

LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Memorandum



To: Andrianna Peterson, Village Manager
From: Andrew M Peters, Deputy Chief of Police
Date: January 18, 2018
Re: Monthly Report for December 2017

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

On December 1, 2017 Ofc Rocco Piraino complete the Cook County Sheriff's Police Academy. Acting Chief Peters, Sergeant Wardlaw, and Field Training Officer Irizarry attended the graduation, commending him on his accomplishment. Ofc Piraino began his 14 week FTO training with the Department and is scheduled to begin solo patrol in early March, 2018.



The Afternoon Shift, Auxiliary Police Unit, and Acting Chief Peters participated in the Annual Hometown Holiday event. Units provided for a safe environment, supporting the family event sponsored by the La Grange Business Association. A personal police escort for Santa himself was the highlight of the evening. No incidents were reported during the event and a fun and safe evening was had by all.

Officer Taylor Falls organized the second Annual LGPD Toy Drive. The event was attended by numerous Police and Fire Department personnel collecting hundreds of toys for the All Our Children's Advocacy Center. Local youth also played games, completed craft projects, and received holiday treats during the festivities. Danielle Butts director of AOCAC personal thanked Officer Falls and the Department for their efforts.



MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS:

Ofc. Kaiser, Ofc. McDermott and S/L Herrera responded to a disturbance, possible fight, in the 100 block of Washington Ave. Two male subjects were involved in a verbal only argument. Peace was restored, no complaints signed, or arrests made

Ofc. McDermott, Ofc. Kaiser, and Ofc. Nemecek responded to assist Brookfield P.D. with a battery in progress and possible criminal damage to property in the 9000 block of Ogden Ave. in a restaurant parking lot. Peace was restored and assistance was given without incident.

Ofc. Cassiberry responded to the 0-50 block of N. Brainard Ave. for the report of possible criminal damage to vehicle. After meeting with the complainant and a brief investigation, it was learned that the damage occurred in another town where the complainant works. Complainant will report the incident to the proper jurisdiction.

Ofc. Kaiser responded to the 100 block of N. Brainard Ave. for the report of a possible missing subject. Complainants advised that their adult daughter had not returned home as expected, after attending an evening concert in Chicago. After an investigation the daughter was located, it was learned that she was fine, and had decided to stay at a friend's residence in Chicago after the concert.

S/L Herrera, Ofc. McDermott, Ofc. Cassiberry, Ofc. Rogers and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to the 0-50 block of N. Brainard Ave. for a disturbance involving several subjects in an apartment building parking lot area. It was learned that several subjects/neighbors were involved in a verbal argument over a parking issue. With the Officers assistance, the matter was resolved and peace was restored.

Ofc. Kaiser conducted a traffic stop and discovered that the male driver was a juvenile who did not have a valid driver's license, only an instructional permit. The juvenile's parents were contacted and he was subsequently placed on an informal station adjustment.

Ofc. McDermott and Ofc. Kaiser conducted a follow-up investigation regarding an ongoing issue of possible animal neglect in which a female subject who is currently homeless had reportedly been leaving her small dog in her parked vehicle overnight while she stayed in local shelters. On an extremely cold night, officers observed the dog to be in the subject's vehicle while parked in the lot of a local shelter. The small dog was observed to be shivering and in apparent distress. For its safety and welfare, officers removed the dog from the vehicle. The female subject/dog owner was subsequently contacted and she met with Sgt. Cimbalista, the Department's certified Humane Animal Investigator. An appropriate rescue shelter was located and the owner agreed to have her dog stay in temporary foster care until she can acquire more permanent housing.

Ofc. Cassiberry, S/L Herrera and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to a domestic disturbance between a male subject and his girlfriend in the 100 block of East Ave. The two subjects were involved in a verbal only argument, the male subject had been drinking. The female subject agreed to leave

the residence and stay with friends in another town. No complaints signed or arrests made, peace was restored, parties separated for the night.

ARRESTS:

Ofc. Kaiser arrested a 44 year old male subject from Stone Park for Driving while Driver's License Revoked and having an active warrant for D.U.I. from the Illinois State Police. A traffic stop was conducted on the subject and he was found to have a revoked driver's license and an active bond forfeiture warrant for D.U.I. Subject was processed and turned over to an Illinois State Police Trooper who transported the subject to the Maybrook Courthouse for a bond hearing.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

The Midnight shift completed 123 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 was a hit and run accident, and 1 personal injury traffic accident. Shift Officers issued 72 parking citations for overnight parking and other violations. Shift Officers conducted 70 Building/Business Premise Checks and Foot Patrols. In addition, the shift set up traffic control devices in support of the La Grange Hometown Holiday Walk. Ofc. McDermott, Ofc. Kaiser, Ofc. Cassiberry, Sgt. Rohlicek and Sgt. Ljubenko participated in the Department's 2nd Annual Holiday Toy Drive conducted at the Community Center in support of the Children's Advocacy Center (C.A.C.).

TRAINING:

The shift successfully completed the December 2017 Police Law Institute online training along with the Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. In addition, Ofc. McDermott and Ofc. Kaiser attended a Sign Language for First Responders training class conducted at Lyons Township High School (LTHS) and Sgt. Ljubenko attended the quarterly Terrorism Liaison Officer Committee (TLOC) training/seminar with the F.B.I.

DAYS SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS:

During the month of December 2017, the Day Shift handled the following case files: Deceptive Practices (2), Suspicious Activity (1), Thefts (3), Burglary (2), Death Investigation (1), Animal Neglect/Abuse (1), Domestic Situations (3), Juvenile Cases (1), Disorderly Conduct (4), Criminal Damage To Property/Trespass (1), and Battery (1).

Ofc. Andries handled a Deceptive Practice case in the 700 block 7th in which a resident gave a solicitor a check, which was later altered for another amount.

Ofc. Andries handled a Theft case in the 00 block La Grange in which a handicapped placard was stolen.

Ofc. Andries handled a Burglary case in the 700 block Hillgrove, where an undisclosed amount of money was taken from a business, no forced entry.

Ofc. Andries handled a Death Investigation in the 1000 block 8th, all information indicated the matter was related to natural causes.

Ofc. Comstock handled an Animal Abuse/Neglect case in the 200 block S Catherine. The animal was eventually placed in foster care with no charges lodged.

Ofc. Comstock handled three Domestic Situation calls in the 00 block N La Grange, the 700 block 11th and in the 00 block S Spring, no charges filed.

Ofc. Comstock handled a Criminal Damage To Property case in 200 block S Kensington where a church door was damaged.

Ofc. Comstock handled a Theft case in the 700 block E Elm in which a license plate was stolen from a vehicle.

Ofc. Falls handled a Juvenile case in the 00 block S La Grange Rd.

Ofc. Falls handled a Burglary case in the 200 block S Madison, where an unlocked vehicle was entered.

Ofc. Niewold handled a Disorderly Conduct case in the 00 W Burlington regarding Harassment by Telephone.

Ofc. Niewold handled a Disorderly Conduct case in the 100 block Bassford involving disturbing social media posts.

Ofc. Niewold handled a Criminal Damage To Property/Trespass in the 800 block S La Grange, where unknown subjects entered a garage, left alcohol containers and vomited.

Ofc. Niewold handled a Theft case in the 400 block Shawmut, a theft from a storage unit in an undisclosed amount.

Ofc. Wolf handled a Disorderly Conduct case in the 800 block S Ashland where a subject threatened a juvenile neighbor.

Ofc. Wolf handled a Disorderly Conduct case in the 00 block E Plainfield, where a subject threw garbage and urinated on the victim's property.

Ofc. Wolf handled a Deceptive Practice case in the 800 block 10th, an internet scam involving an iTunes account.

Ofc. Wolf handled a Battery case in the 800 block W Arlington, where a subject battered another over a noise complaint. No complaints signed.

ARRESTS:

Ofc. Comstock arrested Standing, Jeffrey J, a 25 year old resident of Addison for an outstanding Warrant. Ofc. Fulla arrested Morales-Garcia, Jose, a 47 year old resident of Melrose Park for No Valid Commercial Driver's License and traffic. Ofc. Niewold arrested Lanza, Arvin E, a 36 year old resident of Chicago for DWLS. Ofc. Wolf arrested Simental-Valdez, Mauro, a 26 year old resident of Chicago for DWLS.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

The Dayshift also issued 7 parking tickets, 8 compliance tickets, responded to 42 accident reports, and 377 calls for service.

TRAINING:

Officer Rocco Piraino graduated from the police academy and Officer Wolf attended NIPAS training.

AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS:

Investigative Case Reports taken this month included: Retail Theft, Battery (2), Theft Under \$500 (4), Domestic Trouble (10), Disorderly Conduct (4), Ambulance Call (8), Suspicious Activity (3), Sex Offense, Identity Theft (2), Criminal Damage to Property (3), Theft Over \$500 (2), Death Investigation.

Ofc Irizarry responded to the 00 Block of South 7th Avenue in reference to a phone scam (Identity Theft Attempt). A resident advised she received a phone call at her residence from a person claiming to be from Peopleø Gas, requesting funds for a past due bill. The resident advised neither she nor her husband gave personal identifiers or financial information to the suspect, prior to disconnecting the call. She further advised that she has suffered no financial loss, and wished to make the report as a matter of record.

Ofc Rogers, along with Inv Coleman and La Grange FD paramedics responded to the 100 Block of East Avenue in reference to a well-being check of an adult male. Upon arrival, the male was located in his vehicle and found to be unresponsive. After administering initial life-saving measures, paramedics transported the male to La Grange Memorial Hospital where he was pronounced deceased by on duty medical staff. The case was determined to be a non-M.E. (Medical Examiner) case.

Ofc Nemecek, along with S/L Moncivais and Ofc Irizarry responded to the 4700 Block of Willow Springs Road for a report of a disoriented adult female. Upon arrival, the female was located inside her vehicle. After interviewing the woman, La Grange FD paramedics were immediately contacted, who determined that the female was impaired from a diabetic reaction. The victim was taken to the hospital for further evaluation, and her vehicle was turned over to the registered owner.

Ofc Kang and several La Grange PD units responded to the vicinity of Ashland Avenue and Burlington for a Criminal Damage to Motor Vehicle / Aggravated Assault report. A woman reported while driving through the area, several subjects exited a car in front of her, and a female offender approached her vehicle and hit it several times with a hammer-like object, causing damage. The offending vehicle immediately left the area prior to arrival of police units. Ofc Kang was able to contact the female registered owner of the offending vehicle. The case is pending.

Ofc Burrell responded to the 900 Block of South 8th Avenue in reference to a landlord-tenant dispute. Upon arrival, it was learned that the landlord had obtained an item of property left behind by a former tenant, in lieu of unpaid rent. After speaking with all involved parties, it was determined that the incident was civil in nature and peace was restored.

Ofc Wessendorf and several La Grange PD units responded to the 00 Block of West Cossitt Avenue in reference to a Battery complaint. Upon arrival, it was learned that two adult males were involved in a physical confrontation, with one male clearly identified as the aggressor by witnesses. Both males voluntarily left the area, with one male being issued a La Grange No Trespass Order for the property.

Ofc Nemecek responded to La Grange Memorial Hospital in reference to an Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault case. Upon arrival, police spoke to a hospital employee (Mandated Reporter) who wished to report an incident that occurred more than a week prior, involving a minor, which occurred in a nearby jurisdiction. Nemecek completed the initial interview/report and transferred all information to the responsible police department, per procedure.

Ofc Burrell responded to a business located in the 00 Block of North La Grange Road in reference to a Retail Theft. Upon arrival. It was learned that two adult females entered the store and stole two complete sets of wireless headphones, with a combined value of over \$400. The incident was captured on surveillance video, which was retrieved by the department. The case was turned over to Investigations.

Ofc Wessendorf, along with several La Grange PD units responded to a residence in the 00 Block of Spring in reference to a Domestic dispute. Upon arrival, it was learned that a male and female inside the home were involved in a physical altercation. Paramedics were contacted to evaluate both subjects for injury, as neither party wished to sign criminal complaints. The male agreed to leave the home for the night.

Ofc Irizarry responded to the 100 Block of Hayes in reference to a Criminal Damage to Motor Vehicle report. A resident reported that he parked his vehicle in a private lot near the alley, and returned to find damage to his car window and door. The resident reported no suspects.

Ofc Kang along with several Police units responded to a business in the 00 Block of North La Grange Road in reference to a Retail Theft. The store reported an adult male entered, and left with several items of value without paying. The offending vehicle was curbed in Brookfield, but the offender (passenger) fled the scene on foot, while the driver was detained for questioning. All of the stolen items were recovered and the driver was subsequently arrested and cited by the Brookfield PD for traffic related offenses.

Ofc Rogers responded to the 00 Block of East Plainfield Road in reference to a Theft from a business. A manager reported that two unknown males entered onto the property and took items off of the lot without permission from the business. The incident was captured on surveillance video, which was recovered by the department. The case was turned over to Investigations.

ARRESTS:

Officer Wessendorf arrested a 28-year old Summit man for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and several other traffic violations after responding to a call of a possible intoxicated motorist in the vicinity of La Grange Road and Ogden Avenue. The offending vehicle was curbed in the 00 Block of South La Grange Road and the suspect was taken into custody after failing several standardized Field Sobriety Tests. The man refused further chemical testing to determine Breath Alcohol Content, and was charged, without incident.

Ofc Kang responded to the 800 Block of South La Grange Road in reference to a report of a 22-year old man who left a mental health facility without permission, and may be on the premises. The subject was located at his home and a check of his identifiers revealed that he had a valid

Warrant out of Countryside. The man was turned over to Countryside PD at the scene, without incident.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

The Afternoon shift completed 98 traffic contacts which included 5 Misdemeanor Traffic Arrests for Driving While License Suspended/Revoked, including one DUI arrest. Officers completed 21 crash reports (zero Personal Injury) and issued 5 parking citations. Shift Officers conducted 38 Building/Business Checks and Foot Patrols.

The Afternoon shift, along with several LaGrange PD Auxiliary officers participated in the Annual Holiday Walk.

TRAINING: The shift successfully completed the December 2017 Police Law Institute online training on New Laws (2018): Remote Starters, Park District Code (Sex Offenders), Police Departments (Application Requirements), Law Enforcement Criminal Sexual Assault Investigation Act, Transport Forfeiture, and Medical Cannabis.

Ofc Kang attended the Implementing Social Media Strategy course conducted at the Streamwood PD.

Officers Irizarry and Nemecek attended First Responder American sign-language training conducted at Lyons Township High School.

Ofc Nemecek completed Breath Analysis Operator training conducted at the Olympia Fields PD.

Ofc Kang completed the 40-Hour Evidence Technician Course conducted at the Glenview PD.

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS:

Investigative case reports taken/followed up on this month include: Burglary to Motor Vehicle (25), Child Abuse Neglect (1), Theft (1), Retail Theft (1), Child Pornography (1), Unlawful use of a Credit Card (1), Criminal Sexual Assault (1), Robbery (1), Burglary (1), Well Being (1) and Identity Theft (1)

Inv. Coleman conducted follow-up investigation into a Burglary to Motor Vehicle that occurred in October 2017. The victims debit card was taken from the vehicle and fraudulently used to pay bills of an unknown party. The victim's bank was unable to provide the debit card number. Subsequently Inv. Coleman was unable to obtain a Grand Jury Subpoena seeking records to identify the party involved in using the victims debit card. Case closed due to a lack of evidence and suspects. .

Inv. Uher conducted follow-up investigation into an Identity Theft where an unknown subject attempted to withdraw funds from the victim's account using fraudulent documents. The victim's bank was able to stop the transaction and no loss occurred. Inv. Uher obtained still images of the

suspect and disseminated an informational flyer to local jurisdictions seeking to identify the suspect. Case closed.

Inv. Coleman conducted follow-up investigation into a Robbery that occurred at the Golden Spa in October 2017. Inv. Coleman prepared several photo line-ups which were shown to a witness. The witness identified two separate juvenile suspects linked to the incident. Inv. Coleman and Inv. Uher made contact with one of the juveniles and his parent at DuPage County Court House to arrange a date and time for an interview. 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 learned the other involved juvenile had moved out of the country with their parents. The case was closed.

Inv. Coleman conducted follow-up investigation into a Theft of a wallet. Inv. Coleman learned an unknown offender used the victim's credit card at multiple locations to make purchases. Inv. Coleman obtained surveillance video of the suspect and created an informational flyer which was disseminated to local jurisdictions to assist with identification. Case closed at this time.

Inv. Uher conducted follow-up investigation into a Burglary that occurred at Gurrie Middle School in March 2017. Inv. Uher attempted to link an anonymous 911 caller of another incident to the burglary with negative results. Due to a lack of physical evidence and identification of suspect(s) the case is closed.

Inv. Coleman conducted follow-up investigation into a hoarding complaint involving two senior citizen residents. Inv. Coleman learned one of the residents has a social worker who is working with the involved parties to clean the residence. Due to Social Services being obtained, the case was closed.

Inv. Uher and Inv. Coleman conducted follow-up investigation into 24 Burglary to Motor Vehicles occurring throughout the Village in November 2017. 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 a stolen motor vehicle(s) from other jurisdictions. Inv. Uher contacted the Cook County States Attorney's Felony Review Unit seeking arrest warrants for three of the suspects. After reviewing the facts of the case the States Attorney's Office declined approving felony charges and issuing arrest warrants. The cases were closed due to refusal to prosecute.

Inv. Coleman conducted follow-up investigation into a Child Pornography case that was reported in February 2016. Inv. Coleman spoke to the parent who advised the juvenile victim is now an adult and in a dating relationship with the suspect. It was further learned the parent did not believe the victim would be cooperating since she is now an adult. Inv. Coleman made several attempts to contact the victim in the matter with negative results. Case closed due to a lack of cooperation.

Inv. Coleman conducted follow-up investigation into a Retail Theft. Inv. Coleman contacted the victim's representative and learned they did not wish to pursue the matter in further since they recovered their property. Case closed refusal to cooperate.

ARREST:

N/A

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

Inv. Coleman and Inv. Uher attended the Major Case Assistance Team (M.C.A.T.) meeting that was combined with the annual meeting hosted by the West Suburban Police of Chief's.

Inv. Uher assisted Riverside PD with processing video.

Inv. Coleman attended a one day Social Media training.

AUXILIARY AND PART-TIME POLICE UNITS

The Auxiliary Unit volunteered 76 hours during the month of December. 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 pedestrian and traffic control for the Hometown Holiday.

The Part-time Officers completed 45 traffic contacts, which included 29 citations. They were also active during the month responding to 140 calls for service in the community.

PARKING DIVISION

The parking division registered \$16,420.00 in parking fines through conventional payments, on-line payments, or collection efforts.

TRUCK ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS

December 2017

	Location	Date	Time	Result	Equipment	Moving	License/Reg	Weight	Insurance	
La Grange RD	CBD									
		0 Sub-total by Area								
	Cossitt thru 47th									
		12/05/17	9:21	W		1				
		12/05/17	10:58	W		1				
		12/08/17	7:33	W		1				
	3 Sub-total by Area									
	Other									
		0 Sub-total by Area								
	Ogden Ave	East - La Grange RD								
12/01/17			1:08		Y	3				
1 Sub-total by Area										
La Grange & West		12/14/17	11:48		Y	1		2		
		1 Sub-total by Area								
Other	East Ave									
		12/08/17	10:38	W		1				
		12/14/17	8:19	W	Y	17		1		
		2 Sub-total by Area								
	47th Street									
		0 Sub-total by Area								
	Other									
		0 Sub-total by Area				25	0	3	0	0

Summary of Activities

PATROL ACTIVITIES	December		December		2017	2016
	2017		2016		YTD	YTD
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	1,072		1,261		14,817	17,149
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	65		61		785	714
FELONY ARRESTS	0		0		13	24
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	0		1		34	42
DUI ARRESTS	1		0		12	7
WARRANT ARRESTS	3		5		25	28
TRAFFIC VERBAL WARNINGS	166		110		2,342	2,034
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	44		30		604	514
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	39		29		980	449
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	128	681	159	526	7,075	6,861
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	553		367			
JUVENILE ARRESTS	0		0		36	18
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	11		10		177	116