

# LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Memorandum



To: Andrianna Peterson, Village Manager  
From: Andrew M Peters, Acting Chief of Police  
Date: December 15, 2017  
Re: Monthly Report for November 2017

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

All Shifts responded to, investigated and discovered a series of burglary to motor vehicle incidents which occurred on the same day in the 0-100 block of N. Park Rd. and the 600-1000 blocks of S. Ashland Ave. Several property items were also recovered/located strewn about the roadway, apparently removed from vehicles by the offender(s), but discarded prior to their fleeing the scene. In total, 25 burglary to motor vehicle reports were investigated and completed. All of the victim vehicles had been parked in the driveways and left unlocked. Most of the victims reported that nothing was discovered missing from their vehicles, while some reported small amounts of loose change/coins taken from their vehicles. Evidence items were collected from several of the scenes and the incidents are under investigation. Several other burglary to motor vehicle incidents also occurred during the same time and day in the surrounding towns. One of the incidents in a neighboring community led to the arrest of suspects and the recovery of property stolen from vehicles in La Grange.

As a reminder, the LGPD strongly recommends locking your vehicles when parked and report any suspicious persons or incidents immediately.

The La Grange Police Department will also like to recognize and thank those who have served and continue to serve in the United States Military. Department members participated in the Robert E Coulter Veterans Day Ceremony this November 11<sup>th</sup> along with Village President Tom Livingston. The list of LGPD Veterans is provided below and we thank all for their service to our Nation.

### **MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES**

#### **INVESTIGATIONS:**

S/L Herrera, Ofc. Cassiberry, Sgt. Rohlicek and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to a criminal damage to property incident in the 600 block of S. La Grange Rd. The large glass entrance/exit door to an office/business was found to be broken/shattered. Officers searched the interior of the business, no one was located inside and it did not appear that anyone had made entry into the business prior to officers' arrival. No projectile or other object which may have caused the damage was located at the scene.

### **ARRESTS:**

Ofc. McDermott arrested a 61 year old male subject from Chicago for Driving while Driver's License Suspended and Possession of a Controlled Substance. A traffic stop was conducted on the subject and he was found to have a suspended driver's license and to be in possession of cocaine. Subject was processed and transported to court for a felony bond hearing.

Ofc. Cassiberry arrested a 20 year old male subject from Chicago for traffic offenses and Unlawful Use of a Weapon (U.U.W.). A traffic stop was conducted on the subject and he was found to be in possession of brass knuckles. Subject was processed and released on bond with a return court date.

Ofc. Cassiberry, S/L Herrera, Sgt. Rohlicek and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to the area of La Grange Rd/Harris Ave. for a disturbance between two subjects stemming from a possible road rage incident. Upon investigation, Ofc. Cassiberry arrested a 19 year old male subject from Riverside for Disorderly Conduct. Subject was processed and released on bond with a return court date.

Ofc. McDermott arrested a 25 year old female subject from South Holland on an active warrant for Driving while License Suspended (DWLS) out of Lemont. Subject was processed, posted required bond and was released with a return court date.

### **OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:**

The Midnight shift completed 130 traffic contacts which included 3 misdemeanor Traffic Arrests for Driving while License Suspended/Revoked/Vehicle Registration Suspended and investigated 4 property damage traffic accidents, three of which were hit and run accidents. Shift Officers issued 57 parking citations for overnight parking and other violations. Shift Officers conducted 82 Building/Business Premise Checks and Foot Patrols. In addition, the shift helped set up traffic control devices in support of the "Pie Run" on Thanksgiving morning.

### **TRAINING:**

The shift successfully completed the November 2017 Police Law Institute online training along with the Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. In addition, Sgt. Rohlicek assisted, participated in the Lyons Township High School "Snowball" Program.

## **DAY SHIFT ACTIVITIES**

### **INVESTIGATIONS:**

Investigative case reports taken this month include: Theft (5), Burglary to Motor Vehicle (12), Domestic Disputes (3), Ordinance Violations (1), Criminal Trespass to Residence (1), Drug cases (3), Identity Theft (2), Forgery (1), Criminal Damage To Property (1), Disorderly Conduct (1).

Ofc. Andries handled a Theft case in the 300 block 9<sup>th</sup>, where money was taken from a patient's room.

Ofc. Comstock handled two Domestic Disputes, no charges were filed in either case.

Ofc. Falls handled a Theft case in the 00 block E Ogden where a piece of construction equipment was stolen.

Ofc. Falls handled a Theft case in the 00 block W Calendar, where a wallet was stolen from a patron's purse. Charges were then made on her credit card at a later time.

Ofc. Falls handled a Village Ordinance Violation in the 500 block S Stone, where a plumbing company took water from a fire hydrant without prior authorization. A citation was issued after learning the facts of the case.

Ofc. Niewold handled an ID Theft case in the 00 block S Ashland where an account was opened under the victim's social security number without permission.

Ofc. Niewold handled a Forgery case in the 4700 block Willow Springs where fraudulent checks were cashed without the victim's consent.

Ofc. Niewold handled a Theft case at Ogden/La Grange, where a subject was taking items from a delivery truck without permission.

Ofc. Niewold handled a Theft case in the 00 block N La Grange where a wallet was stolen from a purse. The case is currently under investigation.

Ofc. Wolf handled an ID Theft in the 200 block Washington where a credit card was opened in the victim's name without permission.

Ofc. Wolf handled a Disorderly Conduct case in the 800 block S Madison where disturbing images were placed over social media.

#### **ARRESTS:**

Neal Rodriguez, a 27 year old Brookfield resident was arrested for PCS, Possession Drug Paraphernalia, and Possession Hypodermic Syringes.

Carlos M Muro, a 21 year old Berwyn resident was arrested for No Valid Commercial Driver's License while operating a CMV.

Travis B Jennings, a 29 year old resident of Sheridan was arrested for an outstanding warrant, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Possession of Hypodermic Syringes.

Andres Raya, a 20 year old from Lyons was arrested for Unlawful Possession Cannabis, over 10g.

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

Members of the Day Shift responded to 336 calls for service, 26 traffic crashes, issued 13 compliance tickets, 8 parking tickets and conducted a Lock Down Drill at Ogden Avenue School.

Ofc. Falls conducted a Safety Talk at Kensington School (La Grange) and at Kensington School (La Grange Highlands Middle School). Ofc. Andries conducted two Anti-Bullying talks at St. Cletus School.

Members of the Day Shift and Auxiliary Unit assisted with the Pie Run throughout La Grange.

#### **TRAINING:**

Ofc. Wolf attended regular NIPAS training. Ofc. Falls was assigned to the Investigations Division for training. Ofc. Fulla attended Truck Enforcement training. Ofc. Wolf and Ofc. Comstock attended Use of Force training sponsored by IRMA.

#### **AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES**

#### **INVESTIGATIONS:**

Investigative case reports taken/followed up on this month include: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (1), Identity Theft (1), Criminal Trespass to Residence (1), Suspicious Incident (2),

Battery (1), Recovered Stolen Vehicle (1), Burglary to Garage (1), Domestic Battery (2), Criminal Damage to Property (1), Overdose, Burglary to Motor Vehicle (2), Theft (1), Disturbances (2), Domestic Disturbances (2), Driving Under the Influence (1)

Ofc. Wessendorf responded to LTHS in regards to a minor in possession of drug paraphernalia. Ofc. Wessendorf learned the student was found in possession of drug paraphernalia and would be suspended by the school and required to attend an outreach program. Ofc. Wessendorf later turned the juvenile over to a parent without charges. Case closed.

Ofc. Rogers took a report of Identity Theft. The complainant reported her computer showed to have a virus and she contacted the attached company to repair the computer. She gave them personal account information to withdraw funds to fix her computer and later learned she had been scammed. Ofc. Rogers supplied the victim with Identity Theft information and had her contact the three credit bureaus to flag her accounts. Case closed.

Ofc. Falls investigated a Criminal Trespass to Residence involving two parties engaged in a domestic relationship. After interviewing all parties involved as well as weighing evidence no charges were filled at this time. The incident was documented and a No Trespass Order was issued to one of the parties. Case closed.

Ofc. Burrell investigated a Suspicious Incident that occurred during the overnight hours when several Burglary to Motor Vehicles occurred. Ofc. Burrell learned two unknown subjects were observed on surveillance video walking up to the reporting parties vehicle, parked in the driveway, peering into the vehicle prior to leaving. The surveillance video was collected as evidence and turned over to the Investigations Unit.

Ofc. Irizarry investigated a Battery complaint involving two juveniles. Ofc. Irizarry learned a verbal dispute lead to a physical confrontation between the two parties. After discussing the incident with the juveniles and their parents it was decided no charges would be pursued. Both juveniles were advised to cease any and all contact between them. Case closed.

Ofc. Kang investigated a recovered Stolen Vehicle incident. Ofc. Kang was conducting random checks of vehicle registrations when he located a vehicle that was reported stolen out of Joliet IL. Ofc. Kang subsequently stopped the vehicle and took 3 subjects into custody. During the course of the investigations Ofc. Kang learned from Joliet PD the vehicle had been unlawfully sold to the driver of the vehicle through a third party. After learning what occurred the three subjects were released without charges and the vehicle was returned to its rightful owner. Case closed.

Ofc. Burrell investigated a Burglary to a Garage and learned the resident left their garage open over a three day period at which time unknown person(s) entered the garage unlawfully and took the victims bicycle without their consent. No evidence was located and no suspect(s) were identified. Case closed.

Ofc. Wessendorf investigated a Suspicious Incident where several Burglary to motor Vehicles occurred during overnight hours. The complainant supplied Ofc. Wessendorf with a USB of

surveillance video footage of unknown subjects in the area during the burglaries. The USB was later turned over to the Investigations Division for examination. Case closed.

Ofc. Rogers investigated a Domestic Battery and learned the complainant was claiming to be involved in a physical altercation with their spouse on multiple occasion and was just now reporting the incidents. The complainant refused to cooperate further and just wanted the incidents documented. The complainant was supplied with Domestic Violence Information and was transported to a friend's residence.

Ofc. Irizarry investigated a Criminal Damage to Property. Ofc. Irizarry learned the complainant had a verbal altercation with subjects in a vehicle that was driving reckless near his residence. Later a window of the complainant's residence was damaged by a rock. Due to a lack of evidence and witness to the incident, the case was closed.

Ofc. Kang responded to a subject in a vehicle overdosing. Upon arrival Ofc. Kang prepared NARCAN nasal spray which was administered by La Grange Paramedics. The subject was revived and transported to the hospital for treatment. Case closed.

Ofc. Burrell investigated a Domestic Disturbance involving two adult siblings. It was determined the disturbance was over chores and both parties were calmed and agreed to stay away from one another. Case closed.

Ofc. Wessendorf investigated a Theft. The complainant reported that she left her purse at a local business and upon her return discovered that it was missing. The case was closed due to a lack of evidence and suspect(s).

Ofc. Irizarry investigated a Disturbance between two parties in a vehicle who left prior to her arrival. The witness to the event reported and male and female were engaged in a verbal altercation that lead to the male trying to get the female back in the vehicle. Ofc. Irizarry later learned the identity of the involved parties and spoke to them. Both admitted to being in the area but denied being involved in an altercation. Due to a lack of cooperation the case was closed.

Ofc. Nemecek investigated a Disturbance where a known party made statements that concerned the complainant but were not directed toward any particular person. Ofc. Nemecek requested a well-being check on the involved party by a local police agency after it was determined there was no immediate threat to the public. Case closed.

Ofc. Rogers investigated a Domestic Disturbance between two ex-spouses. He learned the two had a verbal altercation regarding visitation of their child. Both parties were separated and agreed to talk at a later date once things calmed down. Case closed.

Ofc. Wessendorf investigated a Domestic Battery between a boyfriend and girlfriend. Both parties were found to be under the influence and provided limited cooperation during the investigation. The party agreed to leave and took a train to his residence located in another jurisdiction. Case closed.

Ofc. Rogers investigated a vehicle versus pedestrian crash on Ogden Ave near Stone Ave. Illinois State Police Crash Reconstructionist assisted with the investigation along with the La Grange Investigation Division. Case is pending.

#### **ARREST:**

Ofc. Kang stopped a vehicle for traffic violations being driven by John A. Mack 30 YOA. A check of his driving license revealed an outstanding warrant for his arrest, issued by Lyons PD for the offense of Unlawful Violation of an Order of Protection. After the warrant was verified Mr. Mack was arrested, charged and turned over to Lyons PD.

Ofc. Kang stopped a vehicle for a registration violation, operated by Daniel Portalatin 39 YOA. Upon conducting driver's license check it was learned his license was suspended. Mr. Portalatin was arrested, charged and released on bond.

Ofc. Kang was investigating a crash where Matthew G. Hunt 47 YOA was identified by to parties as operating his vehicle in a manner that he caused a crash. Mr. Hunt exhibited signs of impairment and later failed Standardized Field Sobriety Tests. Mr. Hunt was arrested, charged with driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and Improper Turn, and released on bond.

### **INVESTIGATIONS ACTIVITIES**

#### **INVESTIGATIONS:**

Investigative case reports taken/followed up on this month include: Burglary to Motor Vehicle (25), Recovered Stolen Motor Vehicle (1), Criminal Damage to Motor Vehicle (1), Child Abuse (1) Unlawful use of a Credit Card (1), Domestic Battery (1), Criminal Sexual Assault (1), Motor Vehicle Crash (1) and Identity Theft (1)

Inv. Uher and Inv. Coleman conducted follow-up investigation into a stolen vehicle that occurred on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Inv. Uher learned the stolen vehicle had been recovered in Olympia Fields, IL on November 12<sup>th</sup> after being involved in a single vehicle crash. An unknown driver of the vehicle fled the scene and at this time has not been identified or charged. The vehicle owner was notified of the vehicle being recovered. Inv. Uher and Coleman examined and photographed the vehicle for reporting purposes. Case closed.

Inv. Coleman conducted follow-up investigation into Criminal Damage to Motor Vehicle. Inv. Coleman is in the process of locating contact information on two subjects that need to be interviewed. Case pending.

Inv. Uher received a Department of Children and Family Services Child Abuse Neglect Report from All Our Children's Advocacy Center after a forensic interview was conducted of a 7 year old juvenile. The juvenile alleged a fellow juvenile classmate inappropriately touched him/her while in attendance of a local school during the 2016-2017 school year. Inv. Uher is in the process of locating the alleged juvenile offender for a possible forensic interview. Case pending.

Inv. Coleman conducted follow-up into a Robbery that occurred in October 2017 of a local Massage Parlor. Inv. Coleman is coordinating with Northbrook PD due to similarities in the cases. Case pending.

Inv. Uher conducted follow-up investigations into an Identity Theft. Inv. Uher received information, related to a grand jury subpoena request, seeking information on multiple IP addresses in an attempt to identify the offender(s). Inv. Uher learned the IP address may have been masked during the fraudulent transactions and identity of the offender(s) may not be possible. Due to low solvability, the case was closed.

Inv. Coleman and Ofc. Nemecek conducted follow-up investigation into a Burglary to Motor Vehicle. Inv. Coleman learned the victim's credit card was used to pay multiple bills. Inv. Coleman and Ofc. Nemecek prepared multiple grand jury subpoenas and presented them to the Cook County States Attorney's Office seeking to identify the parties who used the victim's credit card. Case pending.

Inv. Uher and Inv. Coleman assisted the Afternoon Shift with a vehicle versus a pedestrian crash on Ogden Ave near Stone Ave. Investigators helped coordinate with an Illinois State Police Traffic Crash Reconstruction to ensure scene integrity as well as collection of evidence. Case pending.

Inv. Coleman conducted follow-up investigation into a Domestic Battery. Inv. Coleman coordinated with the Aging Care Connection due to the victim and offender being seniors as well as husband and wife. Services are pending at this time.

Inv. Uher and Inv. Coleman conducted follow-up investigation into 25 Burglary to Motor Vehicles occurring throughout the Village. The Investigators coordinated with Elmhurst PD after it was learned several subjects were taken into custody related to similar burglaries as well as possession of stolen motor vehicle(s) from other jurisdictions. The Investigators interviewed the suspects and are in the process of linking physical evidence to the suspects. Case pending.

#### **ARREST:**

Inv. Uher issued one Village ordinance compliance citations to a minor in possession of 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 Forest View PD.

Inv. Uher and Inv. Coleman assisted the M.C.A.T. with multiple investigations with the following towns: Riverside PD, Stickney PD and Hodgkins PD.

Inv. Uher and Inv. Coleman attended a two day firearms exercise sponsored by M.C.A.T.

Ofc. Ryan Nemecek, Ofc. Taylor Falls and Ofc. Jin Kang each completed a 4 day field training program in the Investigations Unit. Inv. Coleman mentored each during the 4 days related to the functions and responsibilities of the Investigations Unit.

Inv. Uher completed his recertification as a Breath Alcohol Operator (BAO).

### AUXILIARY AND PART-TIME POLICE UNITS

The Auxiliary Unit volunteered 79 hours during the month of November. 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 provide traffic control for the Thanksgiving Day PIE Run.

The Part-time Officers completed 26 traffic contacts, which included 14 citations. They were also active during the month responding to 109 calls for service in the community.

### PARKING DIVISION

The parking division registered \$20,760.00 in parking fines through conventional payments, on-line payments, or collection efforts.

### LGPD US MILITARY VETERANS

Name	Branch	Rank	Military Occupation	Dates	Duty Station Additional Info
Tim Andries	Army	Captain	Chemical Officer	2008-2014	Ft. Knox, KY, 2008-2012 Operation Enduring Freedom Tour, Ft. Sheridan, IL 2012-2014
Kevin Comstock	Air Force	Senior Airman	Security Forces	2005-2010	Lackland AFB, T.X. 2005-2006 Minot AFB, N.D. 2006-2008 Kleine Brogel Air Base, Belgium 2008-2010 Inactive Reserve 2010-2013
Patrick Egan	Air Force	Senior Airman	Security Forces	1982-1987	Lackland AFB, TX 1982 Hurlburt Field, FL 1982-1983 Greenham Common Royal AFB, England 1983-1986 Mather AFB, CA 1986-1987
Robert P. Grimm Jr.	Army	Specialist 5th Class	Air Defense Radar Repairer	1974-1977	Active duty 3 years, Ft. Bliss, TX ó Repair of search radars and missiles. U.S. Army Reserves 3 years ó NCOIC of electronics shop.
John Hannon	Marine Corps	Corporal	Infantry	1973-1975	1973 boot camp San Diego; 1973 infantry training Camp Pendleton; 1973 - 1975 Marine Barracks Guard Section, Washington, D.C.
Steve Ljubenko	Army	Captain; Major	Field Artillery Officer	1984-1990	1984-1990: CAPTAIN, U.S. Army-Active Duty, Field Artillery Officer. 1990-2006: MAJOR, U.S. Army Reserves, Field Artillery Officer
Miles Odom	Army	1st Sergeant	Military Intelligence	1984-2012	Regular Army 1984-1988; Army Reserve 1988-2009, Interrogator, Iraqi Freedom for 18 months, 1SG, 2-330 Infantry Regiment
Andy Peters	Air Force	Senior Airman	Law Enforcement Specialist	1989-1992	Active Duty, 1989-1991, Clark AFB; Carswell AFB; Wright Patterson AFB; Inactive Reserve 1991-1992
Rob Wardlaw	Navy	Petty Officer 3rd class	Electrician's Mate	1989-1993	U.S.S. Leyte Gulf CG55

### TRUCK ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS November 2017

	Location	Date	Time	Result		Equipment	Moving	License/Reg	Weight	Insurance	
L a  G r a n g e  R D	CBD	11/10/17	2:29		Y				1		
		11/15/17	8:31		Y				1		
		11/20/17	8:15	W	Y	4			1		
		3 Sub-total by Area									
	Cossitt thru 47th	11/19/17	10:41		Y				1		
		11/20/17	1:05		Y					1	
		11/21/17	2:39	W	Y	2		1		1	
		11/21/17	8:06	W	C	3	2	1			
		11/22/17	7:30	W		1				2	
		11/28/17	2:00	W		1		1			
		11/30/17	11:02	W		4	2	1			
	7 Sub-total by Area										
	Other										
0 Sub-total by Area											
O g d e n  A v e	East - La Grange RD	11/02/17	10:05		C	1		1			
		11/06/17	10:41	W	Y	4			1		
		11/21/17	8:48		Y				1		
		11/22/17	8:04	W	Y	6		2	1		
		11/22/17	12:13		Y	3		1			
	5 Sub-total by Area										
	La Grange & West										
0 Sub-total by Area											
O t h e r	East Ave	11/03/17	11:13	W	Y	3		1	1	1	
		11/13/17	7:29	W	Y	3		2	1		
		11/16/17	7:42		C	2					
		11/28/17	8:20	W	Y	6		4	1		
		11/30/17	7:33	W	Y	4			1		
	5 Sub-total by Area										
	47th Street										
	0 Sub-total by Area										
Other											
0 Sub-total by Area						47	4	16	13	2	

### Summary of Activities

PATROL ACTIVITIES	November		November		2017	2016
	2017		2016		YTD	YTD
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	1170		1,494		13,745	15,888
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	64		76		720	653
FELONY ARRESTS	5		2		13	24
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	0		3		34	41
DUI ARRESTS	1		0		11	7
WARRANT ARRESTS	3		4		22	23
TRAFFIC VERBAL WARNINGS	196		190		2,176	1,924
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	42		29		560	484
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	80		30		941	420
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	89	633	117	635	6,436	6,335
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	544		518			
JUVENILE ARRESTS	0		0		36	18
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	14		13		166	106