4), Disorderly Conduct, Assault, Theft Under \$500 (3).

Ofc Nemecek responded to the department lobby for a report of a possible Theft. A woman reported that she had not received any mail in her P.O. Box in over a month, and suspected that a relative may have taken her mail from the Post Office. A subsequent complaint was filed with the Postal Inspector, and the woman closed her account at the facility. The report was made as a matter of record only.

Ofc Burrell responded to the department lobby for a Deceptive Practice complaint. A male resident of La Grange reported that he sent money to an unknown female that he met on a dating website. The woman claimed to be in Dubai and requested financial assistance to return to the United States. The resident received a check from an associate of the woman which turned out to be fraudulent. Burrell advised the resident of the scam and requested that he cease all future contact with the woman.

Ofc Irizarry responded to the department lobby for a Theft report. A female reported that she was dining in a La Grange restaurant and believed that her wallet was stolen from her purse. As a result, one of her credit cards was used at several different retail stores, totaling over \$1,000 in fraudulent charges. The woman was unable to provide any suspects or witnesses and the case is pending further information.

Ofc Rogers, along with Ofc Nemecek and PTO Strand responded to the 00 Block of North Brainard Avenue in reference to a Domestic Trouble complaint. Upon arrival, the officers spoke with a couple who admitted to punching each other, after initially having a verbal argument and consuming alcohol. Neither suffered injury or wished to sign criminal complaints. The male subject at the scene left for the night in order to calm the situation.

Ofc Wessendorf responded to the 400 Block of South Ashland Avenue for a report of a stolen bicycle. Upon arrival, it was learned the bike was taken in the 100 Block of South Brainard Avenue. The bike was registered with the LaGrange PD and was recovered a few days later in Western Springs.

Ofc Kang responded to the department lobby to speak to a LaGrange resident in reference to a Disorderly Conduct complaint. The woman reported that she was concerned about text messages that her teenage daughter was receiving from a mutual family friend, who was a male. Upon speaking with the woman, she requested that the PD contact the male and advise him to have no further contact with the daughter. Upon contacting the male, he advised Kang there would be no further contact and the case was closed.

#### **ARRESTS:**

Ofc Kang and Ofc Irizarry arrested 51-year old La Grange man for Battery after officers responded to a carnival event (private property) in the 700 Block of West 55<sup>th</sup> Street. The victim was located at the scene and was provided immediate medical attention by La Grange FD paramedics. Witnesses advised the man appeared to be intoxicated when he punched a 16-year old male juvenile, causing injury. The male offender turned himself in to police the next day and was charged, without incident.

Ofc Wessendorf, along with Ofc Rogers and Ofc Nemecek, arrested a 21-year old Matteson man for Criminal Damage to Property and Assault, after the man caused damage to a cash register during an argument with the staff at a business in the 900 Block of South La Grange Road. The man was not on scene when officers arrived, but the car he occupied was curbed by Rogers after witnesses gave a description of the suspect and vehicle. The man was taken into custody and processed on both charges.

Ofc Kang cited a 37-year old Chicago man for Driving While License Suspended and additional traffic violations after the man was stopped in the vicinity of La Grange Road and Brewster Avenue for a minor violation. The man was taken into custody without incident and the vehicle was designated by the department for asset-forfeiture.

Ofc Nemecek arrested a 19-year old Willowbrook man on an outstanding Darien Warrant for Unlawful Possession of Cannabis. Officers initially responded to the Village parking garage structure for a disturbance complaint. A check of the man's personal identifiers revealed the warrant and he was taken into custody, without incident.

Ofc Wessendorf arrested a 38-year old La Grange Highlands man on an outstanding La Grange Warrant for Driving While License Suspended. The man was turned over to the department by the Illinois State Police Department after they conducted a traffic stop on the man during a separate incident. Wessendorf processed the man and completed warrant service.

Ofc Kang and Ofc Irizarry arrested a 34-year old La Grange woman for Battery after she punched a store employee at a business located in the 00 Block of North La Grange Road. The female victim suffered minor injury to her ear. Officers viewed in-store surveillance video which captured the incident. The suspect was located a short distance from the store and arrested.

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

The Afternoon shift completed 128 traffic contacts which included 5 Misdemeanor Traffic Arrests for Driving While License Suspended/Revoked. Officers completed 23 crash reports (4 Personal Injury) and issued 4 parking citations. Shift Officers conducted 26 Building/Business Checks and Foot Patrols.

The shift provided security and traffic control for the West End Art Fair.

The shift conducted Bike Rodeos (registrations) at Ogden Avenue School and Cossitt School.

The shift attended 3 block parties during the month.

#### **TRAINING:**

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

Officers Wessendorf and Kang completed the 40 hour Basic Truck Enforcement Training Course at the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy (Glen Ellyn, IL).

Ofc Irizarry completed a 4-Day Investigations ride-along with La Grange PD detectives.

Sgt Odom attended the Transportation Rail Incident Preparedness & Response Training Course conducted at Cook County Emergency Operations Center (Oak Forest, IL).

Ofc Wessendorf completed the 40 hour Basic Traffic Crash Investigation Course conducted at the Streamwood PD.

## **INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION ACTIVITIES**

### **INVESTIGATIONS:**

Investigative case reports taken/followed up on this month include: Burglary to Motor Vehicle (1), Battery (1), Aggravated Battery to a Police Officer (1), Wire Fraud (1), and Unlawful use of a Credit Card (1).

Inv. Coleman conducted follow-up investigation into a Battery. Inv. Coleman attempted to locate surveillance video footage of the incident as well as identify additional witnesses with negative results. Inv. Coleman is in the process of identifying potential suspects. Case pending.

Inv. Uher conducted follow-up investigation into an Unlawful Use of a Credit Card. A suspect was identified in the incident and taken into custody. Inv. Uher contacted the Cook County States Attorney Felony Review Unit and informed them of the facts of the case. After careful review of the facts, felony charges were denied and subsequently the suspect was released without charges. Case closed.

Inv. Coleman assisted the Day Shift with an Aggravated Battery to a Police Officer incident. Inv. Coleman obtained surveillance video from the area where the incident occurred to assist with the investigations. Inv. Coleman also contacted the Cook County States Attorney Felony Review Unit and informed them of the facts of the case. After careful review of the facts felony charges were granted and the offender was charged accordingly. See Day Shift monthly report for offender information. Case closed.

Inv. Uher conducted follow-up investigations into a Wire Fraud. Inv. Uher learned money was transferred multiple times through multiple jurisdictions. Due to the financial loss to the victim as well as number of subjects involved in the wire fraud, the US Secret Service is taking over the investigation. Case turned over to another agency.

Inv. Coleman conducted follow-up investigation into a Burglary to Motor Vehicle that occurred in the 400 block of S. Waiola Ave. Inv. Coleman collected elimination latent prints from the victim and submitted them to the Illinois State Police laboratory along with latent print evidence collected from the scene. Case pending identification of a suspect.

### **ARRESTS:**

Inv. Uher and Inv. Coleman arrested Patrick R. McGuire, a 19 year old male, 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. McGuire was identified as a co-defendant in the incident and subsequently was charged with one class "A" misdemeanor count of Criminal Damage to Property and released on a \$1,500 I-bond.

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

### **OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:**

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

Inv. Uher and Inv. Coleman assisted the South Suburban Majors Crimes Task Force with investigating a Homicide in Hickory Hills, IL. An offender, Thomas Irvin was subsequently charged with First degree murder.

Ofc. Sabrina Irizarry completed a 4-day field training program in the Investigations Unit. Inv. Coleman mentored Ofc. Irizarry during the 4 days related to the functions and responsibilities of the Investigations Unit.

Inv. Uher, as the LTHS School Resource Officer, participated in a lockdown drill at LTHS.

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

Inv. Coleman attended Advance Elderly Service Officer training.

Inv. Uher and Inv. Coleman conducted a safety assessment of the Lyons Township High School Treasures Office.

### **AUXILIARY AND PART-TIME POLICE UNITS**

The Auxiliary Unit volunteered 89 hours during the month of September. 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 West End Art Fair event.

The Part-time Officers made 18 traffic contacts, which included 5 citations. They were also active during the month responding to 97 calls for service in the community.

**PARKING DIVISION**

The parking division registered \$14,245.00 in parking fines through conventional payments, on-line payments, or collection efforts.

**TRUCK ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS**

September 2017

	Location	Date	Time	Result	Equipment	Moving	License/Reg	Weight	Insurance	
La Grange RD	CBD	09/01/17	12:25	C	2					
		09/07/17	8:04	Y	2			1		
		09/12/17	9:48	C			1			
		09/21/17	18:48	W			1			
		09/30/17	9:34	C			1			
	5 Sub-total by Area									
	Cossitt thru 47th	09/11/17	8:05	C	2					
		1 Sub-total by Area								
	Other	09/26/17	7:58	C	1					
		1 Sub-total by Area								
Ogden Ave	East - La Grange RD	09/07/17	11:36	Y	1		1			
		09/12/17	8:05	C		1				
		09/18/17	8:59	W	3					
		09/21/17	17:48	W	1					
		09/23/17	10:40	C	3		1			
		09/26/17	11:39	W	1					
	6 Sub-total by Area									
La Grange & West										
	0 Sub-total by Area									
Other	East Ave	09/01/17	7:35	W	Y	4		1	1	
		09/11/17	9:45		Y	1		1		
		09/18/17	10:01		Y	2			1	
		09/25/17	8:15	C	4					
		4 Sub-total by Area								
	47th Street									
		0 Sub-total by Area								
	Other									
		0 Sub-total by Area								
							27	1	7	2

W = Warning, C = Compliance Ticket, Y = State Ticket

### Summary of Activities

PATROL ACTIVITIES	September		September		2017	2016
	2017		2016		YTD	YTD
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	871		1,465		11,285	12,745
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	64		55		591	512
FELONY ARRESTS	0		4		7	17
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	4		4		33	34
DUI ARRESTS	1		1		10	6
WARRANT ARRESTS	3		1		17	14
TRAFFIC VERBAL WARNINGS	169		123		1,788	1,518
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	43		45		451	411
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	76		35		780	350
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	98	581	46	580	5,178	5,116
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	483		534			
JUVENILE ARRESTS	1		0		36	18
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	23		5		136	79