

LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Memorandum



To: Andrianna Peterson, Village Manager
From: Kurt Bluder, Chief of Police
Date: March 20, 2019
Re: Monthly Report for February 2019

Attached for your review are the general statistics for the shift activities for the month of February 2019. The La Grange Police Department had another busy month with a number of events and activities.



On Monday, February 4, 2019, the train station camera project was completed. This project consisted of 11 cameras being installed at the two train stations. Six new cameras were installed at the La Grange Road Station and five cameras were installed at the Stone Avenue Station. The vendor, Current Technologies, had to wait until the construction was completed at the Stone Avenue Train Station to install the final three cameras. The focus of this project was to ensure camera coverage of the bike racks and pavilions. The system is running on the Village's fiber network and can be viewed from several different desktop computers within the police department. Public Works also has live views of the train platforms streaming in their building for ice and snow control.

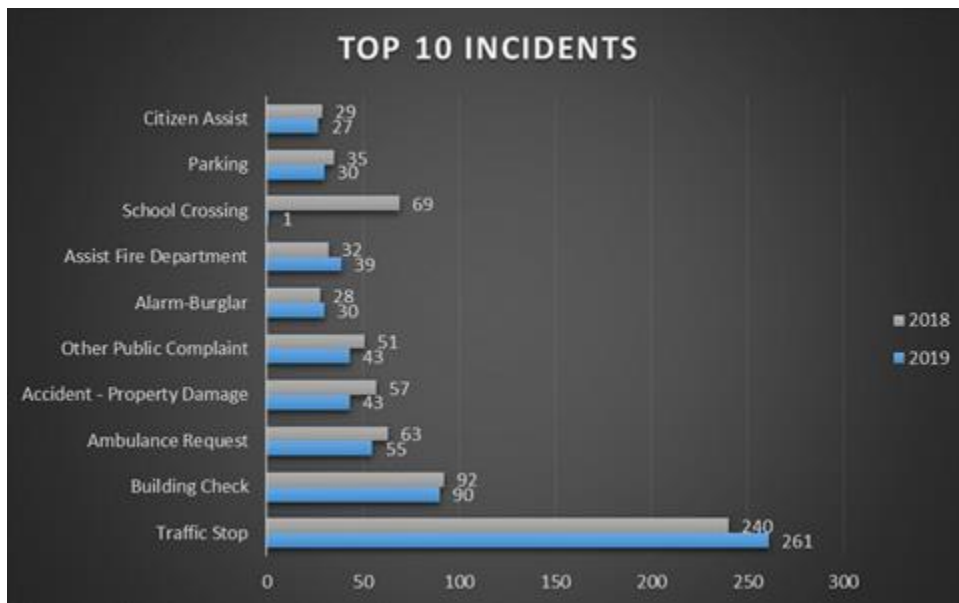
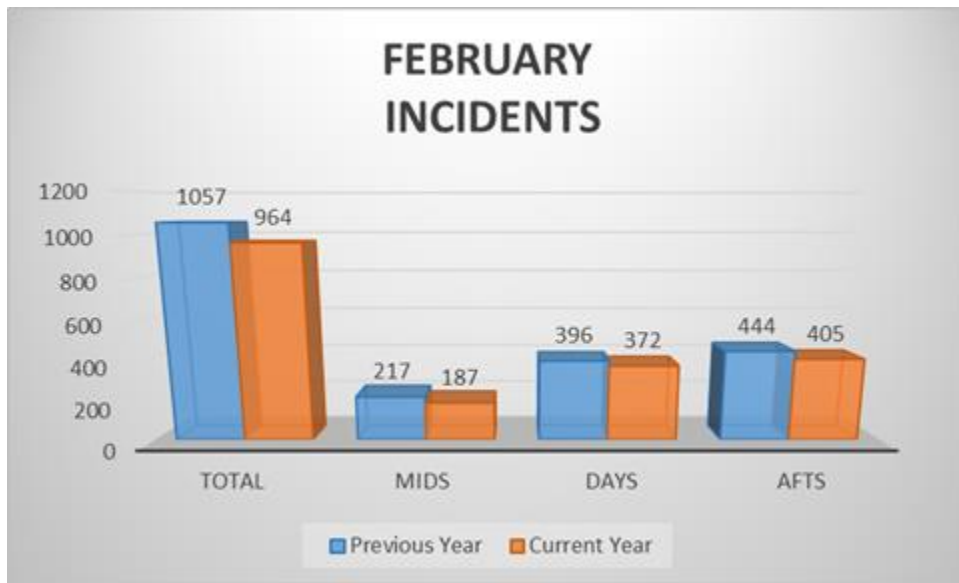
On Thursday night, February 14, 2019, the police and fire departments held a joint awards ceremony to honor the three civilians and Officer Taylor Falls. All four individuals were honored for their life saving efforts on Christmas Day when they assisted a Western Springs resident who had suffered a cardiac event while out jogging. The ceremony was very well attended by family and friends of both the honorees and the victim.

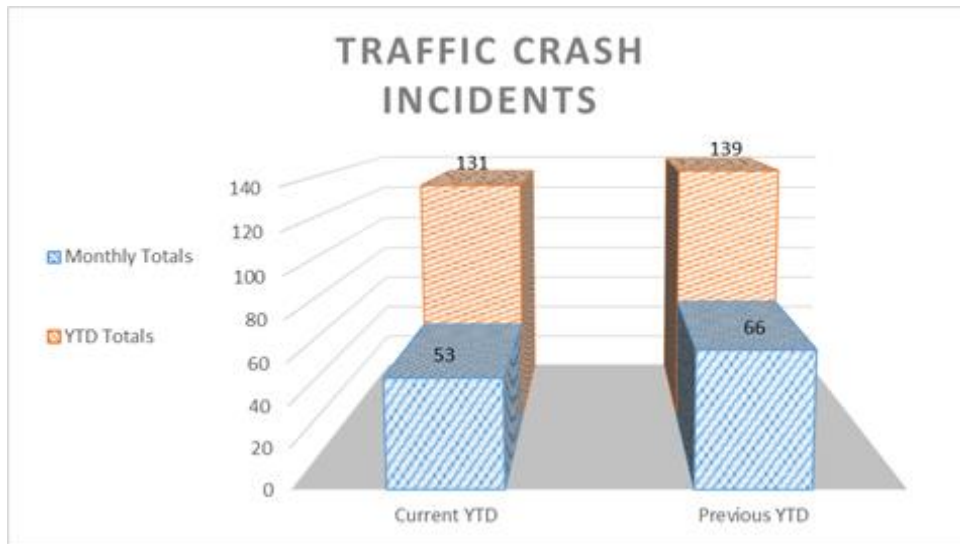
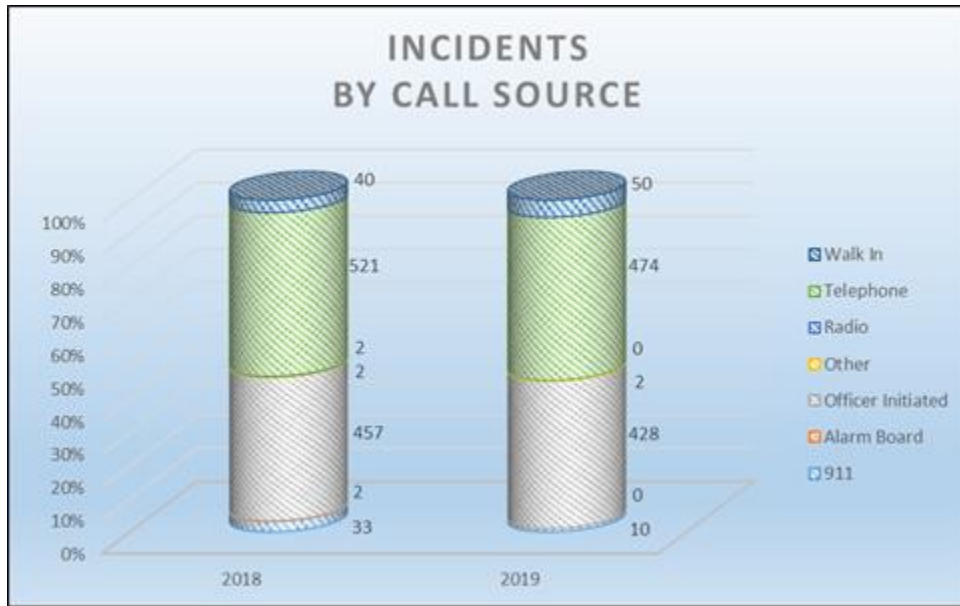


On Tuesday, February 19, 2019, I participated in a Community Needs Assessment forum to help guide the Lyons Township Mental Health Commission's activities and funding priorities for future years. The process was facilitated by the Northern Illinois University Center for Governmental Studies and involved about eight different people representing multiple disciplines (schools, non for profits, public safety, etc.).

On Saturday, February 23rd I attended the Davis Memorial AME Church's Founder's Day Banquet. This is an annual event in which the church congregation honors their founder, Bishop Richard Allen. I presented the Village's proclamation. The event was held at Crystal Sky Banquets in McCook.







NEW ADDITION - February Training Hours/Outside Vendors

Course Title	Officer	Start Date	End Date	Hours
School of Police Staff & Command	Peters	02/04/2019	02/15/2019	80
Scene Processing: Prints and Footwear	Kaiser	02/06/2019	02/06/2019	8
DARE	Falls	02/18/2019	03/01/2019	80
Mobile Field Force - Drill	Niewold	02/21/2019	02/21/2019	8
SIMUNITION@ Scenario Instructor and Safety Course	Wolf	02/26/2019	02/28/2019	24
Assessing Risk of Violence: Effectively Evaluating Threats to School Safety	Andries	02/28/2019	02/28/2019	8
Assessing Risk of Violence: Effectively Evaluating Threats to School Safety	Fulla	02/28/2019	02/28/2019	8
Leathality Assesment Program T-T-T	Kang	02/28/2019	03/01/2019	16
Leathality Assesment Program T-T-T	McDermott	02/28/2019	03/01/2019	16

Total Hours: 248

DAY SHIFT ACTIVITIES:

INVESTIGATIONS:

Ofc. Nemecek handled a Burglary to Motor Vehicle case in the 100 block of N. La Grange Rd., where items were taken from an unlocked motor vehicle. The case is under investigation.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

Accident Reports Taken = 29
 Building Checks = 18
 Foot Patrols – 20
 LE Cases = 6
 LE Incidents = 449
 Traffic Stops = 96
 Parking Tickets = 4
 Compliance Tickets = 9

SPECIAL DETAILS:

On 02/08, the Day Shift, Auxiliary Units, and Parking Division assisted LTHS with the annual All Schools Assembly

TRAINING:

Ofc. Kaiser attended Scene Processing for Patrol

AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES:

INVESTIGATIONS:

Ofc. Irizarry, and additional La Grange police units, responded to a business in the 100 block of N. La Grange Road for a reported in-progress Armed Robbery. Two male offenders entered the business, with one brandishing a handgun. No items were stolen during the incident. The case was turned over to Investigations.

Ofc. McDermott responded to the intersection of Burlington and Brainard Avenues for a traffic crash investigation involving a vehicle versus a pedestrian. The injured pedestrian was transported to the hospital for her injuries. Citations were issued to the driver of the vehicle.

Ofc. Falls, and additional La Grange Police units, responded to the 100 Block of Sawyer for a report of a Theft (stolen I-pad). A resident reported that two male offenders took his property during a sales transaction without providing payment. The males eventually returned the property and no charges were filed.

Ofc. McDermott responded to a business in the 00 block of W. Burlington Avenue in reference to a Battery complaint. An employee reported that she was inappropriately touched by a male patron of the business. The report was made as a matter of record only.

Ofc. Comstock, and additional La Grange Police units, responded to the 00 block of N. Brainard Avenue in in reference to a Domestic Disturbance involving a couple. Upon arrival, peace was restored and the male agreed to leave the residence for the night.

ARRESTS:

Ofc. Comstock arrested a 64-year old Indian Head Park man for Driving under the Influence of Alcohol after Comstock conducted a Traffic Stop in the 500 block of S. La Grange Road. The man failed field sobriety testing and registered a BAC level over the legal limit to operate a motor vehicle.

Of. McDermott and S/L. Kang cited a 34-year old LaGrange Park man for Leaving the Scene of a Motor Vehicle Accident and additional traffic violations, after officers responded to a reported accident at La Grange Road and Burlington Avenue. The man was located at his residence and admitted to causing the crash.

Ofc. McDermott, along with Officers Comstock and Irizarry, arrested a 19-year old Chicago man for Obstructing Identification after officers responded to an Illegal Solicitor(s) call in the 00 block of S La Grange Rd. The 19-year old gave a provided a fake name and date of birth while speaking with officers. Also during the investigation, a 17-year old juvenile was taken into custody on an outstanding DuPage County Juvenile Warrant.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

The Afternoon shift completed 122 traffic contacts, which included 3 Misdemeanor Traffic Arrests for Driving While License Suspended/Revoked, and one DUI Arrest. Officers completed 28 crash reports (one Personal Injury), and issued 3 parking citations. Shift Officers conducted 25 Building/Business Checks and Foot Patrols as well.

TRAINING:

The Afternoon Shift successfully completed the February 2019 Police Law Institute online training on Revised Uniform Unclaimed Property Act and Forfeiture Procedure.

Ofc. Falls completed the 2-Week DARE Instructor Certification course.

MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES:

INVESTIGATIONS:

Ofc. Nemecek and S/L Kang responded to a loud noise complaint at an apartment in the 0-100 block of E. Ogden Avenue. It was discovered that a male teenage subject had been hosting a party with several teenage subjects as guests and that underage drinking had occurred. Peace was restored, parents were contacted and teenage subjects were turned over to their parents.

S/L Herrera, Ofc. Wolf and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to the burglary to motor vehicle in the 200 block of N. Catherine Avenue. Two unlocked vehicles located in the victim's driveway had been entered. A backpack which had been taken out of one of the vehicles, was located a few houses away on the parkway. Victim advised that nothing was missing from the backpack and that no other items were missing from the two vehicles. No other victimized vehicles were located in the surrounding area. No suspects in the incident.

S/L Herrera, Ofc. Piraino and Ofc. Nemecek responded to a disturbance/customer dispute at a restaurant in the 0-100 block of S. La Grange Road. A customer had dinner at the restaurant, was upset with the portion size of the meal, and advised management she would not pay the bill. Officers spoke to the customer, who subsequently paid her bill and left without incident.

S/L Herrera, Ofc. Cassiberry, Ofc. Wolf and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to the 800 block of S. La Grange Road for the suicidal subject. A male subject was out walking and advised that he has been feeling depressed and was having thoughts of wanting to harm himself. Subject advised that he did wish to go to the hospital for possible psychological assistance. La Grange F.D. Paramedics/Ambulance were called to scene. Subject was transported by ambulance to La Grange Memorial Hospital for psychological evaluation/treatment.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

The Midnight shift completed 60 traffic contacts which included 1 misdemeanor Traffic Arrest for Driving while License Suspended/Revoked/No Valid D/L and investigated 2 property damage traffic accidents. Shift Officers issued 244 parking citations for overnight parking and other violations. Shift Officers conducted 81 Building/Business Premise Checks and Foot Patrols.

TRAINING:

The shift continued completing the 2019 Police Law Institute online training along with the Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. In addition, Ofc. Wolf completed the 3-day SIMUNITION Scenario Instructor and Safety certification course conducted in Roselle, IL.

INVESTIGATIONS ACTIVITIES:

INVESTIGATIONS:

Investigative case reports taken/followed up on this month include: Identity Theft (2), Vehicle Burglary (1), Death Investigation (4), Battery / Assault (1), and Deceptive Practice (1)

Inv. Coleman conducted follow-up investigation related to a Vehicle Burglary occurring in the 100 block of N. La Grange Road. Inv. Coleman obtained surveillance video of the incident and later

sent out an informational flyer to police agencies seeking assistance in identifying the suspect vehicle and suspect. Case pending.

Inv. Fulla conducted follow-up investigation on an Informational Report related to a possible Identity Theft taken by this agency. It was learned two suspects were involved with possession of stolen credit card(s)/unlawful use of credit card(s) in Riverside, IL. A third suspect was found to be in possession of money orders purchased from the US Postal Office located in La Grange. The money orders were purchased with fraudulently obtained information of an unknown victim. Inv. Fulla is working with the US Postal Inspection Service to identify the victim in order to proceed with criminal charges. Case pending.

Inv. Fulla conducted an investigation into an Identity Theft occurring in the 400 block of S. Spring Avenue. Inv. Fulla reached out to the bank that the unknown offender(s) used to open up the fraudulent accounts under the victim's name. Case pending.

Inv. Coleman conducted a follow-up with the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office related to four recent death investigations the La Grange Police Department turned over to them. Inv. Coleman learned that none of those cases involved foul play which would result in a criminal investigation. Cases closed.

SRO Andries and Inv. Fulla conducted an investigation into a Battery / Assault occurring inside a female bathroom of LTHS North Campus. The offender, a student, was located after the incident. The case is pending at this time.

Inv. Coleman conducted follow-up investigation into a Deceptive Practice occurring in the 100 block of Bassford Avenue in December 2018. The victim in the matter failed to cooperate with the investigation by supplying necessary financial documents or returning phone calls. Investigators could not move forward with that case and, therefore, it was closed.

SRO Andries assisted Western Spring P.D. SRO Niezgoda with interviews related to two separate incidents occurring at the LTHS South Campus.

ARREST:

Inv. Coleman and Inv. Fulla assisted with locating and arresting an offender, Treviontae Tribble, 34 years of age, wanted in connection with a burglary to a business that occurred in January 2019. The offender, Tribble, was charged with one felony count of Burglary. Tribble was later transported to Cook County Court for a bond hearing.

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

SRO. Andries issued (2) Cook County Civil Law Citations to an adult and juvenile for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Possession of Cannabis less than 10 Grams.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

Inv. Coleman and Inv. Fulla provided training to employees of the First National Bank of La Grange.

SRO Andries attended the SAVE Promise Club meeting to discuss ideas for “Say Something Week” taking place the week of February 25th, 2019.

SRO Andries attended the annual All School Assembly at LTHS North Campus.

SRO Andries attended two home basketball games.

SRO Andries and Inv. Fulla attended Assessing Risk of Violence training hosted by LADSE.

SRO Andries continued the DARE program for St. Cletus, St. John’s and Spring Avenue School.

AUXILIARY AND PART-TIME POLICE UNITS

The Auxiliary Unit volunteered 60 hours during the month of February. 4.5 hours were spent conducting house checks, 20.5 hours on patrol and another 18 staff hours were spent on special details. The remainder was for training and administrative tasks.

The part-time officers completed 34 traffic contacts and issued 25 citations. They were also active during the month, responding to 105 calls for service in the community.

PARKING DIVISION

The parking division registered \$25,210 in parking fines through conventional payments, online payments or collection efforts.

TRUCK ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS: FEBRUARY 2019

	Location	Date	Time	Result	Equipment	Moving	License/Reg	Weight	Insurance	
La Grange RD	CBD	02/16/19	1:50	C	1	1				
		1 Sub-total by Area								
	Cossitt thru 47th	02/27/19	1:50	W C	6	1	1			
		1 Sub-total by Area								
	Other									
		0 Sub-total by Area								
Ogden Ave	East - La Grange RD	02/26/19	9:55	C	1					
		02/26/19	10:15	W	1					
		02/26/19	11:22	W			1			
	3 Sub-total by Area									
	La Grange & West									
1 Sub-total by Area										
Other	East Ave	02/21/19	8:26	W	1		1			
		02/22/19	10:25	W C	1		2			
		02/22/19	2:25	W Y	5				1	
	3 Sub-total by Area									
	47th Street									
		0 Sub-total by Area								
	Other	02/25/19	7:52		Y		2			
02/25/19		8:24		Y		1				
2 Sub-total by Area					16	5	5	0	1	

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

PATROL ACTIVITIES	February		February		2019	2018
	2019		2018		YTD	YTD
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	963		1,056		2,053	2,204
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	48		55		109	119
FELONY ARRESTS	1		0		2	2
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	1		2		3	3
DUI ARRESTS	1		0		2	1
WARRANT ARRESTS	1		1		3	3
TRAFFIC VERBAL WARNINGS	187		157		399	374
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	50		49		92	89
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	47		52		97	129
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	254	961	344	729	1,859	1,329
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	707		385			
JUVENILE ARRESTS	1		1		1	1
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	5		10		17	21