

LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Memorandum



To: Andrianna Peterson, Village Manager
From: Kurt Bluder, Chief of Police
Date: December 19, 2018
Re: Monthly Report for November 2018

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



On Thursday, November 1st, the La Grange Police Department “rolled out” its new Frontline closed home and vacation watch registry. The software allows residents of La Grange to create entries for unoccupied or closed homes, from any computer or mobile device, that they would like the Police Department to monitor while residents are away for extended periods of time. This information becomes available in real-time to patrolling officers - saving both time and resources. The news release regarding this new software can be found at [Frontline Vacation Watch Registry](#)

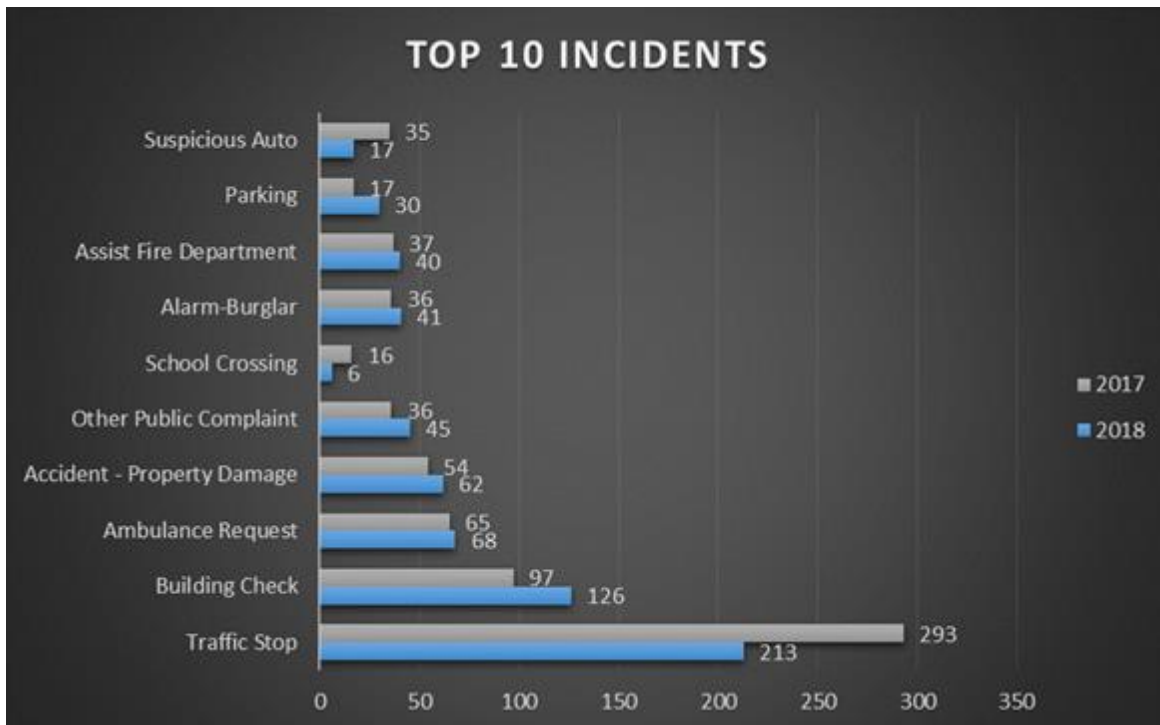
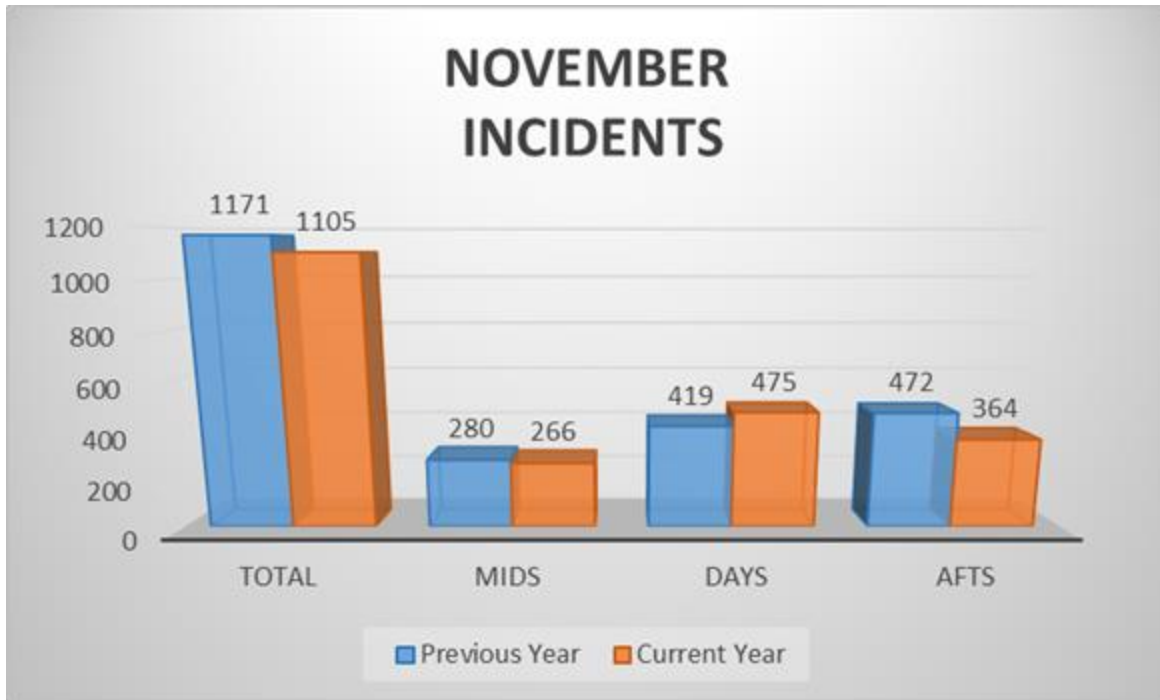
On Saturday, November 3rd, the La Grange Police Department held its annual property auction. The police department auctions off abandoned, unclaimed, and surplus property. A total of 34 items were sold generating \$476.81, with several bicycles garnering the highest bids.

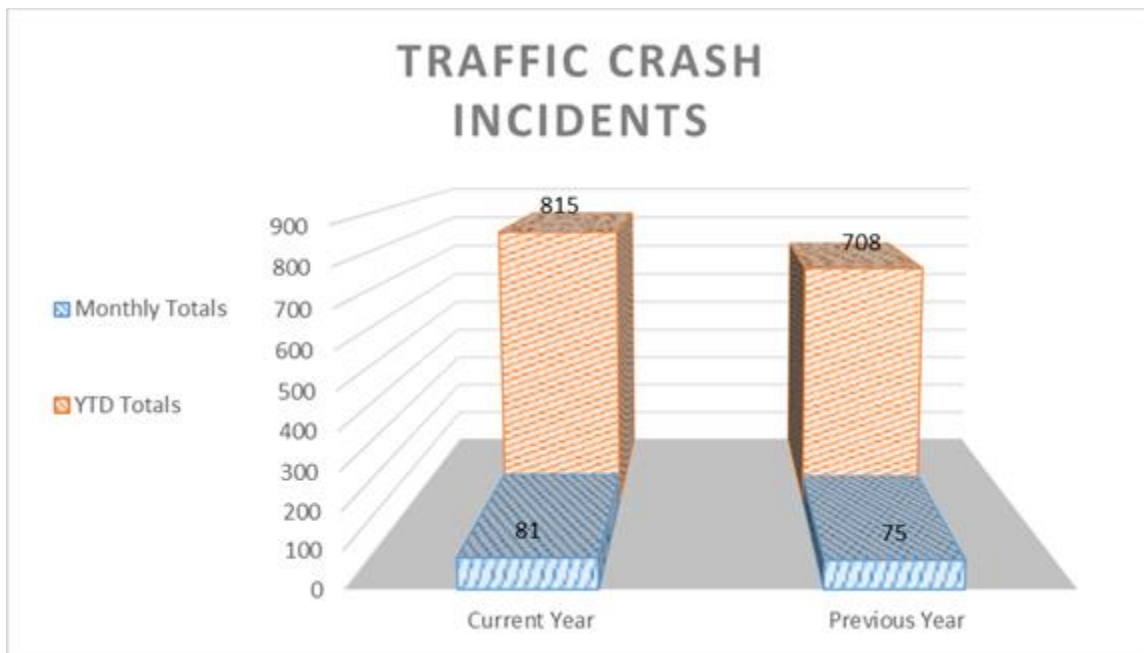
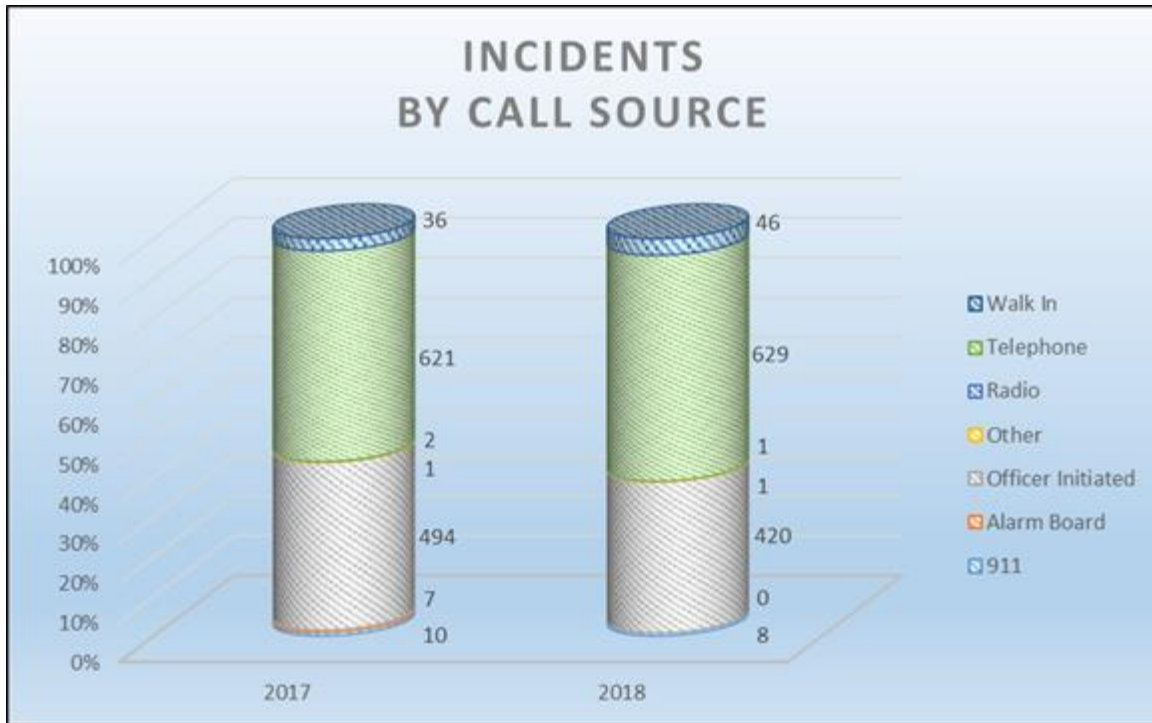


On Wednesday, November 14th Gioia Giannotti dropped off “thank you” cards and candy on behalf of School District 106’s 2018 Operation Gratitude. The school district has a program in which they annually recognize a group or profession for their service and dedication. This year the Parent Teacher Council chose to honor First Responders and selected both the La Grange Police and Fire Departments to be recipients of this program. The police department received quite a large amount of candy and cards. The men and women of the La Grange Police Department were very appreciative of this gesture.

In an effort to enhance pedestrian safety at the intersection of Ogden Avenue and La Grange Road, the police department deployed its electronic sign board with a message reminding motorists to not block the crosswalk on La Grange Road just south of Ogden Avenue. The sign board was placed at the intersection during the week of November 25th.







DAY SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS:

Ofc. Falls handled a Fraud case in the 5000 block of S. Willow Springs Road involving a driveway “scam.” Unknown offenders attempted to charge a higher price than agreed upon for seal coating a driveway. The case is under investigation.

Ofc. Falls handled a Domestic Battery case in the 00 block of N. Brainard in which a subject battered another in the resident. The subject was arrested, see arrests.

Ofc. Moncivais handled a Disorderly Conduct case in the 00 block of E. 47th in which a customer made inappropriate comments to a clerk. The case is under investigation.

Ofc. Niewold handled a Theft case in the 4700 block of Willow Springs Road in which a vehicle was reported stolen. The vehicle was later recovered in Maywood. No charges were filed.

Ofc. Falls handled a Theft case in the 200 block of 6th, where a package was stolen from the front porch of a residence.

ARRESTS:

Ofc. Niewold arrested Jimenez, Guillermo, male, age 60, of Riverside for Driving While License Suspended and traffic-related offenses.

Ofc. Falls arrested Green, Reginald male, age 53, of La Grange for Domestic Battery.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

On Veteran’s Day, the Day Shift attended a memorial at the VFW

On Thanksgiving morning, the Day Shift and Auxiliary Unit assisted with traffic at the Pie Run

TRAINING:

Ofc. Wolf and Niewold attended NIPAS training

NUMBERS:

Accident Reports Taken = 58

Arrests = 2

Community Contacts = 2

Foot Patrols = 53

LE Cases = 9

LE Incidents = 450

Citations = 8

Traffic Stops Conducted = 86

Parking Citations = 3

Compliance Citations = 27

AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS:

Ofc. Nemecek responded to the 100 Block of Hayes in reference to a Criminal Damage report. A resident reported that an offender threw an unknown object through his kitchen window, shattering it. The resident reported no suspects.

Ofc. Irizarry responded to Village Municipal Lot #3 in reference to a Battery complaint. Upon meeting with the involved parties, neither of the men wished to pursue the matter further or sign criminal complaints.

Ofc. Kang responded to the police department in reference to a Disorderly Conduct complaint in the 00 Block of N Drexel. A man reported that a sub-contractor threatened him over payment for work performed at his residence. Ofc. Kang contacted the worker who advised he would cease all contact with the resident.

Ofc. Burrell responded to the 900 Block of S. La Grange Rd. in reference to a domestic argument. A woman reported that she and her husband got into a physical confrontation while in their vehicle. Both parties were separated and neither wished to sign criminal complaints.

Ofc. Piraino responded to the 100 Block of S. Brainard Ave. in reference to a well-being check of a female juvenile. The juvenile was later located, safe in Downers Grove. The case was closed.

Ofc. Kang responded to the 00 Block of N. Beacon for a report of vandalism. Officers located graffiti on an electrical box near the residence. The case was closed due to no suspects.

Ofc. McDermott responded to the 00 Block of Washington in reference to a Criminal Damage to Motor Vehicle report. A woman reported that a man kicked the side mirror of her vehicle causing damage. Although the offender was located, the complainant did not wish to pursue criminal charges.

ARRESTS:

Ofc. Kang and additional La Grange police officers arrested a 34-year old La Grange man for Aggravated Assault, Disorderly Conduct, and two counts of Resisting a Peace Officer, after patrol units responded to the 00 Block of S La Grange Rd. for a report of a disturbance.

Ofc. Piraino, Ofc. Nemecek and Ofc. Burrell arrested a 56-year old La Grange man for Domestic Battery after La Grange patrol units responded to the 100 Block of East Ave. in reference to a domestic trouble call.

Officers McDermott and Nemecek, along with Investigator Fulla, arrested a 24-year old Chicago man for Aggravated Vehicular Hijacking after La Grange units responded to a Theft In-Progress in the 700 Block of W Hillgrove. Both the vehicle and a weapon were recovered by officers.

Ofc. Irizarry and Investigator Coleman arrested a 37-year old Brookfield man for Theft after officers conducted an investigation involving a stolen wallet, in the 1000 Block of S La Grange Rd.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

The Afternoon shift completed 38 traffic contacts which included 1 Misdemeanor Traffic Arrest for Driving While License Suspended/Revoked. Officers completed 30 crash reports (3 Personal Injury) and issued 2 parking citations. Shift officers conducted 6 Building/Business Checks and Foot Patrols.

Ofc. Niewold hosted a La Grange Cub Scout Troop for a Station Tour. Topics covered were Fingerprinting, Crime-Scene Processing and Evidence Packaging.

Sgt. Odom attended a Candlelight Vigil and Service Project conducted by the La Grange Girl Scouts. The event was conducted at the La Grange Village Hall.

TRAINING:

The Afternoon Shift successfully completed the November 2018 Police Law Institute online training on: Crisis Intervention Team Training, De-Escalation, and Law Enforcement's Role in Psychology Evaluation and Treatment.

Ofc. Burrell completed the 40-Hour Crisis Intervention Team Training conducted at the College of DuPage (SLEA).

MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS:

Ofc. Comstock, Ofc. Kaiser, Ofc. Cassiberry, Sgt. Rohlicek and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to the 700 block of W. Burlington Ave. for a burglary to motor vehicle. Complainant reported seeing a male subject trying to enter a parked vehicle. It was discovered the vehicle had been entered, but nothing was missing. Officers searched the area for the offender and other possibly victimized vehicles with negative results. Evidence was collected from the scene.

Ofc. Kaiser, Ofc. Cassiberry and Sgt. Rohlicek responded to a business in the area of East/Ogden Ave. for a disturbance involving two male subjects arguing. Peace was restored. One of the male subjects was found to have an active warrant out of Brookfield. The subject was turned over to Brookfield P.D. officers.

Ofc. Cassiberry, Sgt. Rohlicek and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to the 100 block of East Ave. for the battery incident. A female subject got into a verbal argument with her father's visiting girlfriend, which turned into a physical altercation with the female subject striking/hitting the father's girlfriend. Peace was restored, the father's girlfriend declined to pursue criminal charges, no arrests made.

Ofc. Kaiser, Ofc. Cassiberry and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of N. Madison Ave. involving a female subject, her father and her husband. The female

subject's husband became involved in a verbal argument with his wife and her father. Peace was restored, no injuries, no arrests made. Female subject left with her children and father to stay at her parent's house for the evening.

Ofc. Kaiser, S/L Herrera, Ofc. Comstock and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to the commercial burglary of a cellular phone store in the 0-100 block of N. La Grange Rd. Offender(s) gained entry to the business by using a large rock/boulder to break a ground-level window pane. The business advised that (8) cell phones and (2) tablets were missing. Investigations Division and Cook County Evidence Technicians were called to the scene. Incident turned over to Investigations Division.

Ofc. Kaiser investigated a reported missing elderly male subject from the 100 block of S. Spring Ave. The subject's adult grandchildren had not seen or heard from him for a substantial period of time and became concerned. The subject was subsequently located unharmed; he had been visiting a friend.

ARRESTS:

Ofc. Cassiberry and other La Grange units responded to and investigated a traffic accident at the intersection of La Grange Rd./Ogden Ave. One of the drivers was found to be under the influence. Ofc. Cassiberry issued a Zero Tolerance DUI-driver under 21 years of age, and additional traffic citations to a 20 year old male subject from Chicago. Subject was released on bond with a return court date.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

The Midnight shift completed 66 traffic contacts, which included 3 misdemeanor Traffic Arrests for Driving while License Suspended/Revoked/No Valid D/L and investigated 4 property damage traffic accidents, 1 of which was a Hit and Run accident. Shift Officers issued 36 parking citations for overnight parking and other violations. Shift Officers conducted 124 Building/Business Premise Checks and Foot Patrols.

TRAINING:

The shift successfully completed the November 2018 Police Law Institute online training along with the Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. In addition, Ofc. Comstock completed a 40-hour Crisis Intervention training/certification course.

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS:

Investigative case reports taken/followed up on this month include: (1) Aggravated Fleeing and Eluding, (1) Residential Burglary, (1) Missing Person, (1) First Degree Murder in Lyons, (1) Prostitution and (1) Aggravated Vehicular Hijacking.

Inv. Fulla conducted follow-up investigating into a Residential Burglary occurring in the 700 block of S. 12th Ave in October 2018. Case pending.

Inv. Coleman and Inv. Fulla, assisted by Countryside PD, attempted to locate a suspect and vehicle wanted for an Aggravated Fleeing and Eluding case occurring in October 2018 on the Afternoon

Shift. The suspect and vehicle were located and a traffic stop was attempted by the Investigators. The suspect fled the area and the investigators disengaged their attempt to stop the vehicle. Investigators will obtain an arrest warrant for the suspect. Case pending.

ARREST(S) / CITATION(S):

Inv. Fulla and S/L Kang, assisted by Homeland Security, conducted an undercover operation which lead to the arrest of Li, Jinmei (50 years of age) of Chicago, Illinois on November 20, 2018 resulting in charges occurring at a business in the 1000 block of S La Grange Rd.

Inv. Fulla and Inv. Coleman assisted Lyons PD with an M.C.A.T. activation related to a Missing Person case. Subsequently the case became a Murder investigation. After a thorough investigation, an offender, Brian Cruz, was subsequently arrested and charged with First Degree Murder by the Lyons PD.

Inv. Fulla assisted the Afternoon Shift with an investigation into an Aggravated Vehicular Hijacking occurring on November 17, 2018 at approximately 5:25 p.m., in the 700 block of W. Hillgrove Ave. The victim's vehicle was subsequently located unattended. A short time later a suspect was located, along with a handgun, by Westchester PD and Hillside PD. The suspect was identified as the actual offender by the victim and was arrested. The offender, Marion C. Comier Jr. (24 years of age) of Chicago, Illinois was charged with Aggravated Vehicular Hijacking.

SRO Andries issued (1) Local Ordinance Citation to a juvenile for Possession of Tobacco Product (Vaping Pen containing nicotine) by a Minor.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

Inv. Coleman and Inv. Fulla attended a two-day conference sponsored by the Illinois Homicide Investigators Association.

Inv. Fulla and Inv. Coleman attending a meeting for the Major Case Assistance Team (M.C.A.T.) hosted by Forest View PD.

Inv. Fulla attended a two-day Sexual Assault Training.

Inv. Full and Inv. Coleman attended a one-day Liquor License inspection training.

Inv. Full and Inv. Coleman completed two background investigations related to the hiring of a new probationary police officer.

Inv. Coleman and SRO Andries attended the La Grange Senior Center Thanksgiving Luncheon.

SRO Andries attended a two-day Threat Assessment in a School and Workplace training.

SRO Andries continued the DARE program for Seventh Ave Elementary School 5th grade classes.

SRO Andries is monitoring Cossitt Ave. related to traffic concerns involving student drop off and pickups.

AUXILIARY AND PART-TIME POLICE UNITS

The Auxiliary Unit volunteered 54.5 hours during the month of November. Time was spent conducting house checks, assisting patrol and providing traffic control for the Thanksgiving Pie Run.

The part-time officers completed 25 traffic contacts and issued 20 citations. They were also active during the month, responding to 120 calls for service in the community.

PARKING DIVISION

The parking division registered \$23,075 in parking fines through conventional payments, online payments or collection efforts.

**TRUCK ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS
NOVEMBER 2018**

Location	Date	Time	Result	Equipment	Moving	License/Reg	Weight	Insurance
La Grange RD	CBD							
	0		Sub-total by Area					
	Cossitt thru 47th	11/20/18	7:42	W	3		1	
		11/20/18	11:37	W	3	1		
	2		Sub-total by Area					
	Other							
0		Sub-total by Area						
Ogden Ave	East - La Grange RD	11/20/18	8:06	W C	4	1	1	
	1		Sub-total by Area					
La Grange & West								
	0		Sub-total by Area					
Other	East Ave	11/20/18	9:19	C	1			
		11/28/18	7:52	W			1	
		11/28/18	10:39	W			1	
	3		Sub-total by Area					
	47th Street							
			Sub-total by Area					
Other	Other	11/27/18	8:38	C	1	1	1	
1		Sub-total by Area		12	3	5	0	0

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

PATROL ACTIVITIES	November		November		2018	2017
	2018		2017		YTD	YTD
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	1,105		1,170		12,707	13,745
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	70		64		706	720
FELONY ARRESTS	1		5		17	13
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	4		0		30	34
DUI ARRESTS	1		1		14	11
WARRANT ARRESTS	1		3		22	22
TRAFFIC VERBAL WARNINGS	142		196		1,922	2,176
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	45		42		539	560
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	44		80		651	941
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	38	853	89	633	6,938	6,436
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	815		544			
JUVENILE ARRESTS	0		0		7	36
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	12		14		159	166