

LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Memorandum



To: Andrianna Peterson, Village Manager

From: Kurt Bluder, Chief of Police

Date: April 18, 2019

Re: Monthly Report for March 2019

Attached for your review are the significant events and general statistics for the shift activities during the month of March 2019.



On Friday, March 1st, Officer Taylor Falls graduated from the 80-hour D.A.R.E. Instructor certification course. The course provided Officer Falls with the knowledge and tools to teach both the elementary and middle school D.A.R.E. curriculum. The class was held at the Plainfield Police Department. Officer Falls spent the remainder of the month working with the department's current D.A.R.E. Officer, Tim Andries, to begin transitioning oversight of the program.

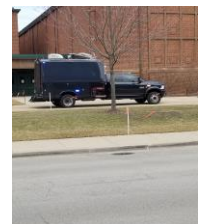
On Tuesday, March 19, 2019, Deputy Chief Peters and Chief Bluder attended the annual Northeast Multi-Regional Training (NEMRT) meeting. NEMRT is one of fourteen mobile law enforcement training teams throughout Illinois and is partially funded by the state. As part of NEMRT's annual meeting, Sergeant Alan Ma of the Denver Police Department and Attorney Jennifer Knudsen of the Colorado District Attorneys' Council provided training on the commercialism of cannabis including, home grows, the black market and traffic safety.



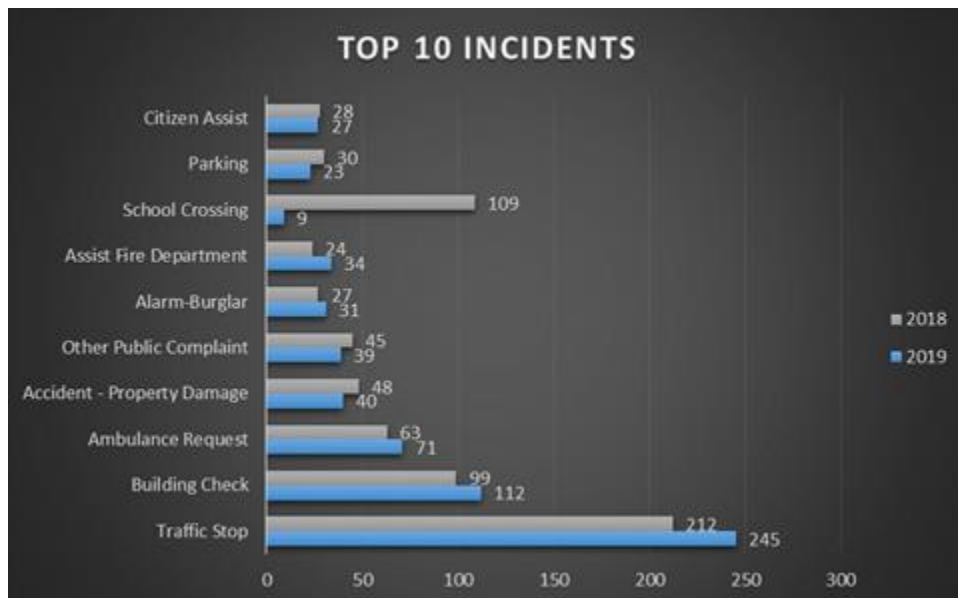
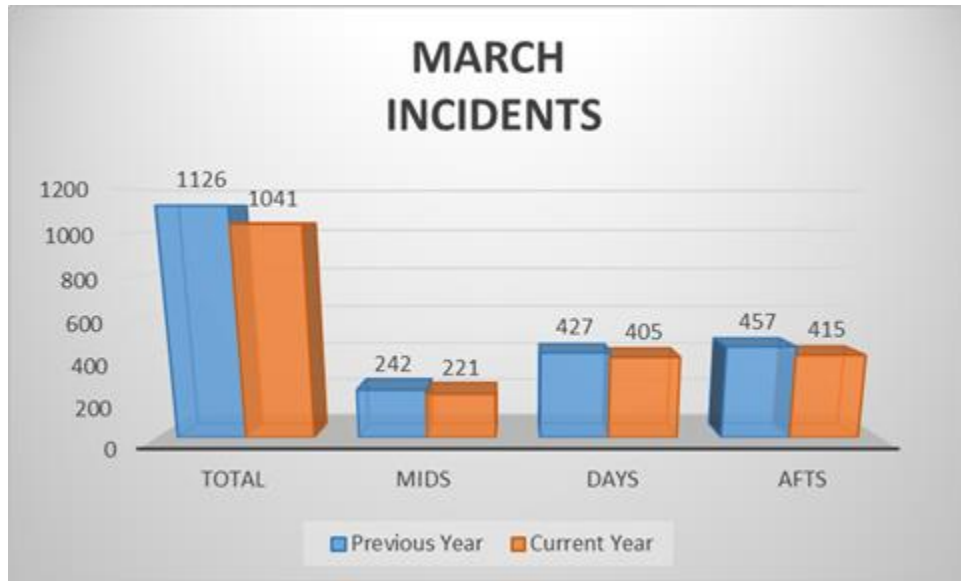
During the week of March 18th, the police department began working on state mandated expungement of juvenile records. In January of 2018, a new law was passed requiring police departments to expunge all juvenile records after a year if they meet certain criteria. The law allowed for a slightly extended timeframe to come into compliance regarding older records. Staff has worked closely with the law firm of Holland & Knight to ensure the requirements of the new law are being met. This project is ongoing and will continue for the next several weeks.

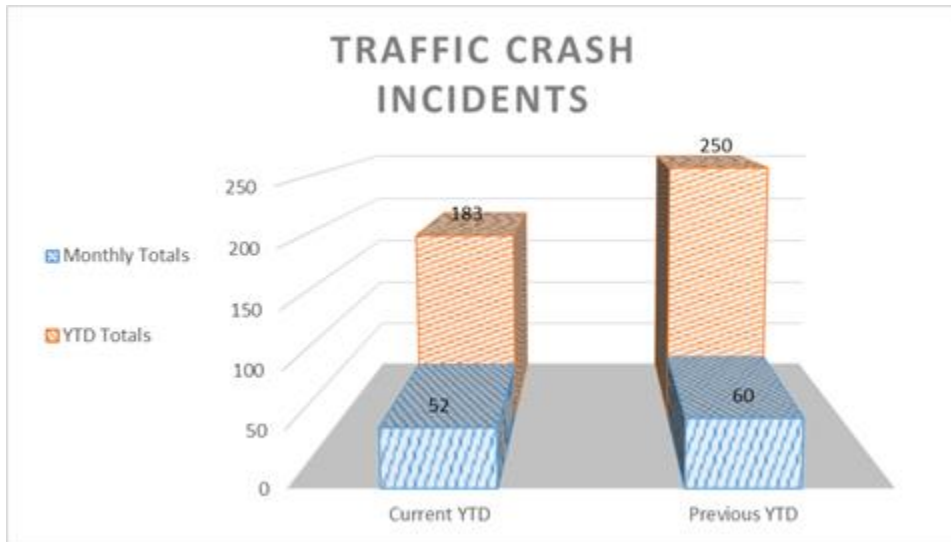
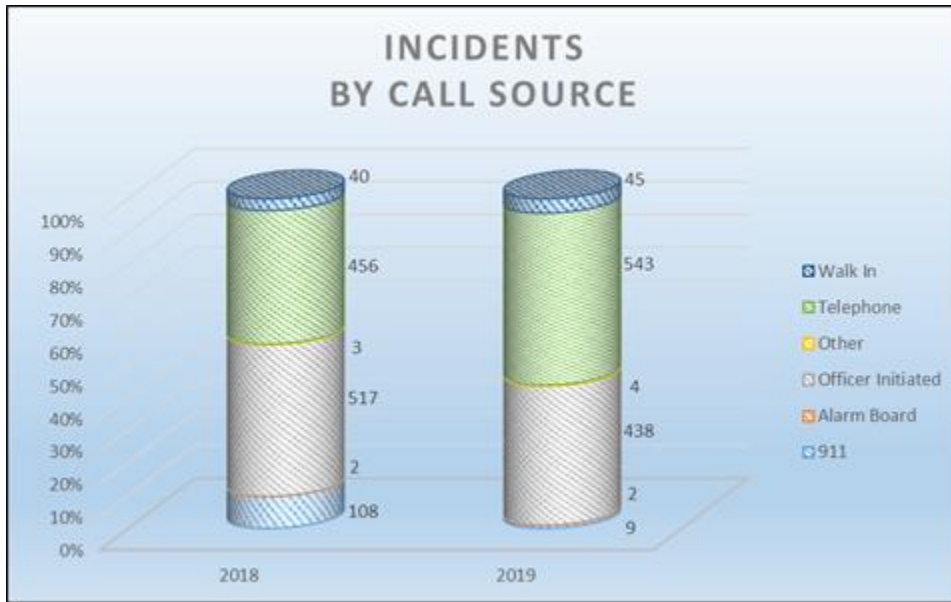


During the week of March 25th members of the La Grange Police and Fire Departments, as well as dispatchers from the Lyons Township Area Consolidated Center, participated in Active Threat/Rapid Deployment and Rescue Task Force training at the Lyons Township North Campus. The training was coordinated and funded by the Cook County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency



Management. The Rescue Task Force training was new this year. This component teaches law enforcement and emergency medical personnel to work together during ongoing critical incidents. Numerous agencies from throughout Cook County also participated in this excellent training.





March Training Hours

Course Title	Officer	Start date	End Date	Hours
School of Police Staff & Command	Peters	03/04/2019	03/15/2019	80
Policing; The West and the Rest	Coleman	03/13/2019	03/13/2019	2
Policing; The West and the Rest	Fulla	03/13/2019	03/13/2019	2
Annual Meeting & Workshop	Bluder	3/19/2019	03/19/2019	2
Annual Meeting & Workshop	Peters	3/19/2019	03/19/2019	2
Mobile Field Force - Drill	Niewold	03/21/2019	03/21/2019	8
ILEAS Conference	Peters	03/24/2019	03/26/2019	24
Active Threat Course	Andries	03/26/2019	03/26/2019	8
Active Threat Course	Falls	03/26/2019	03/26/2019	8
Active Threat Course	Kaiser	03/26/2019	03/26/2019	8
Active Threat Course	King	03/26/2019	03/26/2019	8
Active Threat Course	McGuire	03/26/2019	03/26/2019	8
Rescue Task Force Basic	Burrell	03/27/2019	03/27/2019	8
Rescue Task Force Basic	Coleman	03/27/2019	03/27/2019	8
Rescue Task Force Basic	Comstock	03/27/2019	03/27/2019	8
Rescue Task Force Basic	Kang	03/27/2019	03/27/2019	8
Rescue Task Force Basic	Ljubenko	03/27/2019	03/27/2019	8
Rescue Task Force Basic	Nemecek	03/27/2019	03/27/2019	8
Rescue Task Force Basic	Niewold	03/27/2019	03/27/2019	8
Active Threat Course	Fulla	03/28/2019	03/28/2019	8
Active Threat Course	McDermott	03/28/2019	03/28/2019	8
Active Threat Course	Moncivais	03/28/2019	03/28/2019	8
Active Threat Course	Odom	03/28/2019	03/28/2019	8
Active Threat Course	Wolf	03/28/2019	03/28/2019	8
Rescue Task Force Basic	Andries	03/29/2019	03/29/2019	8
Rescue Task Force Basic	Irizarry	03/29/2019	03/29/2019	8
Rescue Task Force Basic	King	03/29/2019	03/29/2019	8
Rescue Task Force Basic	McGuire	03/29/2019	03/29/2019	8
Rescue Task Force Basic	Piraino	03/29/2019	03/29/2019	8
Rescue Task Force Basic	Rogers	03/29/2019	03/29/2019	8

Total Hours: 304

DAY SHIFT ACTIVITIES:

INVESTIGATIONS:

Sgt. Berg handled a Theft case in the 300 block of Washington in which a subject left a business without paying for a service. The case is under investigation.

Ofc. Burrell handled a Theft case at LTHS in which a wallet and miscellaneous items were taken. The case is under investigation.

Ofc. Burrell handled a Theft case at LMH in which a wallet, with various credit cards, was taken. The cards were subsequently used in a neighboring town, but there was no loss to the victim. The case is under investigation.

Ofc. Nemecek handled an Identity Theft case in the 200 block of 9th Avenue in which the victim's personal information was compromised on an internet site. The victim did not suffer a financial loss.

Ofc. Nemecek handled a Burglary in the 800 block of S. Stone in which unknown person(s) entered an unlocked garage and an unlocked vehicle in the garage. Items were taken from a purse. The case is under investigation.

Ofc. Kaiser handled a Criminal Damage to Property report in the 00 block of W. Cossitt in which a couple of windows were broken. The case is under investigation.

Ofc. Rogers handled a Deceptive Practice case in the 800 block of Arlington. This involved a scam in which the victim paid, what they thought was an outstanding ComEd bill, over the phone. The case is under investigation.

Ofc. Rogers handled a Theft case at LMH in which a purse/contents were stolen. Credit cards were used in a neighboring town. The case is under investigation.

Ofc. Rogers handled a Theft case in the 1000 block of S. La Grange in which items were taken from a common area of an apartment. The case is under investigation.

Ofc. Kaiser handled an Identity Theft case in the 900 block of S Catherine in which the victim received an email from a credit bureau advising of an opened account without permission. The victim did not suffer a financial loss.

ARRESTS:

NONE

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

The Auxiliary Unit assisted Countryside PD with their annual St. Patrick's Day parade that is held in their town.

Accident Reports Taken = 35

Building Checks = 22
Community Contacts = 10
Foot Patrols = 27
LE Cases = 17
LE Incidents = 486
Citations = 15
Traffic Stops Conducted = 92
Parking Citations Written = 21
Compliance Citations Written = 13

TRAINING:

On March 25-29, LTACC, all La Grange Officers, and officers throughout Cook County participated in Rapid Deployment and Rescue Task Force training at LTHS. The training was sponsored by La Grange Police, LTHS, ITOA, and the Cook County Department of Homeland Security. In total, over 200 dispatchers and officers were trained during the week.

AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES:

INVESTIGATIONS:

Ofc. McDermott, and additional police units, responded to the 900 Block of S. Ashland Avenue in reference to a Battery complaint. Two male occupants reported being in a physical altercation inside the residence. Neither wished to sign criminal complaints and both refused medical treatment.

Ofc. Falls, and additional police units, responded to the 100 Block of N. La Grange Road for a report of an Armed Robbery. Upon arrival, several persons were interviewed, and surveillance video was retrieved in reference to the incident. The case was determined to be unfounded.

S/L Kang responded to a business in the 00 Block of N. La Grange Road in reference to a male customer trying to pass two counterfeit \$100 bills. A store employee reported that the man retrieved the bills and left the store after the transaction was denied. Responding officers were unable to locate the suspect.

Ofc. McDermott responded to the PD Lobby for a Criminal Damage to Motor Vehicle report. The vehicle owner advised his vehicle had a Vaseline-type substance spread on areas of the car, while parked in a Village Municipal lot. There was no permanent damage reported and the case was closed.

Ofc. Irizarry, and additional La Grange police units, responded to the 500 Block of Gilbert in reference to a man wielding an axe. Upon locating the juvenile suspect, he was detained and disarmed. The juvenile reported he found the axe. No charges were filed and the juvenile's parent was notified.

Ofc. Falls observed a Suspicious Vehicle parked in a no parking zone, in the 00 Block of S. La Grange Road. Upon close inspection, Falls noticed the smell of burnt cannabis emanating from

the vehicle. A small amount of cannabis was confiscated, and the driver was issued a parking citation.

S/L. Kang and Ofc. Irizarry responded to the 400 Block of S. Kensington in reference to an elderly confused female. Upon locating the woman, it was learned that she was suffering from early stages of Alzheimer's disease. The woman was reunited with her family, without further incident.

ARRESTS:

Ofc. McDermott arrested a 25-year old La Grange woman for Disorderly Conduct after police responded to the 600 Block of S. La Grange Road for a report of a disturbance. The woman was also arrested for DUI by Ofc. Niewold during the same incident.

Ofc. Falls and Ofc. Irizarry arrested a 57-year old Darien man for violating a valid No Stalking Order. The man sent emails to a La Grange resident, in violation of the standing order. The man was taken into custody and charged, without incident.

Ofc. Comstock arrested a 29-year old Lombard man for DUI after conducting a traffic stop in the vicinity of La Grange Road and Cossitt Avenue. The man failed several field sobriety tests and registered a breath alcohol content over twice the legal limit to operate a motor vehicle.

Ofc. Falls issued a 41-year old La Grange resident several Local Ordinance violations due to her dog biting another dog, causing injury. The incident occurred in the 600 Block of S. Spring Avenue.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

The Afternoon shift completed 131 traffic contacts which included 5 Misdemeanor Traffic Arrests for Driving While License Suspended/Revoked and two DUIs. Officers completed 23 crash reports (3 Personal Injury), and issued 5 parking citations. Shift Officers conducted 38 Building/Business Checks and Foot Patrols.

During the month of March, the Afternoon shift conducted two special traffic enforcement details in conjunction with the Travel Safe in La Grange traffic safety program. The details netted over 20 traffic stops and two traffic arrests.

Ofc. Niewold completed a presentation at Gurrie Middle School which focused on the legal process for juveniles in custody, substance abuse education, DUI, and Standardized Field Sobriety Testing.

TRAINING:

The Afternoon Shift successfully completed the March 2019 Police Law Institute online training on: Legal Basis for Searches and Seizures, Investigatory Stops, Reasonable Suspicion, Interference with Public Officers, Warrantless Entry, Hot Pursuit, and Warrantless Searches of Residential Curtilage.

S/L. Kang and Ofc. McDermott completed the Domestic Violence Lethality Assessment Program sponsored by Pillars Community Health.

The Afternoon Shift completed Rapid Deployment and Rescue Task-Force Training conducted at the north campus of Lyons Township High School.

Ofc. Niewold attended NIPAS Mobile Field Force Training conducted in McCook.

MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES:

INVESTIGATIONS:

Ofc. Wolf, Ofc. Cassiberry, Ofc. Piraino and S/L Herrera responded to the 0-100 block of S. La Grange Road for a theft of service which had occurred at a local restaurant. The manager and waiter advised that (3) female subjects had dinner and drinks, left without paying, then fled in a vehicle. Officers checked the surrounding area with negative results. Incident was turned over to the Investigations Division for follow-up.

Ofc. Wolf, Ofc. Piraino and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to the 600 block of S. La Grange Road for a disturbance/loud noise complaint. Complainant and female subject in neighboring apartment have had an ongoing dispute. One of the neighbors was making noise and banging on the common wall between the two apartments. Officers spoke to parties involved, peace was restored.

While conducting overnight parking enforcement in a Village parking lot near 6th/Harris Ave, S/L Herrera located a parked vehicle which was reported stolen out of Chicago. Chicago P.D. was notified and they confirmed that the vehicle was reported stolen. Vehicle was towed from scene and turned over to Chicago P.D.

S/L Kang, Ofc. Cassiberry and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to the 300 block of Franklin Avenue for the domestic disturbance between a male subject and his girlfriend. The two had been driving in the male's vehicle, became involved in a verbal argument and stopped the vehicle on Franklin Avenue. The female subject tried to grab the male's cellphone from him, they briefly pushed/shoved each other. No injuries were sustained, no complaints signed, peace was restored. Subjects were separated for the night. The female subject returned to her residence in LaGrange Park and male subject to his residence in Berwyn. Domestic violence information forms provided to both subjects.

S/L Kang, Ofc. Cassiberry and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to the well-being check/citizen assist in the 0-100 block of E. Ogden Avenue. Officers met with an intoxicated female subject who advised she had been visiting a friend at the apartment complex. She and the friend got into an argument. She left the friend's residence but could not remember where she parked her vehicle. Officers contacted a family member of the female subject, who then brought the subject back to her residence in Burr Ridge.

Ofc. Piraino and Ofc. Wolf located a parked vehicle in the 300 block of Bluff Avenue that was reported stolen out of Chicago. Chicago P.D. confirmed that the vehicle was reported stolen. Vehicle was towed from scene and turned over to Chicago P.D.

ARRESTS:

Ofc. Cassiberry arrested a 24 year old male subject from La Grange who had an active failure to appear (FTA) Warrant for Assault out of Hillside. Subject was turned over to Hillside P.D.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

The Midnight shift completed 72 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, one of which was a hit and run accident. Shift Officers issued 90 parking citations for overnight parking and other violations. Shift Officers conducted 103 Building/Business Premise Checks and Foot Patrols.

TRAINING:

The shift successfully completed the March Police Law Institute online training along with continuing to complete the Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. In addition, Ofc. Wolf, Ofc. Piraino, Ofc. Nemecek, Sgt. Rohlicek and Sgt. Ljubenko completed Active Shooter-Rapid Deployment/Rescue Task Force training conducted at LTHS-North campus.

INVESTIGATIONS ACTIVITIES:

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Investigative case reports taken/followed up on this month include: Theft (1), Forgery (1), Commercial Burglary (1), Residential Burglary (1), Armed Robbery (1), Cyber Bullying (1), Missing Endangered Person (1) and Deceptive Practice (1)

Inv. Coleman conducted follow-up investigation related to a Theft and Forgery occurring in the 00 block of S. La Grange Road. Inv. Coleman obtained surveillance video and account information leading to a suspect being identified. Case is pending the locating of the suspect for an interview.

Inv. Fulla conducted a follow-up investigation into a Missing Endangered Person. Inv. Fulla is in the process of obtaining dental records from the family as required by State Law. Inv. Fulla is additionally following up on leads related to where the missing person maybe located in the Chicagoland Area. Case pending.

Inv. Fulla conducted follow-up investigation into a Deceptive Practice occurring in the 5100 block of S. Willow Spring RD. Inv. Fulla was unable to learn any new information leading to the identity of two suspects at this time. Case closed.

Inv. Fulla conducted follow-up investigation into a Commercial Burglary occurring in the 00 block of N. La Grange Road in November 2018. Inv. Fulla developed a suspect in the case through evidence collected from the scene. Subsequently Inv. Fulla learned the suspect was murdered in another jurisdiction. Case closed.

Inv. Coleman conducted a follow-up investigation into an Armed Robbery occurring in the 100 block of N. La Grange Road in February 2019. No new evidence or suspects have been identified at this time. Case closed.

ARREST / CITATIONS:

Inv. Fulla, assisted by MCAT, located and arrested an offender, Tony Miller, 57 years of age, wanted in connection with a Residential Burglary occurring in October 2018 in the 700 block of S 12th Avenue. The offender, Miller, was charged with one felony count of Residential Burglary. Miller was later transported to Cook County Court for a bond hearing.

SRO Andries issued (3) Local Ordinance Citations to juveniles for Possession of Tobacco Product (Vaping Pen containing nicotine) by a Minor.

SRO Andries issued (9) Cook County Civil Citations to juveniles for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Possession of Cannabis less than 10 Grams.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

Inv. Coleman assisted the S.S.M.C.T.F. with an activation in Evergreen Park, IL in reference to an Attempted Murder. Three offenders- Jonathan Owens, 30, and Jessica Doherty, 26, both of Chicago, and Stacy L. Krisik, 33, of Evergreen Park were arrested and charged with Attempted Murder. The victim later succumbed to his injuries and died. The Cook County States Attorney's Office will be upgrading the charges to Murder against the three offenders.

Inv. Fulla and Inv. Coleman assisted MCAT with an activation in Riverside, IL. Assistance was given without incident.

Inv. Full and Inv. Coleman attended the monthly MCAT meeting hosted by Lyons PD.

Inv. Fulla, Inv. Coleman and SRO Andries attended annual training for Rapid Deployment and Rescue Task Force.

Inv. Fulla and Inv. Coleman assisted with completing backgrounds on a new police officer to be hired.

Inv. Fulla, Inv. Coleman and SRO Andries attended a newly-established monthly intelligence and informational meeting with representatives of the Western Springs Police Department. The monthly meetings are to exchange information, help identify potential issues and share resources to resolve issues.

SRO Andries attended the King of Hearts dance. The event went off without a major incident.

SRO Andries attended LTHS Operation Snowball weekend. This time was well spent as it allowed SRO Andries to interact more closely with students, teachers and staff members in attendance.

SRO Andries continued the DARE program for St. Cletus, St. John's and Spring Avenue Schools. He is in the process of transitioning the program over to the new DARE Officer, Taylor Falls.

AUXILIARY AND PART-TIME POLICE UNITS

The Auxiliary Unit volunteered 69 hours during the month of March. 2 hours were spent conducting house checks, 17 hours on patrol and another 25 staff hours were spent on special details. The remainder was for training and administrative tasks.

The part-time officers completed 22 traffic contacts and issued 18 citations. They were also active during the month, responding to 107 calls for service in the community.

PARKING DIVISION

The parking division registered \$27,690 in parking fines through conventional payments, online payments or collection efforts.

TRUCK ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS: MARCH 2019

	Location	Date	Time	Result	Equipment	Moving	License/Reg	Weight	Insurance
La Grange RD	CBD	03/26/19	10:45			Y		1	
		1 Sub-total by Area							
	Cossitt thru 47th	03/21/19	9:37	W			1		
		03/31/19	7:06		C			2	
		2 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	03/06/19	10:36	W			1	1	
		03/07/19		W	C		4	1	
		03/22/19	11:25	W			1		
		03/26/19	7:44	W			2		
		4 Sub-total by Area							
	47th Street	03/06/19	1:01	W			1		
		03/21/19	9:22	W			1	1	
		2 Sub-total by Area							
	Other	0 Sub-total by Area							
0 Sub-total by Area					11	2	4	0	0

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

PATROL ACTIVITIES	March		March		2019	2018
	2019		2018		YTD	YTD
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	1,123		1,125		3,176	3,281
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	52		57		164	176
FELONY ARRESTS	1		0		3	2
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	8		4		11	7
DUI ARRESTS	2		3		4	4
WARRANT ARRESTS	1		0		4	3
TRAFFIC VERBAL WARNINGS	199		157		598	531
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	45		28		137	117
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	55		52		152	151
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	125	899	202	668	2,758	1,937
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	774		466			
JUVENILE ARRESTS	0		0		1	2
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	11		16		28	37