

LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Memorandum



To: Andrianna Peterson, Village Manager
From: Kurt Bluder, Chief of Police
Date: March 13, 2018
Re: Monthly Report for February 2018

Attached for your review are the general statistics for the shift activities for the month of February 2018. Besides the activities, I have included a summary of other noteworthy events. Like most people, La Grange Police Department staff battled the elements during the month of February. With a record setting nine straight days of snow in February, the police department responded to 55 accidents this month as opposed to 38 in February of 2017. That is a 44% increase over February of 2017.

During the month of February, Deputy Chief Andy Peters and Sergeant Dave Rohlicek completed 32 hours of training as part of the National Incident Command System. This system provides for a standardized approach to coordinating emergency responses. Deputy Chief Peters and Sergeant Rohlicek completed ICS 300 and ICS 400 with both courses requiring 16 hours of classroom instruction.

On Saturday, February 3, 2018, staff of the La Grange Police Department participated in Lyons Township High School Parent University. Parent University is an educational program that is designed to enhance communication, sharing of information and support among parents, schools and other community groups in promoting a healthy and safe environment for our youth. Staff from the La Grange Police Department participated in the Resource Room at this year's event.

DAY SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS:

On 2/4, Ofc. Cassiberry handled a Suspicious Activity case in the 700 block of S. Catherine involving a couple suspicious unlicensed solicitors. The solicitors were warned and sent on their way.

On 2/14, Ofc. Cassiberry handled a Drug Investigation at LTHS, where a student possessed a cannabis product. The student was issued a local ordinance citation.

On 2/15, Ofc. Cassiberry handled an ID Theft case in the 400 block of S. Catherine where unauthorized withdrawals were made on the victim's bank account on line.

On 2/7, Sgt Cimbalista handled a Domestic Situation in the 00 block of S. La Grange Rd. No charges were filed.

On 2/4, Ofc. Kaiser handled a Theft case in the 1000 block of S. 8th, in which monies were reported missing from a residence. The case was later unfounded.

On 2/5, Ofc. Kaiser handled a CDTP case in the 500 block of S. La Grange Rd in which the victim reported pry marks to the door of a business. No entry was gained to the business.

On 2/10, Ofc. Kaiser handled a Battery case at LMH in which a housekeeper was battered by a patient. The suspect was arrested (see arrest below).

On 2/18, Ofc. Kaiser handled a Deceptive Practice case in the 00 block of S. La Grange in which a customer used a fake receipt to obtain a refund for services.

On 2/18, Ofc. Kaiser handled a Theft case in the 00 block of S. La Grange in which a wallet was stolen from a local restaurant.

On 2/18, Ofc. Kaiser conducted a traffic stop at La Grange/Maple and arrested a subject (below) for driving while license is revoked.

On 2/21, Ofc. Kaiser handled a Suspicious Activity case in the 00 block of S. La Grange in which a fake \$100 bill was presented at a local restaurant.

On 2/26, Ofc. Kaiser handled a Theft case in the 700 block of S. Catherine in which the resident was a victim of a telephone scam.

On 2/28, Ofc. Kaiser handled a Death Investigation.

On 2/8, Ofc. Moncivais handled a Suspicious Person case in the 1000 block of S. Spring in which the subject purported themselves to be a reporter from the media and attempted to gain information.

On 2/23, Ofc. Moncivais handled a juvenile case in the 1000 block of S. Spring involving a Disorderly Conduct at the school.

On 2/15, Ofc. Wolf handled a Battery case in the 00 block of Bluff in which contractors working on a residence got into a fight. No complaints were signed, and all subjects were uncooperative.

On 2/20, Ofc. Wolf handled a Theft case at LMH in which a bag of personal papers was either lost or stolen.

ARRESTS:

On 2/2, Ofc. Wolf arrested Reyes-Ochoa, Arturo, M/49 of Hammond, IN for No Valid Driver's License

On 2/6, Ofc. Kaiser arrested Williams, Raydell L, M/27 of La Grange for DWLS/DWLR

On 2/10, Ofc. Kaiser arrested Ramirez, Victor, M/44 of Berwyn for Battery

On 2/14, Ofc. Kaiser arrested Zavalza, Elisabeth, F/39 of Brookfield for DWLS

On 2/18, Ofc. Kaiser arrested Garrett, Shernard, M/41 of La Grange for DWLS

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

On 2/1, the Day Shift conducted a Safety Talk at Grace Lutheran preschool. During the week of 2/23, the day shift conducted foot patrols at LTHS due to an issue at the school

Number of calls taken = 431

Compliance Citations written = 10

Parking Citations written = 1

Accident Reports taken = 27

TRAINING:

NONE

AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS:

Investigative Case Reports taken this month included: Identity Theft, Deceptive Practice (3), Retail Theft, Criminal Damage to Property (2), Theft Under \$500, Burglary, Missing Juvenile Located, Battery (2), Underage Possession of Alcohol, Theft of Mislaid Property, Sidewalk Fall Down, Resisting A Peace Officer, Suicidal Subject, Disorderly Conduct, Domestic Trouble (8), Theft Over \$500.

P/O Piraino, along with FTO Irizarry responded to the 00 block of Bluff about a Cyber Stalking report. Upon arrival, Piraino spoke with the 18-year old victim who stated she believed an estranged relative had access to one of her social media accounts and was using her screen-name and password without her consent. Upon contacting the relative, she admitted to accessing the account to monitor the victim's posts/contacts for safety purposes. The relative was advised to cease all activity related to the account, to which she advised she would comply.

S/L Wessendorf responded to the 1400 block of West Cossitt Avenue in reference to a deceptive practice report. Upon arrival, Wessendorf spoke with the complainant (special needs adult) who

advised he received a check for a substantial sum of money in the mail. While attempting to cash the check at a local bank, he was advised by an agent of the bank that the check was fraudulent. After attempting to cash the check, the complainant advised he was contacted by an unknown female who requested funds from the check. The complainant was advised that the incident was a scam attempt and advised not to send anyone any money. The report was made as a matter of record, as no financial loss was incurred.

Ofc. Niewold, along with additional police units, responded to the 600 block of South 10th Avenue in reference to a domestic disturbance. Upon arrival, officers spoke with two male siblings who advised they got into a heated argument over an unpaid cell phone bill. One sibling stated that his brother pushed him when he approached his father during the course of the argument. Neither party suffered injury, nor did they wish to sign criminal complaints.

Ofc. McDermott responded to the 00 block of E. Harris Avenue in reference to a Criminal Damage to Property report. Upon arrival, McDermott met with a male subject who advised he purchased a condominium unit through an auction house. When the owner received the keys and arrived at the condo, he advised many items were missing and/or removed from the apartment. The owner was advised that the condo was sold *as is* and his complaint was civil, in nature. The owner advised he would refer the matter to his attorney and requested no additional police action.

Ofc. Irizarry responded to a business in the 00 block of North La Grange Road in reference to a retail theft / battery report. Upon arrival, Irizarry interviewed the store manager, who advised a male offender entered the store with two containers of high end cologne, requesting a refund. While the manager was explaining the store policy, he advised the offender pushed him to the ground and stole two different fragrance bottles, leaving the two he walked in the store with. The offender was captured on video during the incident and he left behind his identification card. Ofc. Irizarry completed an APB (Trak) flyer.

Ofc. Niewold responded to the PD Lobby to take a theft report. A resident reported that she received a \$500 Gift Card as a present from a family member. While trying to activate the card, the victim reported that the company advised her that the card had been reported stolen, replaced and used in the state of Alabama. The victim advised she did not use the card or give anyone permission to use the account. The case was closed due to no reported suspects.

S/L Wessendorf and additional La Grange police units, responded to the 100 block of South Sawyer Avenue in reference to a domestic disturbance. Upon arrival, officers learned that a mother and son got into a heated argument inside their residence. The son reported that the mother threatened him. Witnesses in the home related that no weapons were observed, and the mother never brandished a weapon. The male left the home, without incident.

ARRESTS:

Ofc. Niewold, along with additional La Grange Police units, arrested a 24-year old Westchester woman for battery and resisting a peace officer, after the woman was involved in a physical confrontation with her ex-boyfriend, in the 00 Block of La Grange Road. During the arrest of the

woman, she kicked a La Grange officer, but was immediately restrained by officers at the scene. The woman was processed and charged without further incident.

S/L Wessendorf, along with additional La Grange Police units, arrested a 25-year old La Grange man for domestic battery and two counts of resisting a peace officer after officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of Sawyer Avenue. The man made physical contact with his girlfriend. After officers advised he was under arrest, the man resisted officers' attempts to place him in custody. The man was eventually arrested and charged.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

The Afternoon shift completed 136 traffic contacts which included 3 misdemeanor traffic arrests for driving while license suspended/revoked. Officers completed 26 crash reports (2 Personal Injury) and issued 2 parking citations. Officers also conducted 29 Building/Business Checks and Foot Patrols.

Ofc. McDermott participated in a Safety Talk to 15 La Grange area Daisy Scouts at the First United Methodist Church.

Ofc. Niewold conducted a Police Station tour for 12 La Grange area Cub Scouts. Each scout received a Hometown Hero badge certification for their participation.

TRAINING:

The shift successfully completed the February 2018 Police Law Institute online training on Autism Laws (Police Response and Best Practices)

The Auxiliary Police Unit completed Emergency CPR/AED Training and Certification at the Western Springs Police Department.

MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS:

Ofc. Nemecek, Ofc. Kang and S/L Herrera responded to the 0-100 block of S. La Grange Rd. for a disturbance between two male subjects in front of a local business. The two subjects got involved in a verbal argument then pushed/shoved each other. No injuries sustained, no complaints signed, peace was restored, and the subjects were sent their separate ways.

Ofc. Kang, Ofc. Comstock, Ofc. Andries and S/L Herrera responded to a domestic disturbance between a male subject and his girlfriend in the 0-100 block of S. Spring Ave. The two subjects were involved in a verbal argument. The female subject was acting erratic. The female subject voluntarily agreed to be transported by LGFD Paramedics/Ambulance to Hinsdale Hospital for an evaluation/treatment.

Ofc. Nemecek, Sgt. Rohlicek and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to the La Grange Memorial Hospital emergency room area for a disturbance involving a male subject/patient. The male subject was upset with recent treatment he received and became verbally belligerent with staff. Peace was restored, and the subject agreed to leave the area.

Ofc. Nemecek responded to the 100 block of N. La Grange Rd. for a customer dispute at a local restaurant. The male customer was advised that the issue was civil in nature. Peace was restored with the customer leaving the area and he will address his concern with restaurant management at a later time.

Ofc. Comstock, Ofc. Andries, Ofc. Nemecek and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to a disturbance involving several male subjects in front of a businesses in the 0-100 block of S. La Grange Rd. The male subjects had become involved in a verbal argument. Peace was restored, no complaints were to be signed and all subjects agreed to leave the area.

Ofc. Kang and Ofc. Nemecek responded to the 100 block of Hayes Ave. for the report of suspicious activity. Officers spoke to several adult subjects and their children who are students at Lyons Township High School (LTHS). They were concerned about rumors they heard from other students as well as through social media about possible threats made by a fellow student at LTHS-south campus. It was learned that both the school and Western Springs P.D. were aware of the incident and an investigation had been conducted. This information was turned over to the Investigations Division for follow-up.

ARRESTS:

Ofc. Comstock arrested a 27-year-old male subject from Crystal Lake for an active warrant for no valid driver's license out of Kane County. A traffic stop was conducted on the subject and he was found to have the active failure to appear (FTA) warrant. Subject was transported to Kane County Jail and turned over for a bond hearing.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

The Midnight shift completed 141 traffic contacts which included 2 misdemeanor traffic arrests for driving while license suspended/revoked - no valid D/L and investigated 1 property damage traffic accident. Officers issued 334 parking citations for overnight parking and other violations. Officers also conducted 84 building/business premise checks and foot patrols. In addition, Ofc. Andries continued teaching the spring semester DARE curriculum to the 5th grade classes at St. John's and St. Cletus schools.

TRAINING:

The shift successfully completed the February 2018 Police Law Institute online training along with the Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. In addition, P.O. Piraino completed Step II of his field training program on the midnight shift with FTO Kang, and Sgt. Rohlicek completed the Incident Command System (ICS) level 300 and level 400 certification training courses conducted by NIPSTA.

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS:

Investigative case reports taken/followed up on this month include: (1) Trespassing to State Supported Property, (1) Sale of Tobacco to Minors, (1) Aggravated Unlawful Use of Weapons-Firearm Possessed, (1) Criminal Damage to Property, (1) Missing Endangered Person, (1) Battery, (1) Theft, (1) Unlawful Use of Credit Card, and (1) Disorderly Conduct.

Inv. Coleman conducted follow-up into an unlawful sale of tobacco products to a minor(s). Inv. Coleman sent a preservation letter to a social media site linked to the suspect in order to retain records. Inv. Coleman is also seeking a Grand Jury Subpoena to compel the social media site to provide records and identify information of the suspect(s). Case pending.

Inv. Fulla conducted follow-up regarding an aggravated unlawful use of a weapon ó Firearm Possessed. Inv. Fulla conducted an Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) E-trace of the recovered firearm in an attempt to identify the proper owner. Case pending.

Inv. Coleman and Inv. Fulla conducted follow-up investigation into a criminal damage to property case. A suspect was identified, and the Investigators attempted to locate the suspect with negative results. Inv. Coleman will seek an arrest warrant for the suspect at a later date. Case pending.

Inv. Fulla conducted follow-up into a deceptive practice case where the victim party provided payment by electronic means for goods he never received. Inv. Fulla is in the process of trying to identify the seller of the goods who posted advertisements via an internet website. Case pending.

Inv. Coleman and Inv. Fulla conducted follow-up investigation into a missing endangered person report involving the midnight shift and afternoon shift. Due to the complexity of the case the Major Case Assistance Team (M.C.A.T.) was activated for assistance. After an extensive investigation the missing endangered party was located. Further investigation revealed the incident was a hoax staged by the involved party. Case closed.

Inv. Coleman and Inv. Fulla conducted a follow-up investigation into a battery that occurred in September 2018. Investigators attempted to obtain credit card transaction from a local retailer in hopes of identifying suspects involved in the battery. Transaction reports were located by the business but due to security measures, no information was available to assist with identification of the suspects. Case closed due to a lack of suspects and evidence.

Inv. Coleman conducted follow-up investigation into a theft of a credit card that led to the stolen credit card being unlawfully used later by unknown parties. Inv. Coleman is attempting to obtain surveillance video footage of the parties using the stolen credit cards at area Target Store locations. Case pending.

Inv. Fulla and Inv. Coleman, in coordination with the Western Springs Police Department and LTHS Staff investigated a complaint of a possible threat at the LTHS North Campus during and

an All School Assembly. The investigation revealed that **no threat** was made by the purported suspect and that something the suspect said was taken out of context. The rumors were then spread via social media. The incident and threat were determined to be unfounded.

ARREST:

Inv. Fulla and Inv. Coleman arrested Mark A. Kiessling, 18 years of age, from Countryside, IL, for trespassing on Lyons Township High School North Campus grounds. Mr. Kiessling had previously been served written notice from the school stating that he was no longer welcomed on the property for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year. Kiessling was charged with trespass to state supported property. Case closed.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

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

Inv. Uher and Inv. Coleman assisted M.C.A.T. with a surveillance investigation in Brookfield related to burglaries. No burglaries occurred during the investigation and no arrests were made.

Inv. Fulla and Inv. Coleman attend the All Our Children's Advocacy Center (A.O.C.A.C) for case reviews.

Inv. Full and Inv. Coleman assisted McCook PD with an M.C.A.T. activation. An offender was taken into custody by the team and he/she was charged with possession of stolen property.

Inv. Coleman and Inv. Fulla conducted School resource duties at LTHS. Inv. Coleman issued two compliance citations for minors in possession of tobacco products and one local ordinance citation for possession of cannabis products.

Inv. Coleman and Inv. Fulla attended LERMS Mobile training.

AUXILIARY AND PART-TIME POLICE UNITS

The Auxiliary Unit volunteered 78 hours during the month of February. Time was spent conducting house checks, street lights out list and various patrol duties.

The part-time officers completed 35 traffic contacts, which included 20 citations. They were also active during the month responding to 138 calls for service in the community.

PARKING DIVISION

The parking division registered \$18,055 in parking fines through conventional payments, online payments or collection efforts.

**TRUCK ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS
FEBRUARY 2018**

	Location	Date	Time	Result	Equipment	Moving	License/Reg	Weight	Insurance
La Grange RD	CBD								
		0	Sub-total by Area						
	Cossitt thru 47th								
		2	Sub-total by Area						
Other									
		0	Sub-total by Area						
Ogden Ave	East - La Grange RD								
		0	Sub-total by Area						
	La Grange & West								
		0	Sub-total by Area						
Other	East Ave								
		0	Sub-total by Area						
	47th Street								
			1	Sub-total by Area					
	Other	02/28/18	6:00 a.m.		C		1		
	0	Sub-total by Area			1	0	0	0	0

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

PATROL ACTIVITIES					2018	2017
	2018		2017		YTD	YTD
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	1055		1559		2,156	3,006
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	55		38		119	90
FELONY ARRESTS	0		1		2	3
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	2		1		3	1
DUI ARRESTS	0		1		1	1
WARRANT ARRESTS	1		4		3	9
TRAFFIC VERBAL WARNINGS	157		258		374	483
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	49		58		89	96
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	50		64		99	144
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	344	729	167	604	1,329	1,112
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	385		437			
JUVENILE ARRESTS	1		4		2	10
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	10		9		21	24