

LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Memorandum



To: Andrianna Peterson, Village Manager
From: Kurt Bluder, Chief of Police
Date: September 15, 2018
Re: Monthly Report for August 2018

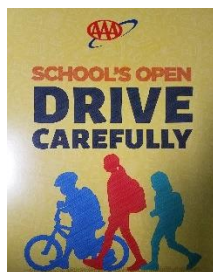
Attached for your review are the general statistics for the shift activities for the month of August 2018. Besides the activities, I have included a summary of other noteworthy events. August was another busy month for the police department.

National Night Out was held Tuesday, August 7th at Spring Rock Park (Western Springs) in conjunction with the Western Springs Police Department. This event is a community building campaign that is designed to promote police-community relationships. The event was extremely successful and was very well attended. This was the first time the La Grange Police Department has participated in this annual event. The La Grange Police Department was able to raise \$1,048 through the sales of hotdogs, hamburgers, hot pretzels and the use of a dunk tank. The proceeds were donated to Pillars Community Health, Illinois Special Olympics and the Hinsdale Humane Society. The food that was sold was graciously donated by U.S. Foods.



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Endless Summer Fest was held from Friday, August 3rd through Sunday, August 5th and went very well from a police perspective. The La Grange Police Department provided security and crowd control for the event.



As part of the police department's "Be the Change, Travel Safe in La Grange" traffic safety campaign, the police department deployed three electronic message boards on Friday, August 17th to remind motorists that school was beginning in La Grange the following week. The La Grange Police Department wanted to remind motorists to slow down and be aware of pedestrians. The police department also posted some "School's Open Drive Carefully" signs that were provided by AAA.

Monday, August 27, Officer Ken Uher was presented with an award by the Western Springs Police Department in recognition of him identifying and subsequently stopping the offending vehicle used in an armed robbery in Western Springs on May 9th, 2018. Officer Uher's great work resulted in the recovery of the handgun used in the robbery, the arrest of two offenders for Armed Robbery and the charging

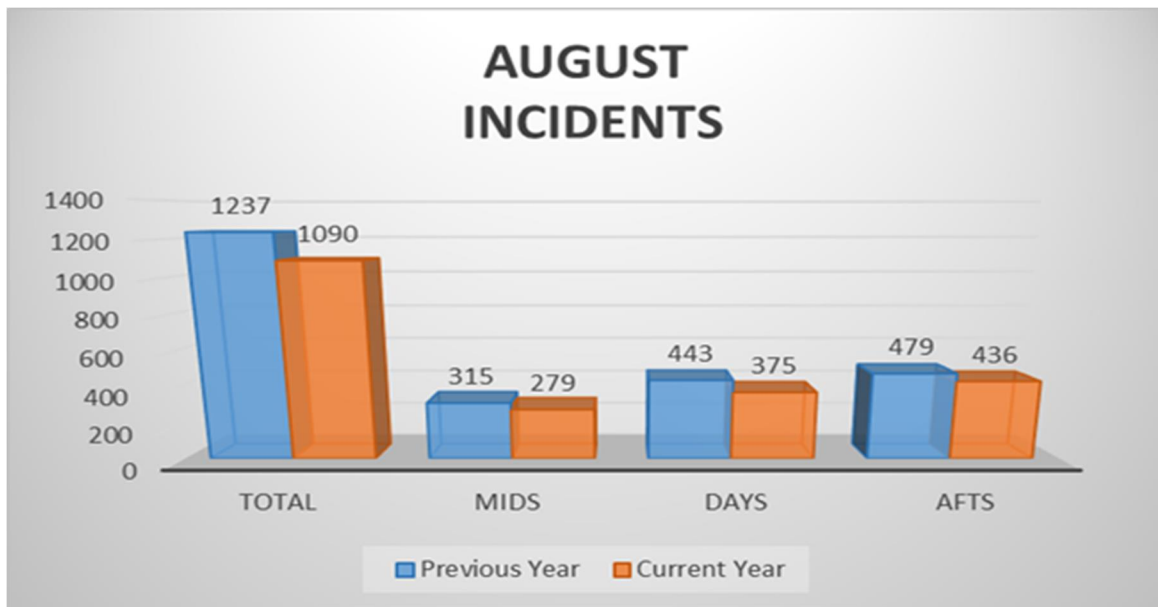


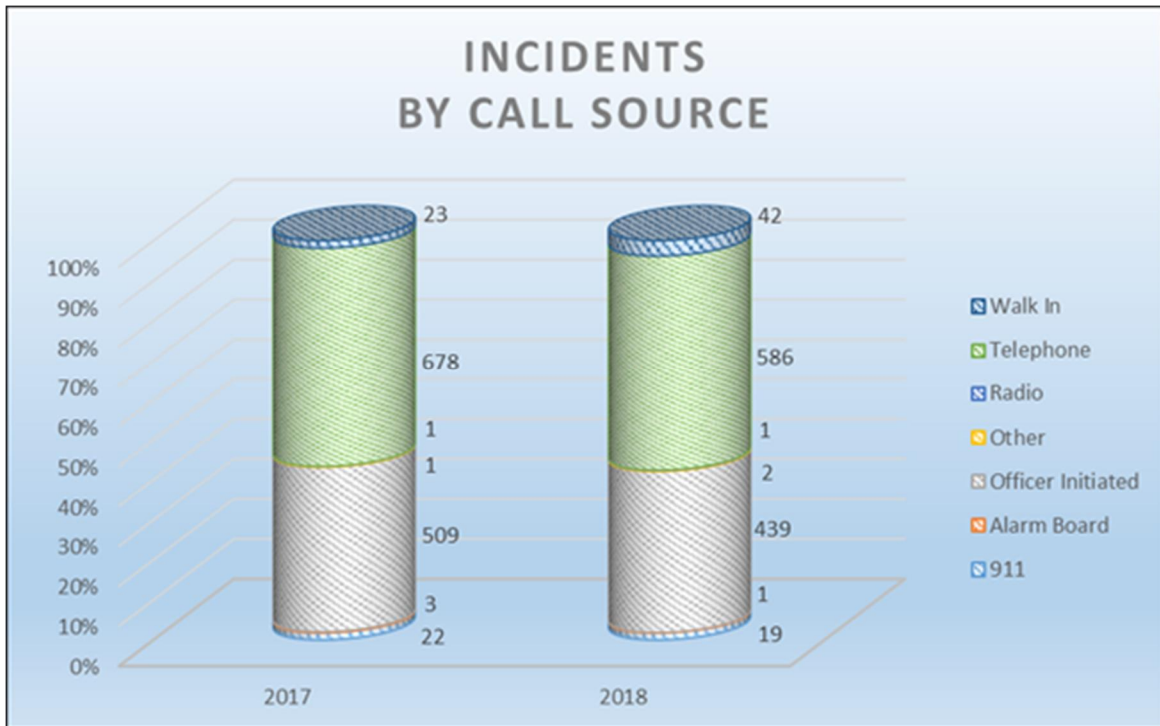
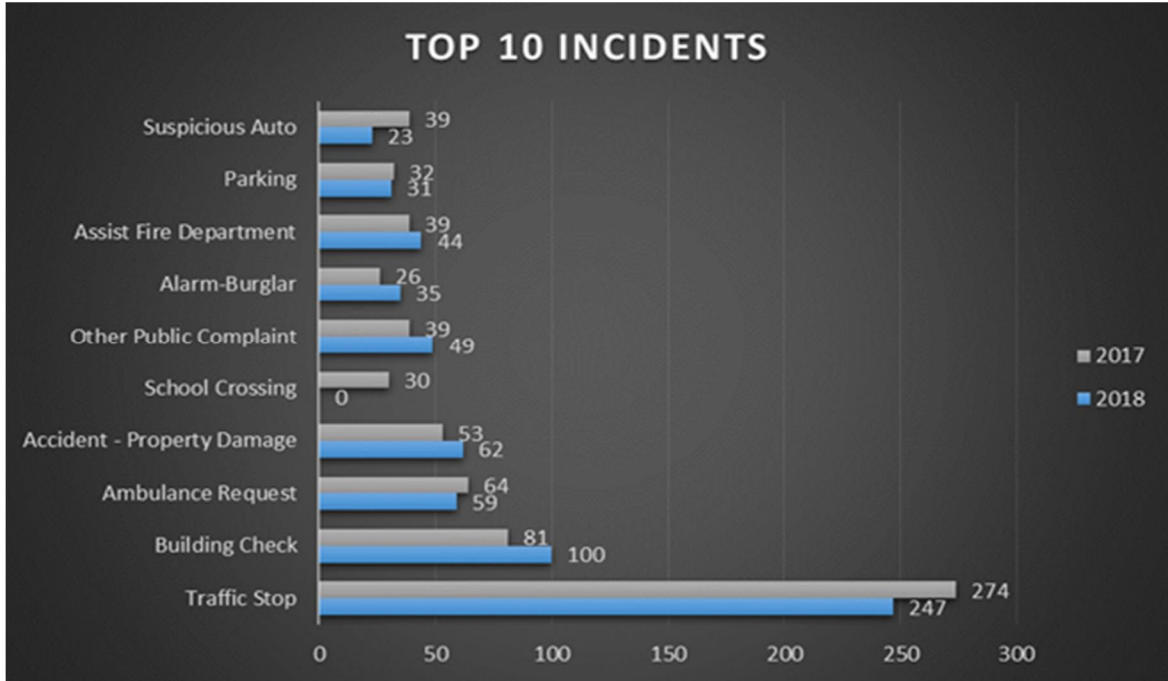
of one as an Armed Habitual Offender. The Western Springs Police Department wanted to honor Officer Uher and thank him for his outstanding work.

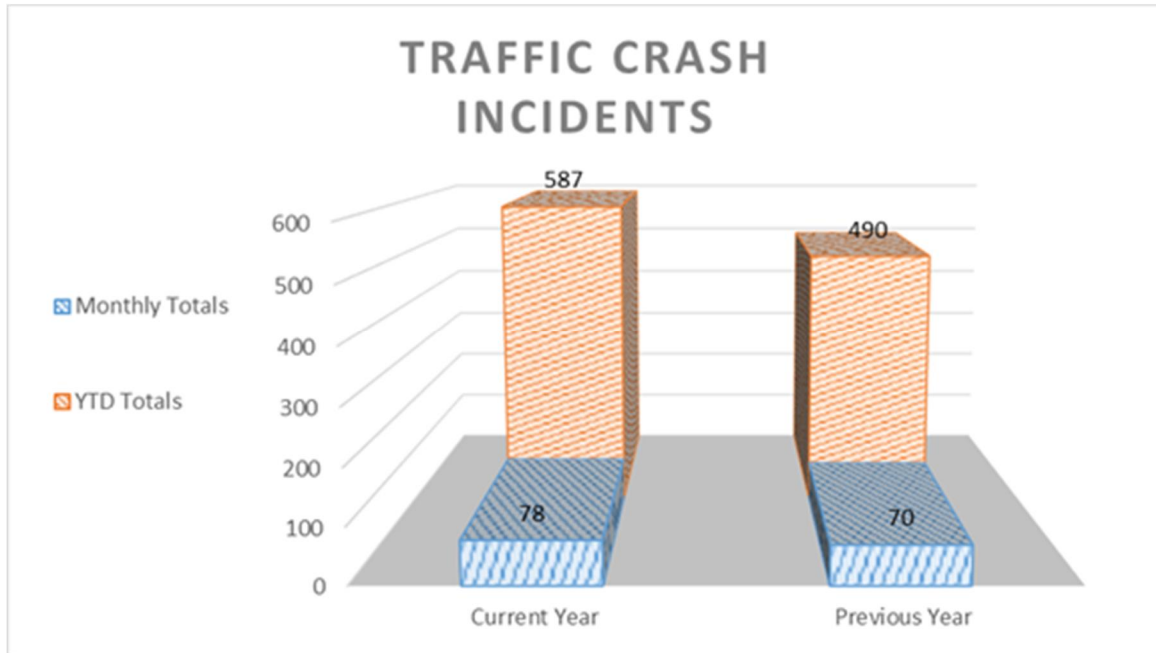


On August 29th, State Representative Jim Durkin hosted an Opioid Epidemic Roundtable discussion at the La Grange Village Hall with local leaders from several different disciplines. The event was well attended with medical professionals, school administrators, political officials and law enforcement leaders from the area participating. The purpose of the discussion was to coordinate efforts to combat the opioid crisis.

On Wednesday, August 22, 2018, the La Grange Police Department assigned its first full-time School Resource Officer to the Lyons Township North Campus. The police department previously assigned someone one day a week to the school. Officer Tim Andries was chosen from three highly qualified La Grange Police Officers who expressed an interest in this assignment. This was a collaborative effort between the Village of La Grange and Lyons Township High School Administration.







DAY SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS:

S/L Uher handled an ID Theft case in the 700 block of S. Kensington, where fraudulent charges were reported on the victim's checking account. The case is under investigation.

Ofc. Piraino handled a Burglary to Motor Vehicle case in the 500 block of S. La Grange Rd., where unknown person(s) entered an unlocked vehicle and items were removed.

Ofc. Nemecek handled an ID Theft case in the 300 block of S. La Grange Rd., where fraudulent charges were reported on the victim's checking & savings account.

Ofc. Piraino handled a Criminal Trespass to Motor Vehicle case in the 500 block of S. Stone, where unknown person(s) entered an unlocked vehicle. No items were reported missing.

S/L Uher handled a Theft case at Maple and Park, where a stop sign was stolen from the corner. The case is under investigation.

Ofc. Wolf handled an Assault case in the 100 block of Dover, where a dispute ensued between a landscaper and a resident. The victim declined charges.

ARRESTS:

Abdel-Rahman, Ibraheem K, M/26 years of age of Mokena was arrested for DWLS and traffic-related charges

Scholtens, Aaron J, M/25 years of age of Willowbrook was arrested for DWLS and traffic-related charges

Candela, Matthew J, M/21 of La Grange was arrested for No Valid Driver's License, Unlawful Possession Cannabis, and traffic-related charges

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

Number of Calls Taken = 469

Number of Traffic Stops = 94

Number of Special Watches Completed = 29

Number of Parking Citations Issued = 3

Number of Compliance Citations Issued = 11

Number of Accident Reports Taken = 34

On 08/05/18, Sgt Cimbalista attended a memorial for Gold Star families (family member killed in the line of duty) at the Brookfield Zoo

On 08/10/18, S/L Uher conducted a safety talk at the La Grange Library

TRAINING:

Ofc. Wolf attended NIPAS training

Ofc. Moncivais attended a Domestic Violence training class

AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS:

Ofc. Burrell responded to a business in the 1200 Block of South Spring Ave. in reference to a Criminal Damage to Property investigation. An unknown subject(s) damaged several windows on the residence by unknown means. Case closed due to a lack of evidence, witness(s) and suspect(s)

Ofc. Irizarry responded to the PD lobby in reference to a Disorderly Conduct investigation occurring in the 00 block of South La Grange Rd. During the initial investigation, Ofc. Irizarry learned the victim was a juvenile and a victim sensitive interview would need to be conducted per state law. Case turned over to the Investigation Division.

S/L. Wessendorf responded to the PD lobby in reference to a Suspicious Incident. The victim relayed that he picked up two unknown subjects from the Stone Ave. Train Depot needing assistance and gave them a ride to a Chicago Metra Train Depot. The victim claims the subjects produced a handgun and took US currency while at the Chicago Metra Depot. The case was turned over to the Chicago Police Department.

Ofc. Cassiberry responded to the PD lobby in reference to an Identity Theft and Deceptive Practice occurring in the 00 Block of North Beacon Pl. The elderly victim relayed that an unknown party, via a phone conversation, obtained account information from the victim and then attempted to get the victim to purchase pre-paid debit cards. The victim was assisted with Identity Theft information as well as blocking the suspects phone number. No financial loss by the victim at this time.

Ofc. Burrell was flagged down at Burlington Ave and La Grange Rd. in reference to a stolen vehicle being located. Ofc. Burrell stopped a subject identified as being in possession of a reported

stolen vehicle by the complainant. Ofc. Kang, Irizarry, Sgt. Odom and Sgt. Wardlaw arrived on scene and the suspect was subsequently taken into custody. The suspect was transported back to the PD after the vehicle was verified as being stolen out of Chicago, IL. The suspect was released after the victim refused to sign criminal complaints. Case closed.

ARRESTS:

Ofc. McDermott arrested a 23-year old Wheaton, IL man for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol (DUI), Driving on a Revoked Driver's License as well as additional traffic violations. Police units initially responded to the 400 Block of South Catherine Ave. in reference to a vehicle being operated recklessly by the driver.

Ofc. Kang arrested a 29-year old Chicago man for Driving while License Suspended and additional traffic violations, after observing the vehicle's registration was expired in the 00 Block of South La Grange Rd.

Ofc. Kaiser arrested a 17-year old La Grange juvenile for a Theft and Resisting a Peace Officer, after a thorough investigation into the incident. This occurred in the 00 block of North Brainard Ave.

Ofc. Kang arrested a 38-year old Chicago man for Driving while License Suspended after conducting a vehicle registration check and learning the registered owner of the vehicle had a suspended license. This occurred in the 00 Block of South La Grange Rd.

Ofc. Kaiser arrested a 54-year old New Lenox man for Driving while his License is Suspended and additional traffic violations. Officer Kaiser stopped the man after observing traffic violations in the 00 Block of South Washington Ave. The subject also had an outstanding Will County arrest warrant for failure to appear on a charge of DUI and driving with a Revoked Driver's License.

Ofc. Kang arrested a 28-year old Lombard man for Possession of a Controlled Substance after stopping the vehicle he was operating, for a traffic violation, in 300 block of South La Grange Rd.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

The Afternoon shift completed 87 traffic contacts, which included 4 Misdemeanor traffic arrests for Driving While License Suspended/Revoked and 1 for DUI. Officers completed 26 crash reports (4 Personal Injury) and issued 5 parking citations. Shift Officers conducted 21 Building/Business Checks and Foot Patrols.

Sgt. Wardlaw and Ofc. Kang participated in National Night Out.

Aux. Ofc. Pawel Zachwieja participated in the Lemont PD "Squad Car Cruise Night."

Ofc. Kaiser conducted a Station Tour for a group of 7-year old boys (birthday party).

TRAINING:

S/L. Wessendorf completed a 3-day John Reid Interview and Interrogation class, hosted by the Burr Ridge PD.

Ofc. McDermott completed 1-Domestic Violence Crisis Intervention class, hosted by the Wheeling PD.

MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS:

Ofc. Andries and Ofc. Niewold responded to the 400 block of S. Edgewood Ave. for a customer dispute between a taxi cab driver and a male subject regarding an unpaid cab fare. Peace was restored and the taxi cab fare was paid by the customer.

Ofc. Andries investigated a criminal damage to property incident in the 600 block of S. Catherine Ave. The front window to a residence was damaged (had small holes in it), which appeared to have been made by BB pellets/projectiles. No suspects in the incident.

Ofc. Niewold and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to the possible battery/well-being check of a patient at a Rehabilitation/Health Care Center in the 4700 block of S. Willow Springs Rd. An elderly male patient initially claimed to have been pushed by a facility cleaning lady, but then also advised he was not sure why he was at the facility and wanted to leave. The male subject suffered from dementia and anxiety issues. The male subject's family members and physician were contacted. The investigation showed the incident to be unfounded.

Ofc. Comstock and Sgt. Rohlicek responded to a business in the 500 block of W. Hillgrove Ave. for a disturbance between a disgruntled male employee and the employer. Peace was restored, the male employee advised his employer he was quitting immediately and left the premises.

Ofc. Falls and Sgt. Rohlicek responded to the Rehabilitation/Health Care Center in the 4700 block of S. Willow Springs Rd, for the report of a possible battery/assault. An elderly male patient initially claimed to have been battered, possibly assaulted by an unknown nurse/facility worker, but then advised he was upset with the care he was receiving. The patient's family members and physician were contacted. An investigation revealed the incident to be unfounded.

Ofc. Niewold, Ofc. Falls, Ofc. Comstock and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to the reported possible residential burglary/theft in the 100 block of Sawyer Ave. The complainant/victim advised that two televisions and a wallet were missing from the residence. No signs of forced entry. The complainant/victim suspects the items were taken by an estranged family member who still had access to the residence. The incident is under investigation.

Ofc. Falls, Ofc. Andries, Ofc. Niewold, Sgt. Rohlicek and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to the reported residential burglary/theft in the 300 block of Bluff Ave. The complainant/victim advised that a television and various video games were taken from the residence/apartment. No signs of forced entry, the incident is under investigation.

Ofc. Comstock, Ofc. Andries, Ofc. Falls, S/L Herrera and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to the 300 block of Bluff Ave. for the domestic disturbance involving a female subject and her boyfriend. The two became involved in a verbal argument over their young son which they have together. The argument led to them pushing, shoving and hitting each other. Both subjects sustained minor injuries, scratches, bruises. Investigation revealed mutual combatants, no complaints signed. Female subject left to stay with relatives and the subject's son went to stay with his grandmother. Domestic violence/information forms provided to subjects. DCFS contacted, they advised an investigation would be opened.

ARRESTS:

Ofc. Niewold arrested a 28-year-old male subject from Des Plaines for Retail Theft. Subject was processed and released on bond with a return court date.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

The Midnight shift completed 122 traffic contacts which included 3 misdemeanor traffic arrests for Driving while License Suspended/Revoked/No Valid D/L and investigated 2 property damage traffic accidents. Shift Officers issued 166 parking citations for overnight parking and other violations. Shift Officers conducted 113 Building/Business Premise Checks and Foot Patrols. In addition, Ofc. Falls, Ofc. Andries, Ofc. Niewold, Sgt. Rohlicek and Sgt. Ljubenko participated in the combined LaGrange P.D./Western Springs P.D. "National Night Out" event held at Spring Rock Park in Western Springs. The shift also conducted traffic control operations in support of the "Endless Summerfest" event held in Gordon Park.

TRAINING:

The shift successfully completed the August 2018 Police Law Institute online training along with the Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. In addition, S/L Herrera completed a 2-day Acting Patrol Officer-in-Charge (OIC) training course.

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS:

Investigative case reports taken/followed up on this month include: (1) Robbery, (1) Armed Robbery, (1) Aggravated Battery with a Firearm, and (1) Battery.

Inv. Fulla and Inv. Coleman conducted follow-up investigations into an Armed Robbery and Aggravated Battery with a Firearm occurring in June 2018 in the 100 Block of Hayes Ave. The Investigators located and interviewed another involved party. No new evidence was developed at this time. Case pending court proceedings.

Inv. Fulla and Inv. Coleman conducted follow-up investigations into a Disorderly Conduct occurring in the 00 Block of South LaGrange Rd. Case is pending interview of victim through local juvenile services.

ARREST(S) / CITATION(S):

Inv. Coleman and Inv. Fulla arrested a 15 YOA male juvenile for a robbery occurring in the 00 block of South Stone Ave on June 24th, 2018. The juvenile was charged with one Class "2" Felony

count of Robbery and one Class "A" Misdemeanor count of Battery. All juvenile delinquency charging documents and case reports were forwarded to the 5th District Cook County Juvenile States Attorney's Office for review.

SRO Andries issued two Cook County Civil Law Citations to a 16 YOA juvenile for Possession of cannabis-Less than 10 grams and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia on school grounds.

SRO Andries issued a Local Ordinance Citations to a 16 and 17 YOA juvenile for Possession of Tobacco Product by a Minor.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

Inv. Coleman and Inv. Fulla assisted Lyons PD with a Major Case Assistance Team (M.C.A.T.) activation related to an Aggravated Battery involving a subject being shot at a local bar.

Inv. Coleman and Inv. Fulla assisted McCook PD with a Major Case Assistance Team (M.C.A.T.) activation related to thefts occurring at local commercial truck yards.

Inv. Coleman attended a one-day Advanced John Reid Interview and Interrogation training class at Burr Ridge PD.

Ofc. Tim Andries was selected as the new full time Lyons Township High School North Campus School Resource Officer by a committee comprised of school and police department officials. SRO. Andries is a former DARE Instructor and Investigator. SRO Andries is a welcomed member to the Investigations Unit.

AUXILIARY AND PART-TIME POLICE UNITS

The Auxiliary Unit volunteered 135.5 hours during the month of August. Time was spent conducting house checks, providing event security at the Endless Summer Fest, the La Grange Sidewalk Sale and assisting the department with its first ever National Night Out Event.

The part-time officers completed 23 traffic contacts and issued 12 citations. The part-time officer spent time assisting with all the special events that occurred during the month of August. They were also active during the month responding to 88 calls for service in the community.

PARKING DIVISION

The parking division registered \$16,060 in parking fines through conventional payments, online payments or collection efforts.

**TRUCK ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS
 AUGUST 2018**

	Location	Date	Time	Result	Equipment	Moving	License/Reg	Weight	Insurance	
La Grange RD	CBD									
		0 Sub-total by Area								
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		2 Sub-total by Area								
	Other									
0 Sub-total by Area										
Ogden Ave	East - La Grange RD	08/01/18	5:51	W			1			
		08/03/18	10:35	W		1				
		2 Sub-total by Area								
	La Grange & West									
		0 Sub-total by Area								
Other	East Ave									
		0 Sub-total by Area								
	47th Street									
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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

PATROL ACTIVITIES	August		August		2018	2017
	2018		2017		YTD	YTD
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	1,089		1,236		9,328	10,414
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	63		62		504	527
FELONY ARRESTS	1		1		13	7
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	5		1		21	29
DUI ARRESTS	1		1		10	9
WARRANT ARRESTS	1		0		14	14
TRAFFIC VERBAL WARNINGS	168		179		1,390	1,619
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	39		47		335	408
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	71		92		496	704
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	178	759	136	582	4,612	4,597
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	581		446			
JUVENILE ARRESTS	2		3		6	35
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	14		21		120	113