

# LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Memorandum



To: Andrianna Peterson, Village Manager

From: Kurt Bluder, Chief of Police

Date: August 20, 2018

Re: Monthly Report for July 2018

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Attached for your review are the general statistics for the shift activities for the month of July 2018. Besides these activities, I have included a summary of other noteworthy events.

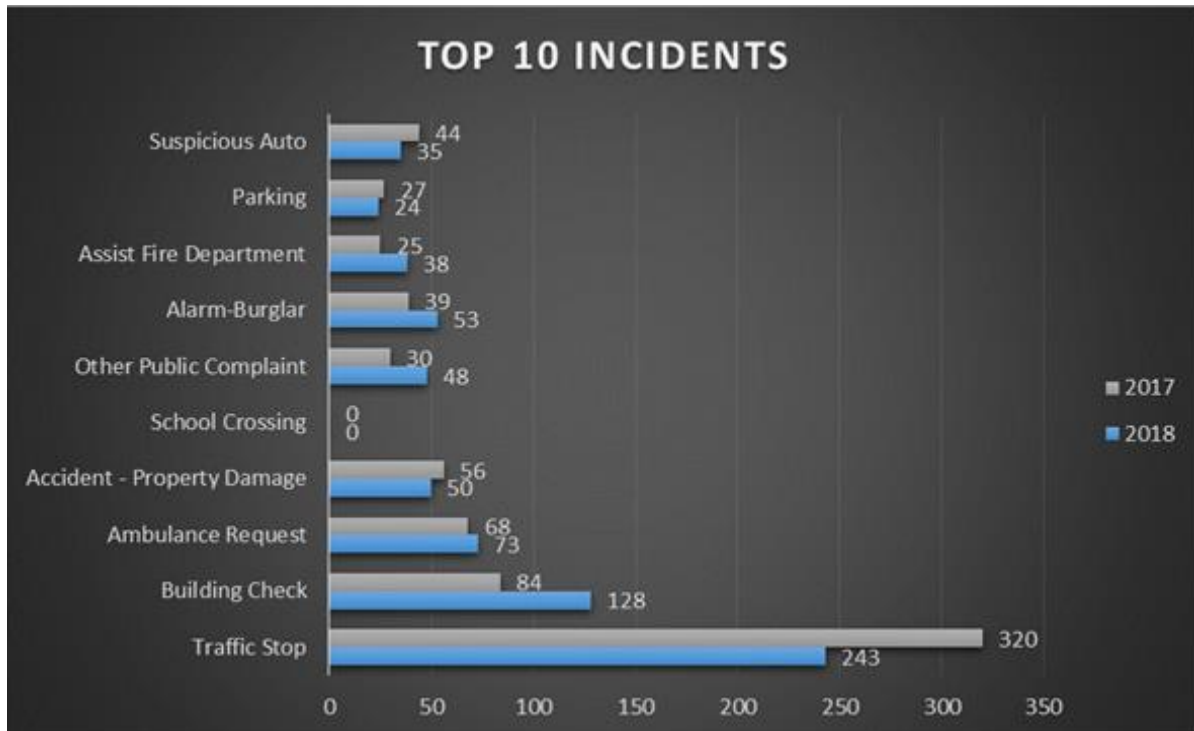
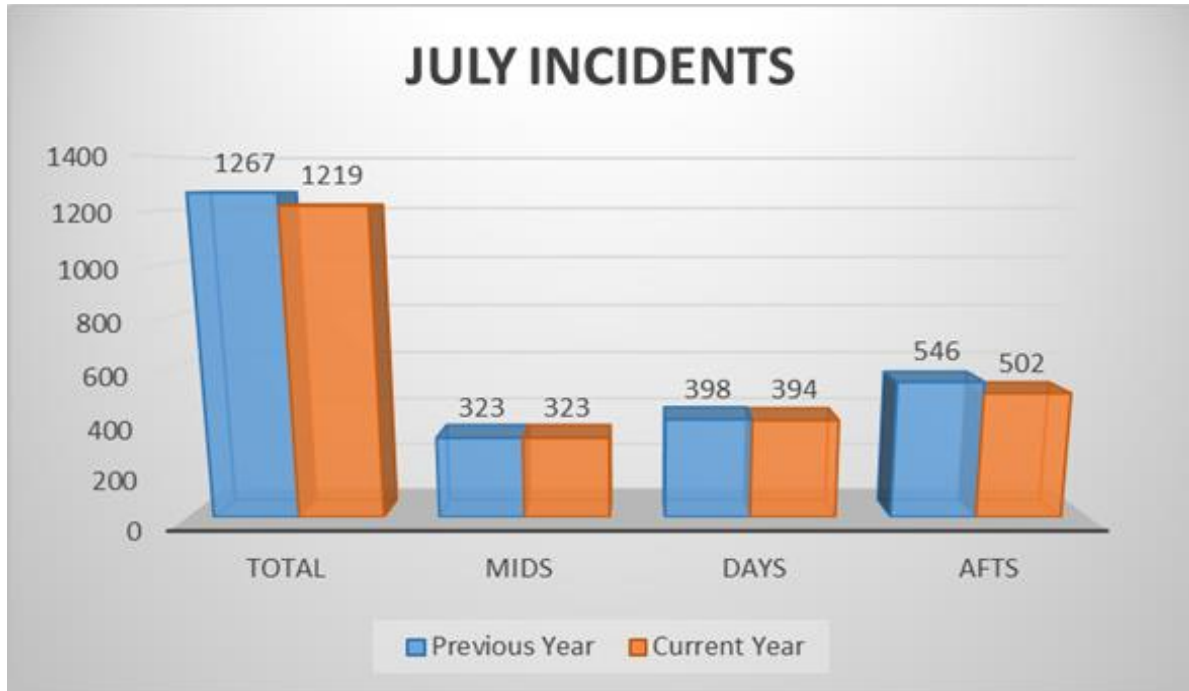
On Tuesday, July 10, 2018, Michael Anderson of 42 Washington, La Grange, was arrested related to the June 29, 2018 shooting incident that occurred in the alleyway to the rear of the 100 block of Hayes. Mr. Anderson was charged with Aggravated Battery with a Firearm, Aggravated Kidnapping and Armed Robbery.

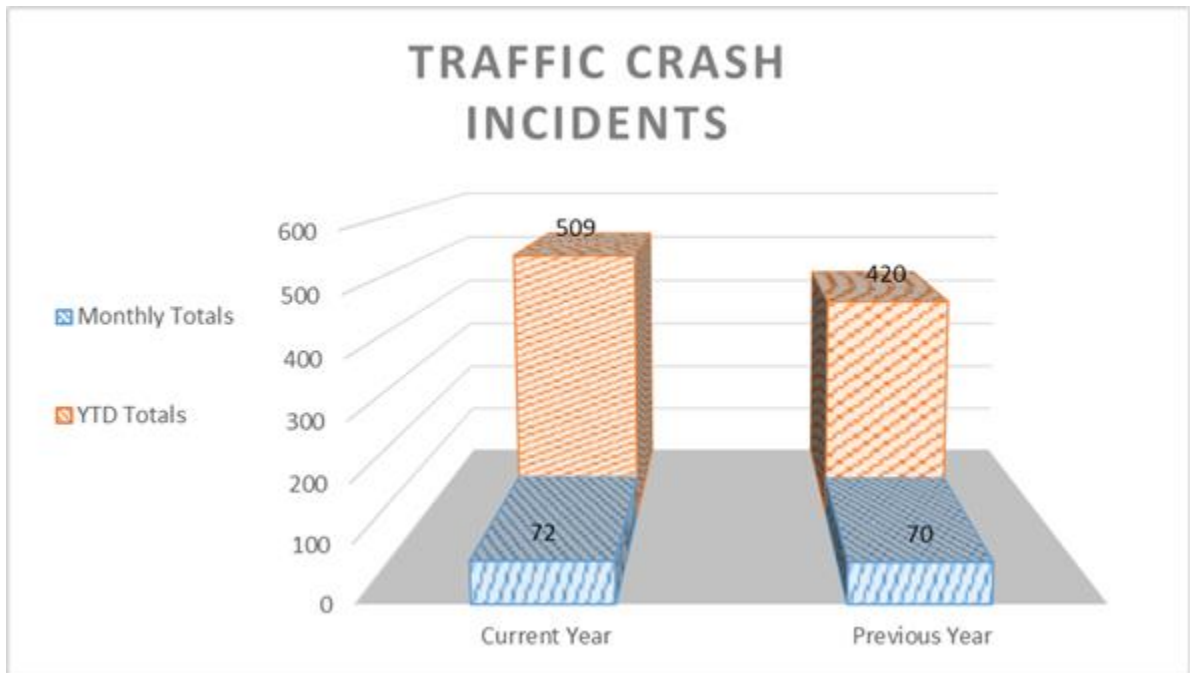
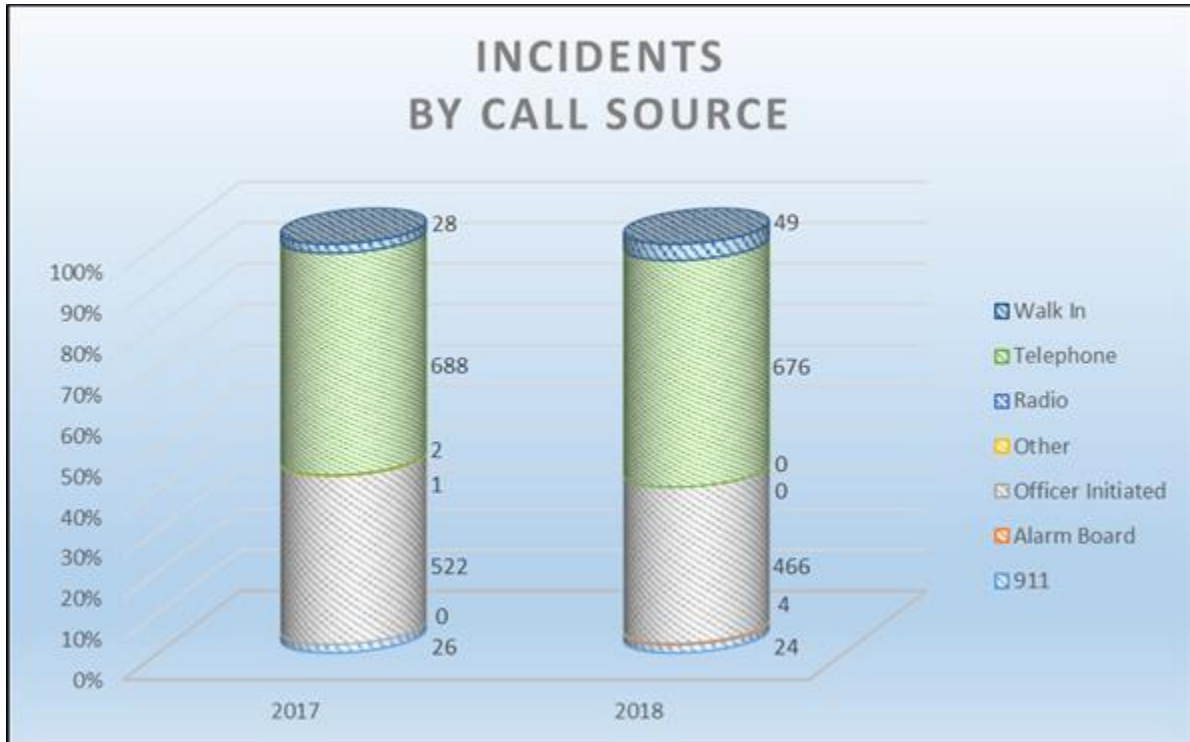
On Friday, July 20, 2018, three officers from the La Grange Police Department collaborated with officers from the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) Police Department to conduct a Truck Enforcement Detail. One Illinois State Trooper also assisted with this enforcement detail. This is the second such detail that the La Grange and ICC Police Departments have joined together to conduct. The officers working the detail made a total of 27 stops, 71 violations were noted, 10 compliance citations were issued, 10 stop cards were completed, 2 truck inspections were conducted and 5 outside agency citations were issued.

On Monday, July 30, 2018 the police department received a \$1,300 grant from "Ride Illinois" for the department's Bicycle, Pedestrian and Motorist Safety Campaign. Deputy Chief Peters applied for the grant on behalf of the police department. The grant required that all police staff participate in an online bicycle safety class and that the police department conduct an enforcement campaign focusing on bicycle safety. Both requirements were met through the police department's "Be the Change, Travel Safe in La Grange" Campaign.



On Saturday, July 14, 2018, several members of the La Grange police Department volunteered for the Operation Support Our Troops concert at the Kane County Cougars Baseball facility. Operation Support Our Troops is a non-profit organization that provides resources to military families and their active duty loved ones. Pictured are the La Grange Police Department officers with Ayla Brown, a former (2006) contestant on American Idol, now a country music artist.





**DAY SHIFT ACTIVITIES:**

**INVESTIGATIONS:**

No Notable Cases

**ARRESTS:**

Ofc. Nemecek arrested Oneil B. Lawrence, age 29 of Des Plaines for DWLS/DWL

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**OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:**

Number of Calls = 488

Accident Reports Taken = 31

Parking Citations Issued = 3

Compliance Citations Issued = 11

Traffic Stops Conducted = 95

Community Contacts = 13

Building Checks = 1

**TRAINING:**

Ofc. Wolf attended NIPAS training

Ofc. Piraino attended Cultural/Ethnic Awareness training

S/L Uher attended a 5 day Emergency Vehicle “train the trainer” course

**AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES:**

**INVESTIGATIONS:**

S/L. Wessendorf and additional police units responded to the vicinity of Ogden and East Avenues for a report of a Domestic Disturbance between two females. The case was closed; neither party wished to pursue criminal complaints or cooperate further with officers.

Ofc. Kaiser and additional police units responded to the area of Burlington and Stone Avenue for a report of a Robbery/Battery. A male juvenile reported that a group of male juveniles took property from him, after punching him. This case has been turned over to Investigations and is ongoing.

Ofc. Irizarry responded to the 00 Block of E. Ogden Avenue in reference to a deceased male located inside his apartment. After conducting an initial death investigation, the case was turned over to the Cook County Medical Examiner’s Office.

Ofc. McDermott responded to the 900 Block of S 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue in reference to a Residential Burglary. A resident reported that upon return from an extended vacation, an unknown offender forced entry into her condominium and stole several items of jewelry. The case is closed.

Ofc. Kang and additional police units responded to the 00 Block of S 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue in reference to a suicidal adult female. Upon arrival, officers contacted FD Paramedics who transported the woman to La Grange Hospital for further treatment and evaluation.

Ofc. Burrell responded to the area of Maple and East Avenues in reference to an Attempted Burglary. A witness reported seeing an adult male attempting to gain entry into a tractor-trailer (container) using bolt cutters. The offenders eventually fled in an unknown vehicle prior to entry.

Sgt. Wardlaw responded to the 100 Block of Hayes Avenue in reference to a Theft of a cell phone. A male resident reported that his girlfriend took his cellular phone after an argument. The woman was located by officers, and she agreed to return the phone to the complainant.

Ofc. Irizarry responded to the 300 Block of S Spring Avenue in reference to a Credit Card Fraud case. A woman reported that she believed her two daughters may have taken her credit card and made fraudulent charges, without her permission. The woman did not wish to pursue criminal complaints.

S/L Wessendorf responded to a business in the 00 Block of S La Grange Road in reference to a Battery report. The store owner reported that two male juveniles entered the business with one male attempting to fight the other. The juveniles left prior to the arrival of officers and were not located.

Ofc. Kaiser and Sgt. Odom responded to La Grange Memorial Hospital in reference to a well-being check of a male juvenile located in the Emergency Room. Upon speaking with the male about his current home situation, DCFS was contacted and they took protective custody of the juvenile.

Ofc. McDermott and additional police units responded to the 100 Block of Washington Avenue in reference to an Aggravated Assault. A resident reported witnessing a male point a possible firearm from the passenger-side of a vehicle and then drive off. No injuries were reported and the vehicle was not located.

Ofc. Kang and additional police units responded to the 800 Block of S 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue in reference to a Domestic Battery. Upon arrival, officers located two adult males (brothers) who admitted to being in a physical fight. Neither wished to pursue criminal complaints and the case was closed.

#### **ARRESTS:**

Ofc. Kang arrested 18-year old Countryside man for Reckless Driving, Damage to Village Property, and additional traffic violations after officers responded to a single-vehicle traffic accident in the Village parking structure.

Ofc. McDermott arrested a 33-year old La Grange man for Disorderly Conduct after the man entered onto the property of a resident in the 100 Block of Madison and began shouting at him. The man was taken into custody without incident.

Ofc. Irizarry arrested 33-year old Elgin woman on an outstanding Elgin Warrant for Domestic Battery. The woman was taken into custody in the department lobby, without incident.

Officers McDermott and Nemecek arrested a 38-year old Stone Park man on an outstanding La Grange Warrant for Driving on a Revoked license.

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

The Afternoon shift completed 100 traffic contacts which included 2 Misdemeanor Traffic Arrests for Driving While License Suspended/Revoked. Officers completed 19 crash reports (zero Personal Injury), and issued 2 parking citations. Shift Officers conducted 45 Building/Business Checks and Foot Patrols.

The Shift, along with Auxiliary Patrol Officers, assisted with security and traffic control during the Annual Fireworks show.

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Part-Time Officer Egan provided a patrol ride-along to a 20-year old Governor's State University student. He is currently a Criminal Justice major and plans to pursue a career in Law Enforcement.

The Shift attended five Block Parties during the month.

#### **TRAINING:**

The Afternoon Shift successfully completed the July 2018 Police Law Institute online training on: Incriminating Statements, Determining Custody, Interrogations, Miranda Requirements, Detainees Understanding of Rights, Post-Arrest Waivers of Rights, and Waiving Rights Previously Invoked.

Ofc. Irizarry attended an Interviews and Interrogations course conducted at the Matteson PD

Ofc. Kaiser attended Ethnic and Cultural Awareness training at the Glenwood PD.

#### **MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES:**

##### **INVESTIGATIONS:**

Ofc. Niewold, Ofc. Comstock, S/L Herrera and Sgt. Rohlicek responded to the 800 block of S. La Grange Road for a domestic disturbance between a female and her boyfriend. There was a verbal altercation which lead to them pushing/shoving each other. Peace was restored, no complaints signed, the boyfriend left for the night. Domestic violence information forms were provided.

Ofc. Niewold, Sgt. Rohlicek and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to the 100 block of Hayes Avenue for the report of an Armed Robbery. Two people were in a parked vehicle. A male subject/offender



approached the vehicle, displayed a handgun and ordered them to exit the vehicle and lie on the parkway grass. The offender removed two backpacks from inside the vehicle. The offender fled on foot towards the alley and left the area in an unknown vehicle. No injuries were reported. The Investigations Division was called to the scene and the incident is under investigation.

Ofc. Niewold and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to the 1200 block of W. 47<sup>th</sup> Street for a domestic disturbance between a male juvenile and his parents. A verbal argument occurred when the son refused to stop playing video games and go to bed. Peace was restored and advice/information was given to the parents.

S/L Herrera, Ofc. Niewold and Ofc. Andries responded to the area of La Grange/Harris Avenue for the criminal damage to vehicle incident. The unoccupied vehicle was parked on the street when another vehicle drove by and passengers/offenders threw a cup of ice at the parked vehicle, breaking the driver's side view mirror. The offending vehicle then fled the area.

#### **ARRESTS:**

Ofc. Niewold arrested a 37 year old male subject from La Grange for Domestic Battery. Subject was processed and transported to Bridgeview Courthouse for a bond hearing.

Ofc. Comstock arrested a 45 year old male subject from Stone Park on an active Warrant out of La Grange for Driving While License Suspended (DWLS). Subject was processed and transported to Cook County Courthouse, 26<sup>th</sup>/California Ave. for a bond hearing.

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

The Midnight shift completed 108 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 80 parking citations for overnight parking and other violations. Shift Officers conducted 122 Building/Business Premise Checks and Foot Patrols. In addition, Ofc. Falls, and Ofc. Andries continued to conduct class instruction for participants in the Department's Citizens Police Academy (CPA), this included a "Range night", involving basic firearms safety, information and orientation. The shift also conducted traffic control operations, placement of barricades/signage, street closures, etc., in preparation and support of the downtown Craft Fair and a Swim Meet competition at the La Grange Field Club.

#### **TRAINING:**

The shift successfully completed the July 2018 Police Law Institute online training along with the Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. In addition, Ofc. Falls completed a 2-day Interviews and Interrogations training course. Ofc. Comstock completed a 2-day Strategies and Tactics of Patrol Stops training course.

#### **INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION ACTIVITIES:**

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Investigative case reports taken/followed up on this month include: (1) Strong Armed Robbery and (1) Attempt Murder to include Kidnapping, Armed Robbery and Aggravated Battery.

Inv. Fulla and Inv. Coleman assisted the Afternoon Shift with a Strong Armed Robbery investigation occurring at Elm Park located in the 00 block of S. Stone Avenue. The Investigators have conducted several interviews and are working on identifying several involved parties. Case pending.

#### **ARRESTS:**

Inv. Fulla and Inv. Coleman arrested Michael Anderson, a 21 year old male, for a shooting and robbery of a single male victim in the 100 block of Hayes Avenue on June 29, 2018. Anderson was charged with one Class X felony count of Kidnapping Armed with a firearm, one Class X felony count of Armed Robbery while armed with a firearm and one Class X felony count of Aggravated Battery by discharge of a firearm. Subsequent to the arrest, a Cook County Grand Jury entered a True Bill finding for an additional charge of Attempt Murder against Anderson. Due to Anderson's arrest the Illinois Department of Corrections violated his current parole.

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

Inv. Coleman and Inv. Fulla attended training related to new computer software the South Suburban Major Crimes Task (S.S.M.C.T.F.) installed to assist with major case investigations.

Inv. Coleman and Inv. Fulla assisted Brookfield PD with a Major Case Assistance Team (M.C.A.T.) activation related to a structure fire resulting in a fatality.

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

The Auxiliary Unit volunteered 62 hours during the month of July. Time was spent conducting house checks, street lights and providing event security.

The part-time officers completed 18 traffic contacts and issued 8 citations. The part-time officer spent time assisting with all the special events that occurred during the month of July. They were also active during the month responding to 94 calls for service in the community.

#### **PARKING DIVISION**

The parking division registered \$13,585 in parking fines through conventional payments, online payments or collection efforts.



**TRUCK ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS: JULY 2018**

Location	Date	Time	Result		Equipment	Moving	License/Reg	Weight	Insurance		
La Grange RD	CBD	07/20/18		W		1					
		07/20/18		W	C	5		1			
		07/25/18		W				1			
		07/24/18			C	1		2			
	4 Sub-total by Area										
	Cossitt thru 47th	07/20/18		W		3	1				
		07/20/18		W		1	1				
		07/17/18			C		1	1			
		07/18/18		W				1			
	4 Sub-total by Area										
	Other										
		0 Sub-total by Area									
	Ogden Ave	East - La Grange RD	07/20/18		w	c	4		4	1	1
			07/20/18		w	c	2		1	1	
07/20/18				w	c	10					
07/20/18				W		4					
07/20/18				w	c	2		1			
07/20/18				w	c	3		1			
6 Sub-total by Area											
La Grange & West											
	0 Sub-total by Area										
Other	East Ave	07/20/18		W		1		1			
		07/20/18		W		1					
		07/20/18		W		4		1			
		07/20/18		W		1		1			
		07/20/18		W		1	1				
		07/16/18				Y		2		1	
	6 Sub-total by Area										
	47th Street	07/20/18		W		1		1			
		07/20/18		W				1			
		2 Sub-total by Area									
Other ICC Police	07/20/18				Y		8				
1 Sub-total by Area					45	4	28	2	2		

**SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES**

<b>PATROL ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>July</b>		<b>July</b>		<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
	<b>2018</b>		<b>2017</b>		<b>YTD</b>	<b>YTD</b>
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	1,186		1,002		8,239	9,178
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	57		64		441	465
FELONY ARRESTS	1		0		12	6
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	1		3		16	28
DUI ARRESTS	0		1		9	8
WARRANT ARRESTS	3		2		13	14
TRAFFIC VERBAL WARNINGS	179		214		1,222	1,440
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	47		65		296	351
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	41		102		425	612
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	85	538	45	482	3,918	4,015
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	453		437			
JUVENILE ARRESTS	0		3		4	32
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	10		22		106	92