

LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Memorandum



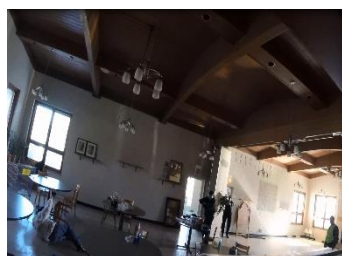
To: Andrianna Peterson, Village Manager
From: Kurt Bluder, Chief of Police
Date: May 11, 2018
Re: Monthly Report for April 2018

Attached for your review are the general statistics for the shift activities for the month of April 2018. April was another busy month for the police department, with an emphasis on training, as we transitioned into the warmer weather.

On Monday, April 2, 2018, the police department began accepting applications for the position of police officer. This is the first step in the process of establishing a new Police Officer Eligibility List. The written exam will take place on Saturday, June 9, 2018 at the Lyons Township High School South Campus.

On Friday, April 6, 2018, Officer Rocco Piraino began solo patrol after completing his 14 weeks of field training and 14 weeks of academy training. Officer Piraino was hired July 24, 2017.

On Monday, April 23, Sergeant Rob Wardlaw attended a Less Lethal Executive Forum conducted by Northeast Multi Regional Training Unit (NEMRT). The class was held in River Forest and covered everything from de-escalation and risk management to tactics.



On Thursday, April 26 and Friday, April 27, the police department conducted scenario based training at the Illinois Masonic Homes. The training was conducted by Sergeant Tom Cimbalista, Sergeant Dave Rohlicek, Sergeant Rob Wardlaw and Officer



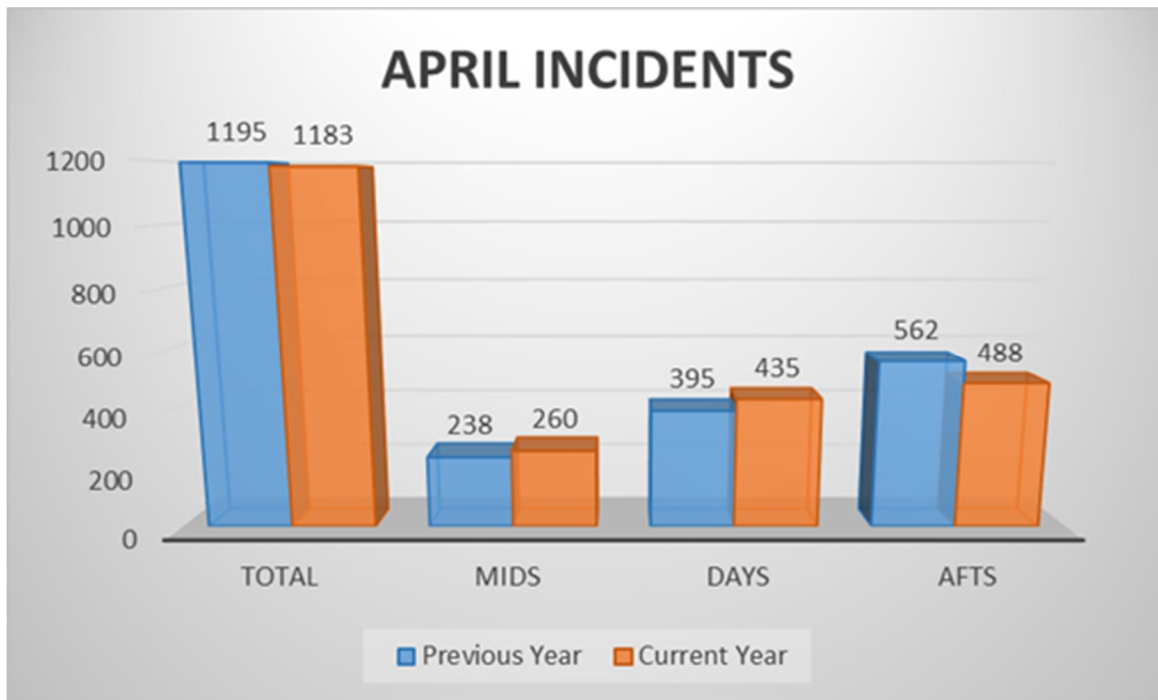
Scott Wolf and provided several different high risk situations in which Simunitions (paint bullets) were utilized. The scenarios ranged from a traffic stop to an active shooter. Officers were critiqued after each scenario and their actions/responses were discussed, with instruction provided when necessary. The police department offered area agencies an opportunity to participate in this training. The McCook Police Department sent their entire department and the Countryside Police Department sent several officers as well. The two pictures depict events from the actual scenarios. Officers can be seen wearing protective equipment that was used during the training.

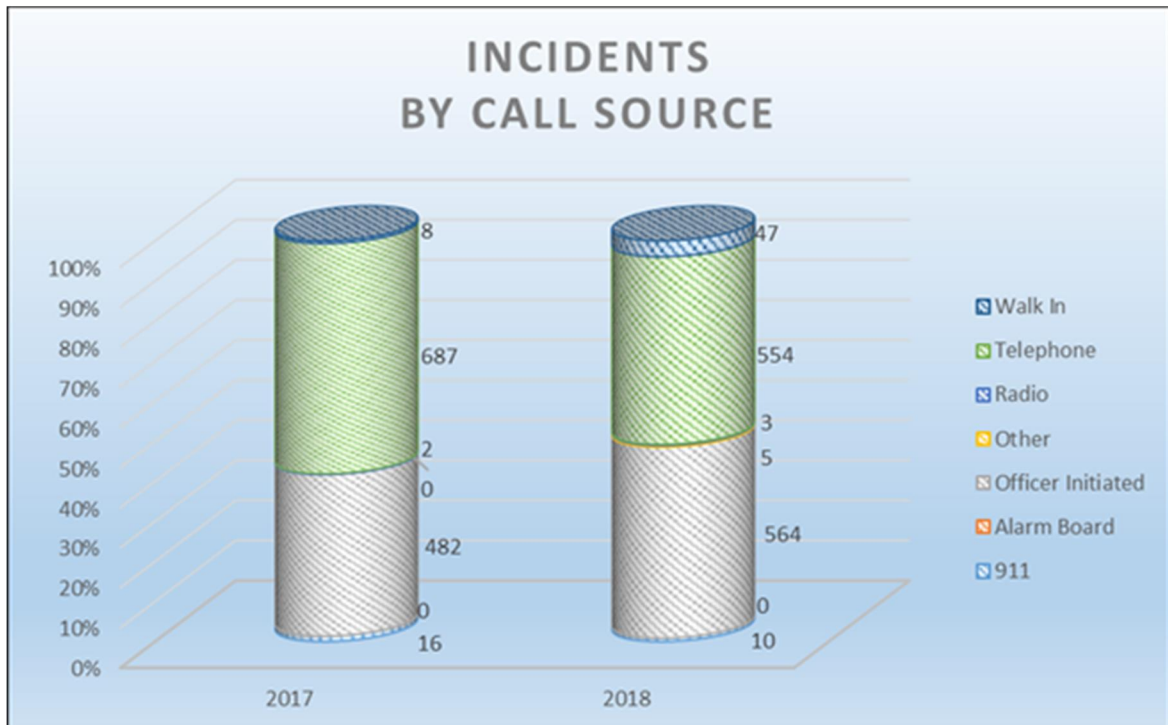
On Monday, April 30, Village Manager Peterson, Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham, Director of Community Development Charity Jones, LTACC Director Kim Knutsen and Police Chief Bluder traveled to Oak Forest to receive a tour of the Cook County Department of Homeland Security and Office of Emergency Management. Staff met with Regional Coordinators John Kizer and John Daniel to learn about the resources available to them for special events as well as during emergencies. This includes everything from generators and heavy equipment to use of a dispatch center and conference rooms.



Cook County Homeland Security & Emergency Management Operations Center.

Lastly, staff has added three new charts to the monthly report in an effort to provide more relevant information in a condensed format.





DAYSHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS:

Ofc. Cassiberry handled a Criminal Damage to Property report at the La Grange Parking Garage located at 80 S. 6th, where unknown person(s) damaged a couple of signs. The case is pending.

Ofc. Kaiser conducted a Traffic Stop at East & 52nd, where he arrested three subjects for DWLS, a warrant, and possession of cannabis (see arrests below).

Ofc. Cassiberry handled a Criminal Damage to Property report at the La Grange Parking Garage located at 80 S. 6th, where unknown person(s) damaged a light pole. The case is pending.

Ofc. Cassiberry handled a Stolen Motor Vehicle report in the 00 block of N. Drexel, in which an unlocked vehicle (with a key fob inside) was stolen from a driveway. The case is pending.

Ofc. Kaiser handled a Drug Offense at LTHS, in which a student was in possession of an unknown drug. Charges are pending until the Illinois State Police Lab can determine the type of drug.

S/L Uher handled a Criminal Damage To Property report at the La Grange Parking Garage located at 80 S. 6th, where an unknown offender(s) damaged the protective floor coating from squealing their tires. The case is pending.

ARRESTS:

On 4/7, Ofc. Kaiser arrested Bursik, Juan M, Male/29 YOA of Melrose Park for Unlawful Possession of Cannabis (over 30grams).

On 4/7, Ofc. Kaiser arrested Cardona, Baltazar E, Male/25 YOA of Worth for an Outstanding Warrant.

On 4/7, Ofc. Kaiser arrested Delaney, Jonathon D, Male/32 YOA of Melrose Park for DWLS and Traffic.

On 4/18, Ofc. McGuire arrested Williams, Yolanda, Female/49 YOA of La Grange for DWLS.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

DETAILS:

On 4/12, the Day Shift conducted a school Lock Down drill at St. John's Lutheran.

On 4/23, several Day Shift officers conducted Safety Talks at various La Grange Park District pre-school buildings.

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On 4/28, the La Grange police Department hosted a D.E.A. National Drug Take Back event. A total of 339.70 lbs. of prescription and over the counter drugs was collected.

NUMBERS:

Accident Reports Taken = 25

Total Number of Traffic Stops = 66

Community Contacts = 29

School Crossings = 5

Warrants Served = 1

Misdemeanor Arrests = 1

Misdemeanor Traffic Arrests: 2

Compliance Citations Issued: 8

TRAINING:

On 4/12, Ofc. Kaiser attended a Use of Force for Patrol course.

On 4/23, Ofc. Kaiser attended a Knife Defensive Tactics course.

On 4/26-4/27, members of the Day Shift attended Simunitions© Rapid Deployment training at the Illinois Childrens Masonic Home of La Grange.

AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS:

Ofc. Niewold responded to the 700 Block of South 10th Avenue in reference to a Domestic Battery call. Peace was eventually restored.

Ofc. McDermott responded to the 200 Block of South Brainard Avenue for an Identity Theft report. A resident reported that her credit card was lost in Chicago, and an unknown offender used the card to make fraudulent charges.

Ofc. Irizarry responded to a business in the 00 Block of South La Grange Road in reference to a Suspicious Person call. Irizarry located an adult male matching the description, who advised he was homeless and left the business, without incident.

Ofc. Falls responded to the 600 Block of South 9th in reference to a Well-Being check. Due to the circumstances, the resident's juvenile son was transported to the home of a relative.

Ofc. Burrell responded to the La Grange Road Train Depot in reference to an unruly passenger on an outbound Metra train. The man was located and willingly left the train with responding officers. He was eventually transported to the hospital, at his request, for medical treatment.

Ofc. Kang responded to a business in the 00 Block of North La Grange Road in reference to a Retail Theft. An adult woman was located and found to have the proceeds from the theft. The woman's boyfriend arrived at the scene and made full restitution to the business for the items.

S/L. Wessendorf responded to the 00 Block of East Ogden Avenue in reference to a Car Fire. The vehicle was located and LGFD firefighters responded to the scene as well. Fire investigators determined that there was no criminal intent (Arson) involved in the incident.

Ofc. Niewold responded to the 00 Block of South La Grange Road for a Criminal Damage to Property report. Witnesses advised that a male juvenile damaged the Village fountain after climbing on top of the highest tier. The juvenile was later identified and arrested by department investigators.

ARRESTS:

Ofc. Irizarry cited a 16-year old La Grange Park male juvenile for Damage to Village Property, after Irizarry conducted a one-car motor vehicle accident in the 00 Block of South 7th Avenue.

Officers McDermott and Falls arrested a 65-year old Justice man for Impersonating a Peace Officer and additional traffic violations after they conducted a traffic stop on the man in the vicinity of Washington and Finley Avenues.

Ofc. Burrell arrested 20-year old Chicago woman on an outstanding La Grange warrant for Disorderly Conduct. The woman was also charged with Criminal Damage to Motor Vehicle.

Officers Irizarry and Falls cited a 66-year old La Grange resident for two counts of Animal Injuring Person, along with additional La Grange Local Ordinance violations after the man's dog got loose from the yard. While at large, the dog bit two residents, causing injury.

Ofc. Falls arrested a 19-year old La Grange Park man for Disorderly Conduct after police were informed of a road-rage incident, in which the man was reported to be shouting obscenities at another motorist. The incident originated in the vicinity of La Grange Road and Cossitt Avenue.

Officers Kang and Irizarry, along with PTOs Egan and King, arrested a 19-year old Broadview man for Obstructing Justice, after the man attempted to forcibly flee from officers while investigating a Disturbance, in the area of La Grange Road and Burlington.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

The Afternoon shift completed 156 traffic contacts which included 2 Misdemeanor Traffic Arrests for Driving While License Suspended/Revoked. Officers completed 19 crash reports (1 Personal Injury) and issued 4 parking citations. Shift Officers conducted 42 Building/Business Checks and Foot Patrols.

TRAINING:

The shift successfully completed the April 2018 Police Law Institute online training on Officer-Worn Body Cameras (Definition, Evidence, and Policy), and Citizens' Recordings of Police.

The shift completed an Anti-Harassment training seminar hosted by the Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (IRMA), conducted at the Village Hall.

The shift completed the Ride-Illinois online Bicyclist and Motorist Safety Courses.

Officers Falls and McDermott attended the Women in Criminal Justice conference conducted in Bloomington, Illinois.

Ofc. Irizarry completed the Use of Force Workshop conducted at the Tinley Park PD.

Ofc. Wessendorf attended the Law Enforcement Ethics for Patrol Officers course conducted at the Palos Heights PD.

Sgt. Wardlaw completed the Use of Force (Train-the-Trainer) course conducted at the Tinley Park PD.

Ofc. Niewold completed Mobile Field Force training as the department's representative to NIPAS. Ofc. Niewold also participated in two Mobile Field Force Stand-By Assignments for separate incidents in Roselle and Zion, Illinois.

Sgt. Wardlaw attended the Less-Lethal Executive forum conducted at the Chicago Heights PD.

Ofc. Wessendorf completed the Acting Officer-In Charge course conducted at the Bolingbrook PD.

MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS:

Ofc. Nemecek and Sgt. Rohlicek responded to the 100 block of N. Spring Ave. to assist the Fire Department with a house fire. Officers provided traffic control and other assistance while the Fire Department extinguished the fire. No one was injured in the incident.

Ofc. Comstock, Ofc. Nemecek, S/L Herrera and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to the 100 block of Hayes Ave. for a domestic disturbance between a female subject and her husband. The two had become involved in a verbal argument. Peace was restored, the female subject voluntarily left the residence for the night to stay with relatives in a neighboring town. Domestic violence information/forms provided to both subjects.

S/L Herrera, Ofc. Nemecek, Sgt. Ljubenko and Chief Bluder responded to a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of Sawyer Ave. involving a male subject, female subject and their adult daughter. The parents had become involved in a verbal argument with their adult daughter. Peace was restored and the daughter agreed to leave the residence and stay with friends in a neighboring town. Domestic violence information/forms were provided to subjects.

S/L Herrera, Ofc. Nemecek, Sgt. Rohlicek and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to the 300 block of Bluff Ave. for the domestic disturbance between a male subject and his girlfriend. The two subjects had become involved in a verbal argument, no arrests made, peace was restored. The female subject left the residence to go to work. Domestic violence information/forms were provided to both subjects.

Ofc. Piraino, Ofc. Comstock, S/L Herrera and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to the 800 block of East

Ave. for the domestic disturbance between a female subject and her adult son. The two had become involved in a verbal argument. The adult son is dealing with some medical issues. Peace was restored, both subjects agreed to go to sleep for the night, they will meet with their social worker in the morning. Domestic violence information/forms were provided to the subjects.

Ofc. Andries, Ofc. Nemecek, Ofc. Piraino and Sgt. Ljubenko assisted La Grange Park P.D. in locating a vehicle which had fled from a La Grange Park officer attempting to make a traffic stop. The vehicle was found unoccupied parked on the street near Malden/Bell Ave. A short time later, the male driver and male passengers were located on foot in the 100 block of N. Malden Ave. attempting to get a ride from Lyft. The subjects were taken into custody by La Grange Park officers and transported to their station. The driver was subsequently charged by La Grange Park for Driving while License Suspended, Fleeing/Attempt to Elude Police and other traffic offenses.

ARRESTS:

Ofc. Comstock arrested a 36 year old male subject from Chicago for Driving under the Influence (D.U.I.), Fleeing/Attempt to Elude Police, Driving while License Suspended and other traffic offenses. Subject was processed, and released on bond with a return court date.

Ofc. Piraino arrested a 43 year old male subject from Chicago for Driving under the Influence (D.U.I.) and other traffic offenses. Subject was involved in a single vehicle traffic accident. Subject was processed, and released on bond with a return court date.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

The Midnight shift completed 146 traffic contacts which included 2 misdemeanor Traffic Arrests for Driving while License Suspended/Revoked/No Valid D/L and investigated 2 property damage traffic accidents. Shift Officers issued 130 parking citations for overnight parking and other violations. Shift Officers conducted 90 Building/Business Premise Checks and Foot Patrols. In addition, Ofc. Andries conducted DARE Graduation ceremonies for the 5th grade classes at St. John's, St. Cletus schools and continued teaching the DARE curriculum to the 5th grade classes at Spring Ave. School. Ofc. Andries also conducted a Drug & Alcohol Awareness presentation to the 8th grade class at Gurrie Middle School.

TRAINING:

The shift successfully completed the April 2018 Police Law Institute online training along with the Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. In addition, Ofc. Nemecek completed the Ethics for Law Enforcement and Report Writing training classes, S/L Herrera completed the Ethics for Supervisors training class, Ofc. Piraino completed the Report Writing training class, Sgt. Rohlicek completed the BEAST Property/Evidence Management System training class, Sgt. Ljubenko completed the Incident Command System (ICS) 300 & 400 level training courses conducted at NIPSTA in Glenview and Sgt. Rohlicek, S/L Herrera, Ofc. Comstock, Ofc. Andries, Ofc. Nemecek and Ofc. Piraino attended the Active Shooter/Rapid Deployment "Simunitions" training conducted at the former Masonic Children's Home property.

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS:

Investigative case reports taken/followed up on this month include: (3) Criminal Damage to State Supported Property, (1) Residential Burglary, (1) Burglary to Motor Vehicle, (1) Stolen/Recovered Motor Vehicle, and (1) Criminal Damage to Vehicle.

Inv. Coleman conducted follow-up into a Criminal Damage to State Supported Property incident occurring at the Village Parking Garage located in the 00 block of S. 6th Ave. Inv. Coleman learned unknown subject(s) climbed on a light pole located on the top deck of the parking garage and bent the pole. Inv. Coleman has obtained surveillance video footage of the incident and is in the process of identifying the subject(s) and a vehicle. Case pending.

Inv. Fulla assisted Dayshift with a Burglary to Motor vehicle and Stolen Motor vehicle incident occurring in the 00 block of N. Drexel. Inv. Fulla processed the scene for latent print evidence and checked the area for video surveillance. The stolen vehicle was later recovered in Indiana and transported back to this PD for processing purposes. Case pending.

Inv. Coleman conducted follow-up investigation into a Criminal Damage to State Supported Property incident occurring at the Village Parking Garage located in the 00 block of S. 6th Ave. An unknown offender operating a vehicle conducted a burn out on the top deck of the garage causing damage to garage floor surface. Inv. Coleman reviewed video surveillance footage and is in the process of identifying a suspect(s) and the vehicle. Case pending.

Inv. Coleman and Inv. Fulla conducted follow-up investigation into Damage to State Supported Property incident occurring at the Village Fountain located in the 00 block of S. La Grange Rd. An unknown male juvenile subject climbed the Village Fountain causing the fountain to topple over and break. Through surveillance video footage and interviews a juvenile suspect was developed. Case pending.

Inv. Fulla and Inv. Coleman conducted follow-up investigations into a Residential Burglary incident that occurred in the 800 block of S. Waiola Ave in March of 2018. Three suspects were identified by another agency related to a Residential Burglary arrest. Property found in the recovered vehicle used to commit the burglaries was later found to be property belonging to the residential burglary occurring in La Grange. Case pending.

Inv. Coleman conducted follow-up investigation into Criminal Damage to Vehicle occurring in the 00 block of Arcade Place. Inv. Coleman attempted to locate surveillance video and evidence with negative results. Case closed.

ARREST:

Inv. Fulla and Inv. Coleman and conducted Liquor Enforcement Compliance checks of local businesses in coordination with the Illinois Liquor Control Commission. Three businesses were found to be out of compliance due to selling alcohol products to a person under the age of 21. The clerks and license holders were issued local ordinance compliance citations for the violations and will be required to appear in court in response to the violations.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

Inv. Fulla conducted interviews, completed an investigation and subsequently registered a subject (residing in the Village of LaGrange) as a Youth Violent Offender, as required by Illinois State Statute.

Inv. Coleman and Inv. Fulla assisted Western Springs with an M.C.A.T. activation related to the arrest of a subject wanted in connection to a felony incident of Harassment through Electronic means. A subject was taken into custody without incident.

Inv. Fulla and Inv. Coleman attended a meeting at Orland Park PD with multiple jurisdictions related to Burglary to Motor Vehicle and Theft of Motor Vehicle incidents.

Inv. Coleman and Inv. Fulla conducted School Resource duties at LTHS.

Inv. Fulla assisted Sgt. Wardlaw and Sgt. Cimbalista with Active Threat training for St. Francis School staff.

Inv. Fulla attended a two-day Cyber Bullying training.

Inv. Coleman has been working diligently toward obtaining an Illinois State grant for Retail Tobacco Enforcement. Inv. Coleman received word that the Village of La Grange and La Grange Police Department were awarded the grant to assist with conducting Tobacco Enforcement. The grant provides funding for education and enforcement checks.

Inv. Fulla also completed a two-day M.C.A.T. training related to live fire exercises and decision making.

AUXILIARY AND PART-TIME POLICE UNITS

The Auxiliary Unit volunteered 88 hours during the month of April. Time was spent conducting house checks, street lights and providing event security.

The part-time officers completed 25 traffic contacts, which included 15 citations. They were also active during the month responding to 146 calls for service in the community.

PARKING DIVISION

The parking division registered \$18,210 in parking fines through conventional payments, online payments or collection efforts.

TRUCK ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS 2018

Location	Date	Time	Result	Equipment	Moving	License/Reg	Weight	Insurance	
La Grange RD	CBD								
		0 Sub-total by Area							
	Cossitt thru 47th	04/10/18	12:35	W		1			
		04/12/18	6:12		C	1			
		04/17/18	11:35	W		1			
		04/17/18	4:41	W	1				
		04/18/18	6:01		C	1			
	5 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								
		0 Sub-total by Area							
	Other								
		0 Sub-total by Area							
				1	4	0	0	0	

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

PATROL ACTIVITIES	April		April		2018	2017
	2018		2017		YTD	YTD
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	1,155		1,195		4,436	5,626
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	49		74		225	216
FELONY ARRESTS	3		0		5	4
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	5		8		12	10
DUI ARRESTS	2		0		6	5
WARRANT ARRESTS	2		1		5	12
TRAFFIC VERBAL WARNINGS	176		190		707	926
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	40		90		157	205
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	60		47		259*	312
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	130	504	273	827	2,441	2,276
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	374		554			
JUVENILE ARRESTS	0		4		2	19
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	14		8		51	42

* Total number of citations for 2018 was adjusted to reflect late submittal and entry.