

LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Memorandum



To: Andrianna Peterson, Village Manager
From: Kurt Bluder, Chief of Police
Date: May 17, 2019
Re: Monthly Report for April 2019

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



On Saturday, April 27th, Sergeant Tom Cimbalista hosted a DEA sponsored National Prescription Drug Take Back event at the police department. The event provided for a safe, convenient and responsible means to dispose of prescription drugs. The La Grange Police Department will be submitting 494.30 pounds of drugs to be destroyed, which is the most it has submitted at one time in three years. Volunteers helped staff and manage the event.



During the week of April 8th, Officer Steve Rogers and Officer Edgar Herrera attended a 40-hour Crisis Intervention Team training class. The following week, Officer Sabrina Irizarry and Officer Jerry Moncivais attended the same course. Crisis Intervention

Team Training is an in-depth state-certified specialized course that provides officers with the skills and knowledge to effectively handle crisis situations involving individuals suffering from mental illness, behavioral disabilities and substance abuse. This training is highly sought after and is an essential component of 21st Century Law Enforcement. The classes were held at the Lombard Police Department and the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy respectively.

As part of the police department efforts to enhance pedestrian safety, an electronic sign board was deployed on southbound Brainard at Hillgrove, during the week of April 22nd, reminding motorists to please drive safely. With the weather getting warmer and more people out on foot, the police department wanted motorists to pay attention to their surroundings.

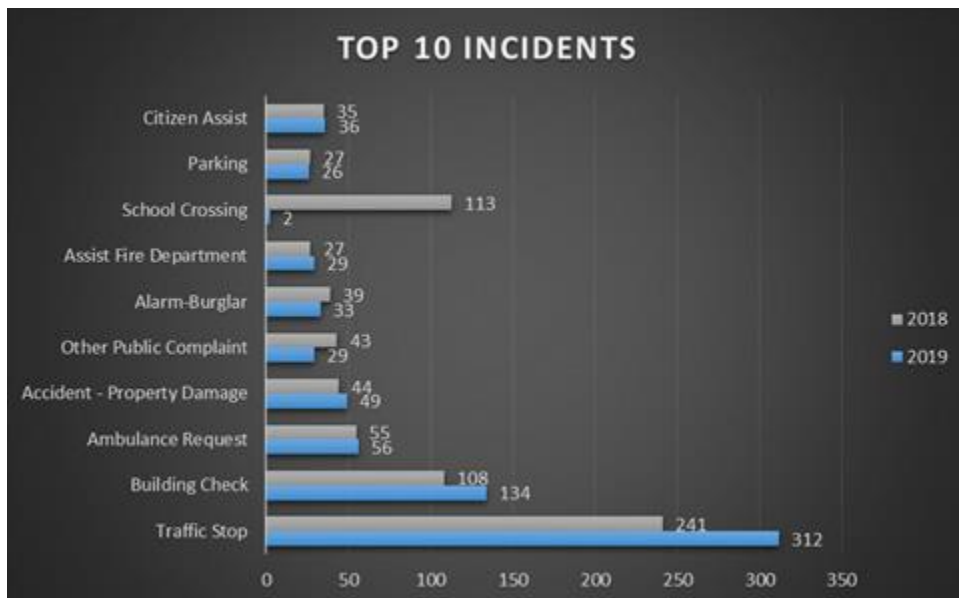
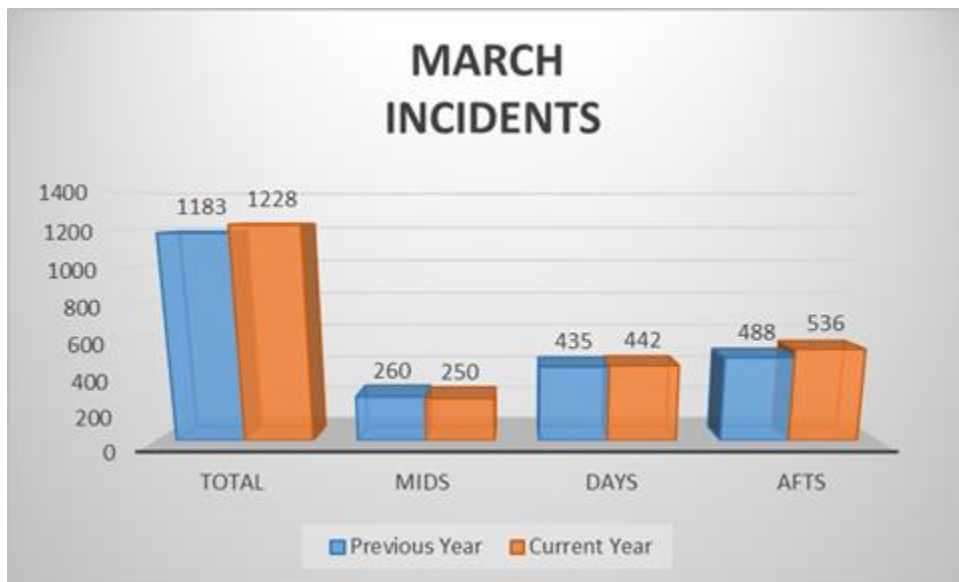
Due to the IDOT construction at Cossitt and La Grange Road, staff worked with its Crossing Guard vendor, Andy Frain Servies, to provide a second crossing guard at that location, dependant upon the condtiton of the crossings. Since the sidewalks, curbs and gutters were removed and reconstructed at various points during the month, crossing the smaller children was difficult for one person to accomplish. After consulting with the supervisor from Andy Frain, it

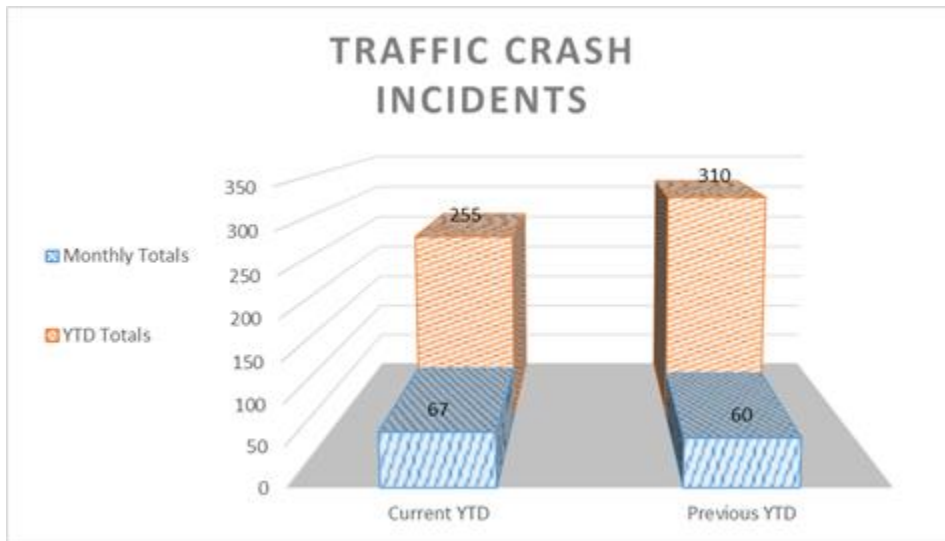
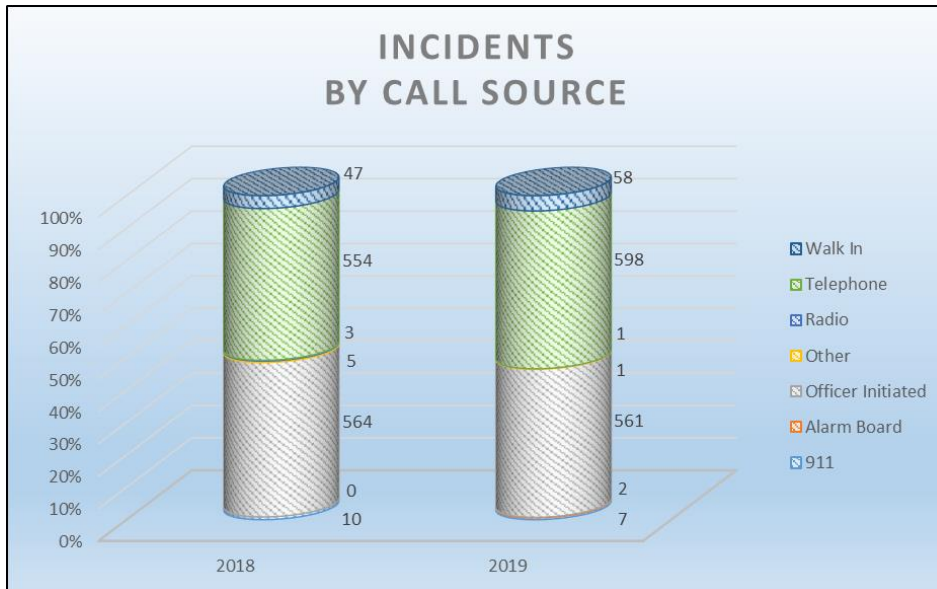


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was decided that two guards could perform this task safely and efficiently. That portion of the construction work has now been completed.

During the week of April 22nd, Officer Ryan Nemecek attended a 40 hour Train-the-Trainer Emergency Driving class. The class was sponsored by NEMRT and held at the St. Charles Police Department. The course is designed to qualify students to teach the 8 hour Basic Driver Awareness course. Students receive classroom instruction in vehicle operations and dynamics, as well as practical experience on the driving range. They also gain actual teaching experience by instructing portions of the NEMRT 8 Hour Emergency Vehicle Operator's course. The police department would like Officer Nemecek to provide training to other staff members in the near future.





April Training Hours

Course Title	Officer	Start Date	End Date	Hours
Procedural Justice and Police	Irizarry	04/01/2019	04/01/2019	8
Procedural Justice and Police	McDermott	04/01/2019	04/01/2019	8
School of Police Staff & Command	Peters	04/01/2019	04/12/2019	80
Use of Force Update for Administrators	Ljubenko	04/02/2019	04/02/2019	8
Use of Force Update for Administrators	Odom	04/02/2019	04/02/2019	8
40 Hour Crisis Intervention Team	Herrera	04/08/2019	04/12/2019	40
40 Hour Crisis Intervention Team	Rogers	04/08/2019	04/12/2019	40
40 Hour Crisis Intervention Team	Irizarry	04/15/2019	04/19/2019	40
40 Hour Crisis Intervention Team	Moncivais	04/15/2019	04/19/2019	40
School Safety Conference	Andries	04/17/2019	04/17/2019	8
Mobile Field Force - Drill	Niewold	04/18/2019	04/18/2019	8
Ethnic & Cultural Awareness	Cassiberry	04/19/2019	04/19/2019	8
Ethnic & Cultural Awareness	Coleman	04/19/2019	04/19/2019	8
40 Hour Train-The-Trainer: Emerg. Driving	Nemecek	04/22/2019	04/26/2019	40
Body Searches: Terry Stop to Strip Searches	Kaiser	04/23/2019	04/23/2019	8
Body Searches: Terry Stop to Strip Searches	McDermott	04/23/2019	04/23/2019	8
Rescue Task Force Train-the-Trainer	Fulla	04/24/2019	04/25/2019	16
Rescue Task Force Train-the-Trainer	Kaiser	04/24/2019	04/25/2019	16
Procedural Justice and Police	Falls	04/29/2019	04/29/2019	8
Procedural Justice and Police	Kaiser	04/29/2019	04/29/2019	8
School of Police Staff & Command	Peters	04/29/2019	05/10/2019	80
Police Pension Fund	Ljubenko	04/30/2019	05/03/2019	32

Total Hours: 520

DAY SHIFT ACTIVITIES:

INVESTIGATIONS:

Ofc. Rogers handled a Criminal Defacement case in which an unknown person(s) wrote inappropriate words on the playground in the 1000 block of S. Spring Avenue. The case was handled internally by the school.

Ofc. Kaiser handled a Burglary to Motor Vehicle case in the 1100 block of W. Arlington Street, where an unknown offender(s) entered an unlocked construction vehicle and stole several tools.

Ofc. Nemecek handled an ID Theft / Fraud case in the 300 block of S. Spring Avenue, which was a “scam” over the internet.

Ofc. Burrell handled an ID Theft / Theft case in the 00 block of S. La Grange Road, in which an unknown person(s) stole a purse from a business and attempted to use the credit cards. Transactions were denied and no loss occurred.

Ofc. Nemecek handled a Criminal Damage to Property case in the 300 block of Plainfield Road, where an unknown offender(s) dented a parked vehicle.

Ofc. Nemecek handled a Criminal Damage to Property case at Harris/La Grange, where an unknown subject damaged fresh concrete.

Ofc. Kaiser handled a Burglary case in the 800 block of S. Ashland Avenue, where an unknown offender(s) entered a home under construction and stole tools.

Ofc. Rogers handled a Theft case in the 00 block of S. La Grange Road, in which a purse was stolen from a business. The purse was later recovered but was missing various items. The case is under investigation.

The Day Shift handled a Criminal Trespass to Property case, where the subject resisted arrest (see below arrest).

Ofc. Rogers handled a Disorderly Conduct case in the 00 block of Sawyer Avenue, where the victim was receiving disturbing messages via telephone text.

Ofc. Moncivais handled a Theft case in the 100 block of N. La Grange Road, where unknown offenders had stolen scrap metal. The case is under investigation.

ARRESTS:

Ofc. Kaiser arrested Charles Caled, male, 29 years of age, from Lynwood, IL for No Valid Driver’s License and traffic-related offense(s)

Ofc. Kaiser arrested Michael Rajca, male, 28 years of age, from Burbank, IL for DWLS and an outstanding warrant

Ofc. Rogers arrested Sean Chiricotti, male, 30 years of age, from River Forest, IL for Criminal Trespass to Land and Resisting Arrest

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

The Auxiliary Police Unit handled an Easter Egg Hunt at Sedgwick Park.

Members of the Day Shift conducted a Lock Down drill at Spring Avenue School.

Members of the Day Shift conducted a Lock Down drill at Gurrie Junior High School.

TRAINING:

Ofc. Rogers and Ofc, Moncivais attended the 40-hour Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training.

Ofc. Nemecek attended a 40-hour Emergency Driver train-the-trainer course.

Ofc. Kaiser attended Body Searches training.

Ofc. Kaiser and Inv. Fulla attended a two-day Rescue Task Force train-the-trainer course.

Ofc. Kaiser attended a one-day Procedural Justice training.

AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES:

INVESTIGATIONS:

Ofc. Comstock responded to the 00 Block of S. La Grange Road in reference to a Criminal Damage to a Vehicle. Upon speaking with the owner it was learned an unknown subject(s) caused damage to the rear window of the vehicle. Inv. Coleman arrived and processed the scene for evidence. The area was canvassed for witness(s) and surveillance cameras with negative results. Case closed due to a lack of evidence and suspects.

Ofc. Irizarry, responded to the 600 block of S. Catherine Avenue in reference to a Criminal Trespass to Vehicle. Upon arrival, Ofc. Irizarry learned an unknown suspect(s) entered the unsecured vehicle during the overnight hours and rummaged through the vehicle. No items were taken and no damage occurred. Due to a lack of suspects(s), witness(s) and evidence, the case was closed.

Ofc. Kang, responded to the 700 block of S. Waiola Avenue in reference to an Identity Theft. Ofc. Kang learned unknown suspect(s) used the victim's identity to open an account with AT&T and purchase cell phones. AT&T was unable to provide further information as to where the phones were purchased. The victim was given information on how to protect their identity. Due to a lack of suspects(s), witness(s) and evidence the case was closed.

Ofc. McDermott, responded to the 700 Block of S. Stone Avenue in reference to a Burglary to Motor Vehicle. Ofc. McDermott learned unknown suspect(s) entered the unsecured vehicle of the victim during the day and removed their wallet and contents. The suspect(s) used one of the victim's credit cards at Target to purchase items. Case was turned over to Inv. Coleman.

Ofc. Niewold met with the complainant/victim at the La Grange Police Station and learned the following. The complainant/victim was in his vehicle traveling near Brainard and Cossitt when an unknown object struck his vehicle causing damage. Several juveniles were observed in the area.

The area was later checked for witness(s) and surveillance cameras with negative results. Due to a lack of suspects(s), witness(s) and evidence the case was closed.

ARRESTS:

Ofc. Kang arrested a 32-year old La Grange man for an outstanding failure to appear/contempt of court warrant, with the original incident occurring in Lee County, Illinois. The man was involved in a Domestic Disturbance on the 00 block of S. Madison Avenue. During the course of the investigation, a name check revealed the outstanding warrant. The man was arrested and charged accordingly.

Ofc. Irizarry and Ofc. Comstock arrested a 26-year old Joliet female for Domestic Battery occurring in the 300 block of Bluff Avenue. A Child Abuse/Neglect report was received from DCFS indicating the female injured an 8-month old infant. The infant was taken into protective custody by DCFS and transported for medical treatment. The female was arrested and charged accordingly.

Ofc. McDermott arrested a 34-year old La Grange Park man for an outstanding bond forfeiture warrant, with the original incident occurring in La Grange. The man was located by La Grange Park Officers and turned over to Ofc. McDermott for processing. The man was arrested and charged accordingly.

Ofc. Kang arrested a 42-year old Franklin Park male for Driving While License Suspended related to a DUI offense. The man was stopped at Plainfield and La Grange after a registration check indicated that the driver's license was suspended. The man was arrested and charged accordingly.

Ofc. Comstock arrested a 49-year old female for Driving While License Revoked related to a DUI offense. The female was initially stopped at La Grange Road and Elm Avenue for a traffic violation of operating a vehicle while using a cell phone. The female was arrested and charged accordingly.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

The Afternoon shift completed 160 traffic contacts, which included 2 Misdemeanor Traffic Arrests for Driving While License Suspended/Revoked and 13 state traffic citations were issued. Officers completed 20 crash reports, issued 23 compliance citations and issued 1 parking citation. Shift Officers conducted 91 Building/Business Checks and Foot Patrols.

TRAINING:

The Afternoon Shift successfully completed the April 2019 Police Law Institute online training.

Ofc. Falls and SRO Andries completed the DARE program for St. Cletus, St. John's and Spring Avenue Schools. A graduation ceremony was held for the students who successfully completed the program. Additionally, awards were given to students of each class who wrote the essays that captured what best represented the intention of the program from the students' perspective.

Ofc. Kang attended a career event hosted by Elmhurst College.

Ofc. McDermott attended a community meeting with Pillars.

Ofc. Irizarry, Ofc. McDermott, and Ofc. Falls completed Procedural Justice Training.

Sgt. Odom completed Use of Force Review and Update for Supervisors.

Ofc. Irizarry completed a 40-hour Crisis Intervention Training.

Ofc. Niewold completed monthly NIPAS training.

MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES:

INVESTIGATIONS:

Ofc. Cassiberry and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to the 200 block of Washington Avenue for the criminal damage to vehicle incident. Complainant's vehicle, which was parked behind the residence, was found to have its front passenger side tire punctured, with all the air let out. No suspects in the incident.

Ofc. Cassiberry, Sgt. Rohlicek and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to and investigated the burglary to motor vehicle(s) in the 1000 block of S. Ashland Avenue. Complainant's unlocked vehicle, which was parked in the driveway, was entered by unknown offender(s). Missing from the vehicle was the electronic garage door opener. Officers located another unlocked vehicle parked in the driveway of a neighboring residence, which appeared to have been entered and rummaged through. Owners of that vehicle confirmed that the vehicle had been entered with items touched, moved around, but advised that nothing appeared to be missing. The missing garage door opener from the first vehicle was subsequently located down the block in the parkway and returned to owner. Scenes were processed and evidence was collected.

Ofc. Piraino responded to the 100 block of 8th Avenue for the missing person report. Complainants advised that their adult daughter had gone out for the evening, but had not returned home and was not in contact with them. The daughter was subsequently located, unharmed, in Chicago. She had decided to stay in the city with friends, but had not notified her family.

S/L Herrera, Ofc. Piraino and Sgt. Rohlicek responded to the battery incident in the 5100 block of Willow Springs Road. A male subject, who is a patient at the hospital, receiving long term alcohol related treatment/detoxification, had reportedly hit/punched a male nurse. The nurse advised that the male subject would be admitted to the hospital for an unknown number of days, but that he did want to pursue criminal complaints against the male subject. Once the subject is released from the hospital he will be interviewed and possibly charged.

Ofc. Piraino, Ofc. Wolf, Ofc. Cassiberry and Sgt. Rohlicek responded to and investigated the commercial burglary in the 0-100 block of E Burlington Avenue. The front glass door was broken/shattered and unknown offender(s) entered the business. Once inside, the offender(s) broke two glass display cases and removed several cameras and camera lenses. The case was turned over to the Investigations Division.

ARRESTS:

Ofc. Cassiberry arrested a 42-year-old male subject from Broadview for D.U.I. Subject was involved in a single-vehicle traffic crash, in which he drove off the roadway and struck a light pole. Subject was processed and released on bond with a return court date.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

The Midnight shift completed 75 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, and 1 personal injury traffic accident. Shift Officers issued 61 parking citations for overnight parking and other violations. Shift Officers conducted 97 Building/Business Premise Checks and Foot Patrols.

TRAINING:

The shift successfully completed the April Police Law Institute online training along with continuing to complete the Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. In addition, Ofc. Cassiberry completed a Cultural Awareness training course, S/L Herrera completed the 40-hour Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training/certification course and Sgt. Ljubenko completed the Use of Force-Update for Supervisors/Administrators training course.

INVESTIGATIONS ACTIVITIES:

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Investigative case reports taken/followed up on this month include: Commercial Burglary (1), Burglary to Motor Vehicle (3), Armed Robbery (1), Missing Endangered Person (1), Disorderly Conduct (1), Battery (1), Theft (1), Criminal Defacement of Property (1) and Child Abuse / Neglect (3).

Inv. Coleman conducted follow-up investigation related to a Burglary to Motor Vehicle. Inv. Coleman obtained a serial number for an item that was stolen from the vehicle. The item was checked through a pawn shop database for activity with negative results. Due to a lack of suspects and evidence the case was closed.

Inv. Fulla continues to conduct follow-up investigation into a Missing Endangered Person. Inv. Fulla is following up on leads that the missing person maybe located in the Chicagoland area. Inv. Fulla has provided information on the missing person to the Chicago PD, other law enforcement services and community centers to assist with locating the victim. As of this date, the family of the missing person has been uncooperative. Case pending.

Inv. Fulla conducted follow-up investigation into a Child Abuse/Neglect report from DCFS occurring in the 100 block of 8th Avenue. Inv. Fulla learned through his investigation that an injury sustained to a juvenile was not from abuse but from an accident. The case was closed with no charges.

SRO Andries investigated Criminal Defacement of Property inside a building in the 100 block of S. Brainard Avenue. SRO Andries examined surveillance video and no suspect(s) were identified. Due to a lack of suspects and evidence the case was closed.

Inv. Fulla assisted the Midnight Shift with processing a Commercial Burglary scene occurring in the 00 block of W Burlington Avenue. Inv. Fulla recovered evidence from the scene which was later submitted to the Illinois State Police Crime Laboratory for analysis. Inv. Fulla also recovered surveillance video from the business of the suspects. Case pending.

Inv. Coleman assisted the Afternoon Shift with a Child Abuse neglect report from DCFS. Inv. Coleman photographed injuries sustained to a 10-month-old infant. Inv. Coleman also assisted with coordinating with medical staff at the hospital and DCFS to ensure proper documentation of injuries sustained to the infant. Case closed by arrest.

Inv. Fulla conducted an investigation into a delayed Child Abuse/Neglect report from DCFS occurring in the 500 block of S. Kensington Avenue. Inv. Fulla learned the suspect in the matter no longer resided with the juvenile victim. Inv. Fulla further learned the suspect was receiving counseling and safeguards were in place by the courts for the juvenile victim. The guardian in the matter declined to have the case investigated any further at this time. Case closed.

Inv. Coleman conducted follow-up investigation into a Burglary to Motor Vehicle occurring in the 700 block of S. Stone Avenue. Inv. Coleman was unable to gather further information from the victim. Due to a lack of suspects and evidence the case is closed.

Inv. Fulla conducted follow-up into a Burglary to Motor Vehicle occurring in the 1000 block of S. Ashland Avenue. Inv. Fulla reviewed surveillance video footage of the incident. Due to lighting and other factors no identifying information of the suspect was obtained. Case closed due to a lack of suspects and evidence.

ARREST / CITATIONS:

Inv. Coleman and SRO Andries assisted the Afternoon Shift with a Disorderly Conduct investigation. It was learned a 17-year-old juvenile subject posted a concerning message via social media. The juvenile was charged with Disorderly Conduct and was subsequently placed on a Juvenile Informal Station Adjustment.

Inv. Coleman and SRO Andries charged a 17-year-old juvenile subject with Battery after the subject made physical contact with another juvenile. The juvenile was subsequently placed on a Juvenile Informal Station Adjustment

Inv. Coleman conducted an investigation into a Theft and identified an offender as Antonio Pastrana, 25 years of age. Inv. Fulla attended Pastrana's court date for an unrelated case. After the court hearing, Inv. Fulla charged Pastrana with one misdemeanor count of Theft. Pastrana is currently being held by the Cook County Department of Corrections.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

Inv. Coleman and Inv. Fulla assisted Riverside PD with an MCAT activation related to an Armed Robbery.

Inv. Full and Inv. Coleman attended the monthly MCAT meeting hosted by McCook PD. The investigators received training this month related to Search Warrants.

Inv. Fulla attended a two-day training for Rescue Task Force Instructor.

Inv. Coleman attended training for Cultural Awareness.

SRO Andries attended a conference related to School Safety.

SRO Andries attended Responding to School Drug Impairment training.

SRO Andries, WSPD SRO Niezgoda and LTHS School Staff presented the first round of A.L.I.C.E. training to 24 staff members of LTHS.

Inv. Coleman completed an application to receive a Tobacco Enforcement Grant through the Illinois Department of Public Health related to education and enforcement of local retail establishments.

Inv. Fulla, Inv. Coleman and SRO Andries attended a newly-established monthly intelligence and informational meeting with representatives of the Western Springs Police Department.

SRO Andries and Ofc. Falls completed the DARE program for St. Cletus, St. John's and Spring Avenue Schools. A graduation ceremony was held for the students who successfully completed the program. Additionally, awards were given to students of each class who wrote the essays that captured what best represented the intention of the program from the students' perspective.

AUXILIARY AND PART-TIME POLICE UNITS

The Auxiliary Unit volunteered for 61 hours of work during the month of April. 10 hours were spent conducting house checks, 16 hours on patrol and another 17.5 staff hours were spent on special details. The remainder was for training and administrative tasks.

The part-time officers completed 21 traffic contacts and issued 19 citations. They were also active during the month, responding to 99 calls for service in the community.

PARKING DIVISION

The parking division registered \$27,545 in parking fines through conventional payments, online payments or collection efforts.

TRUCK ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS: APRIL 2019

	Location	Date	Time	Result	Equipment	Moving	License/Reg	Weight	Insurance
La Grange RD	CBD								
		0 Sub-total by Area							
	Cossitt thru 47th								
		0 Sub-total by Area							
	Other								
		0 Sub-total by Area							
Ogden Ave	East - La Grange RD	04/19/19	8:50	C	1		1		
		04/17/19	10:03	W	1		1		
		2 Sub-total by Area							
	La Grange & West	04/17/19	11:37	C	4				1
		1 Sub-total by Area							
	Other	East Ave	04/08/19	10:27	W	1		1	
04/08/19			11:00	W	1		1		
04/08/19			11:50	W			1		
04/15/19			10:46	W	1	1			
04/15/19			12:54	W			2		
04/17/19			9:35	C	1				
04/17/19			11:22	W	1				
04/17/19			2:12	W			1		
8 Sub-total by Area									
47th Street									
	0 Sub-total by Area								
Other									
	0 Sub-total by Area								
					11	1	8	0	1

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

PATROL ACTIVITIES	April		April		2019	2018
	2019		2018		YTD	YTD
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	1,227		1,155		4,403	4,436
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	53		49		217	225
FELONY ARRESTS	3		3		6	5
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	3		5		14	12
DUI ARRESTS	1		2		5	6
WARRANT ARRESTS	3		2		7	5
TRAFFIC VERBAL WARNINGS	233		176		831	707
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	52		40		189	157
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	42		60		194	259
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	131	892	130	504	3,650	2,441
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	761		374			
JUVENILE ARRESTS	3		0		4	2
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	10		14		38	51