

# LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Memorandum



To: Andrianna Peterson, Village Manager

From: Kurt Bluder, Chief of Police

Date: June 14, 2019

Re: Monthly Report for May 2019

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Attached for your review are the significant events and general statistics for the shift activities during the month of May 2019. This was a very busy month for the police department as staff members received awards, recognition and completed high-level training.



On Tuesday, May 7, 2019, Officer Scott Wolf was recognized at the Northern Illinois Alarm System's (NIPAS) annual lunch meeting for his 8 years of service to the Field Force. Officer Wolf was assigned to the unit that responded to events requiring crowd control. This necessitated Officer Wolf being constantly on call or on standby in order to respond to requests for assistance. NIPAS currently represents over one hundred (100) cities, villages and towns throughout five counties and anyone of these municipalities can request the assistance of the Field Force at any time.

On Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, Deputy Chief Peters graduated from Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command. The School of Police Staff and Command (SPSC) is an intensive ten-week program that prepares law enforcement managers for senior positions by uniquely combining academic principles with practical applications. This program provided upper-level college instruction in a total of 27 core blocks of instruction. The major topics of study include Leadership, Human Resources, Employee Relations, Organizational Behavior, Applied Statistics, Planning and Policy, Budgeting and Resource Allocation. The class was held at the Plainfield Police Department.



On Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, Officer Taylor Falls along with Lieutenant Jeff Behland, Firefighter Chris Cox, Firefighter Mark Poulos and Firefighter John McReynolds from the La Grange Fire Department were honored at the Loyola Emergency Medical Services System Awards Breakfast for their life saving efforts on Christmas Day 2018. These individuals, as well as Firefighter Eric Jaeger (not pictured), performed CPR and emergency medical procedures on a Western Springs resident who had suffered a cardiac event while out jogging.

The Loyola Emergency Medical Services System, who licenses the La Grange Fire Department Paramedics/EMTs, honored this group for their dedication and service.

On Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, retiring Fire Chief Don Gay was recognized and honored by the La Grange Village Board for his 30 plus years of service to the residents of La Grange. Chief Gay retired on Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> and will be missed. The men and women of the La Grange Police Department want to congratulate Chief Gay on a wonderful career and wish him well in retirement!

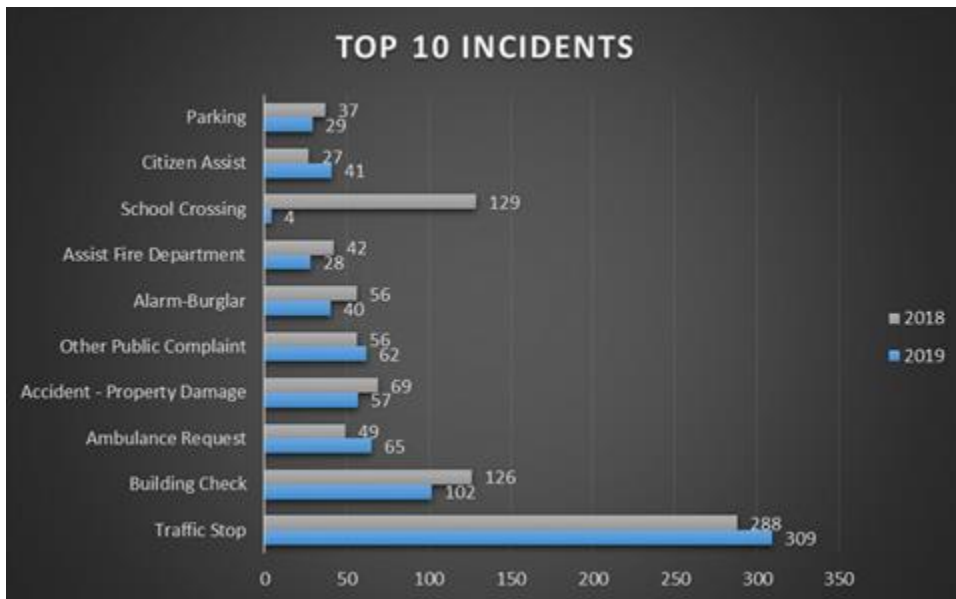
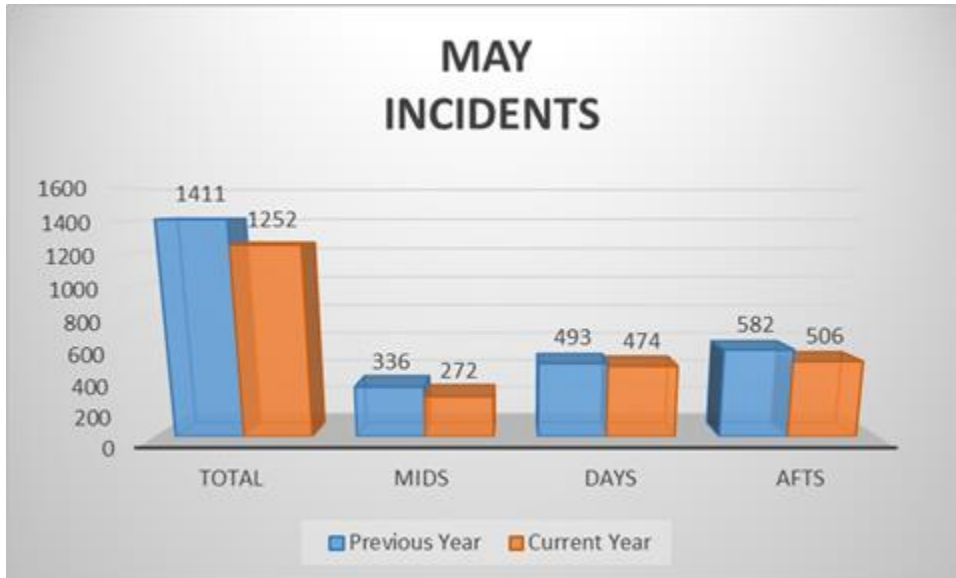


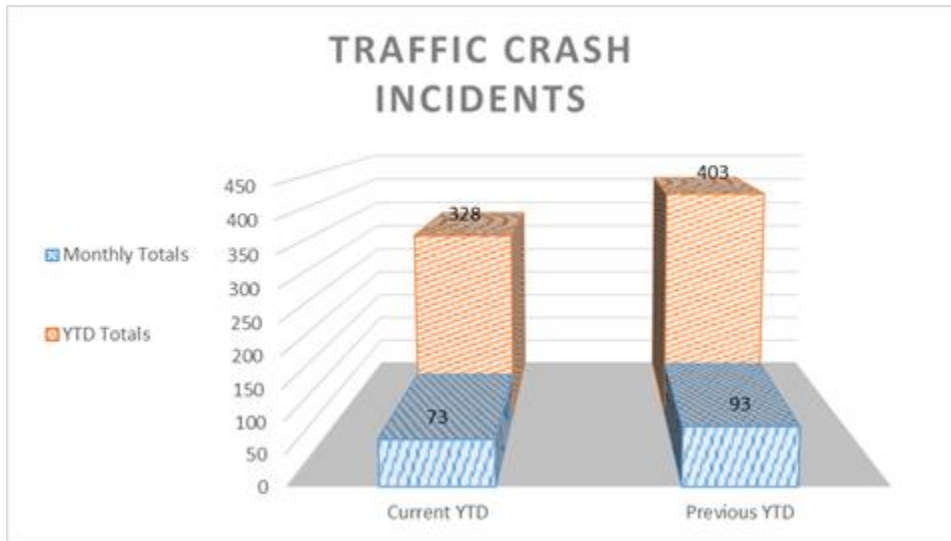
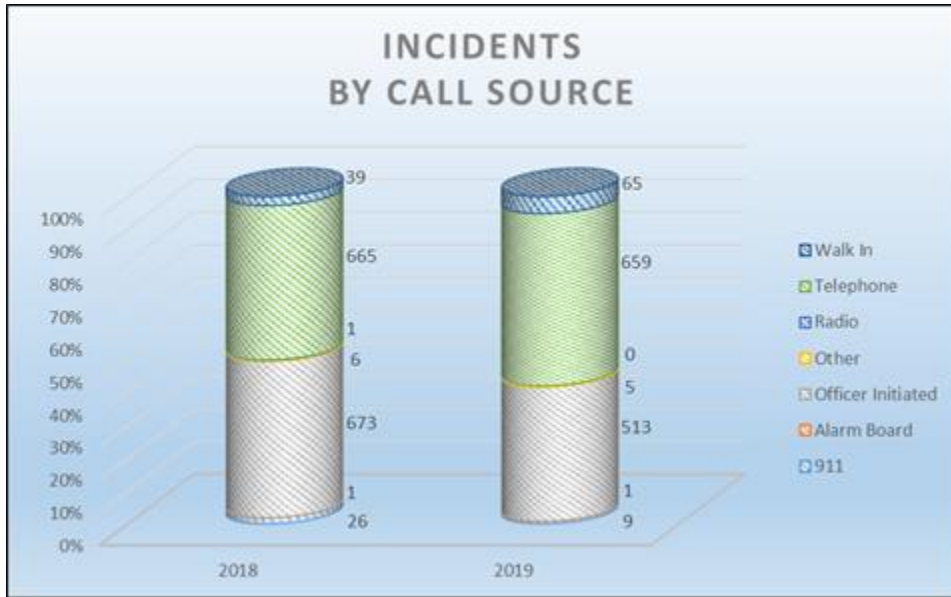
On Thursday night, May 16<sup>th</sup>, the police department received a \$500 donation from the Y Men's Club of Greater La Grange YMCA for the DARE program. Sergeant Dave Rohlicek had submitted the necessary paperwork in February for the donation and the DARE program was selected to be one of the recipients of the Y Men's Club grant program. Chief Bluder attended a dinner at Mattone Restaurant in La Grange Park on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> to receive the monetary award. This money will be used to purchase additional DARE prizes such as bracelets, lanyards, water bottles, key chains, Jr. DARE Officer badges, and sunglasses, which will be handed out to students. The men and women of the La Grange Police Department are very thankful for this grant and appreciative of the efforts of the Y Men's Club.

On Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, Village Manager Andrianna Peterson, Sergeant Tom Cimbalista, Officer Julie Burrell, Officer Jerry Moncivais, Officer Ryan Nemecek and Chief Kurt Bluder joined several Village Trustees and Officials in attending the Memorial Day Service at Lyons Township High School presented by the Robert E. Coulter Post 1941 American Legion members. The ceremony honored all veterans from Lyons Township that gave their lives in service to the United States of America.



During the week of May 13<sup>th</sup>, Officer Kyle Niewold attended Field Force Extrication Tactics at the Center for Domestic Preparedness (part of FEMA) in Aniston, Alabama. Officer Niewold attended this training as part of his duties with the Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS) Field Force. The course provides students with the knowledge and skills to operate the tools necessary to extricate individuals safely from protester devices while reducing liability and ensuring due process. The class was free through the federal government. Travel, lodging and meals were covered as part of this training.





**May Training Hours**

<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Officer</b>	<b>Start date</b>	<b>End Date</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Emergency Vehicle Operator Course	Falls	05/04/2019	05/04/2019	8
Leathality Assessment Program	Burrell	05/06/2019	05/06/2019	1
Leathality Assessment Program	Fulla	05/06/2019	05/06/2019	1
Leathality Assessment Program	Herrera	05/06/2019	05/06/2019	1
Leathality Assessment Program	Kang	05/06/2019	05/06/2019	1
Leathality Assessment Program	McDermott	05/06/2019	05/06/2019	1
Leathality Assessment Program	Rohlicek	05/06/2019	05/06/2019	1
Leathality Assessment Program	Uher	05/06/2019	05/06/2019	1
Leathality Assessment Program	Wolf	05/06/2019	05/06/2019	1
Leathality Assessment Program	Berg	05/06/2019	05/06/2019	1
Leathality Assessment Program	Bluder	05/06/2019	05/06/2019	1
Leathality Assessment Program	Coleman	05/06/2019	05/06/2019	1
Leathality Assessment Program	Comstock	05/06/2019	05/06/2019	1
Leathality Assessment Program	Falls	05/06/2019	05/06/2019	1
Leathality Assessment Program	Kaiser	05/06/2019	05/06/2019	1
Leathality Assessment Program	Kang	05/06/2019	05/06/2019	1
Leathality Assessment Program	McDermott	05/06/2019	05/06/2019	1
Leathality Assessment Program	Wardlaw	05/06/2019	05/06/2019	1
Leathality Assessment Program	Cassiberry	05/09/2019	05/09/2019	1
Leathality Assessment Program	Cimbalista	05/09/2019	05/09/2019	1
Leathality Assessment Program	Kang	05/09/2019	05/09/2019	1
Leathality Assessment Program	Ljubenko	05/09/2019	05/09/2019	1
Leathality Assessment Program	McDermott	05/09/2019	05/09/2019	1
Leathality Assessment Program	Moncivais	05/09/2019	05/09/2019	1
Leathality Assessment Program	Piraino	05/09/2019	05/09/2019	1
Leathality Assessment Program	Irizarry	05/09/2019	05/09/2019	1
Leathality Assessment Program	Kang	05/09/2019	05/09/2019	1
Leathality Assessment Program	McDermott	05/09/2019	05/09/2019	1
Leathality Assessment Program	Nemecek	05/09/2019	05/09/2019	1
Leathality Assessment Program	Niewold	05/09/2019	05/09/2019	1
Leathality Assessment Program	Odom	05/09/2019	05/09/2019	1
Leathality Assessment Program	Rogers	05/09/2019	05/09/2019	1
Field Force Extrication Tactics	Niewold	05/13/2019	05/18/2019	24
Leadership Workshop	Kang	5/20/2019	5/20/2019	5
Leadership Workshop	Coleman	5/20/2019	5/20/2019	5
Mobile Field Force - Drill	Niewold	05/23/2019	05/23/2019	8
Trauma Informed Response to Sexual Assault	Cassiberry	5/28/2019	5/28/2019	8
Trauma Informed Response to Sexual Assault	Uher	5/28/2019	5/28/2019	8
Trauma Informed Response to Sexual Assault	Wardlaw	5/28/2019	5/28/2019	8

Course Title	Officer	Start date	End Date	Hours
Trauma Informed Response to Sexual Assault	Kaiser	5/29/2019	5/29/2019	8
Trauma Informed Response to Sexual Assault	Kang	5/29/2019	5/29/2019	8
Trauma Informed Response to Sexual Assault	Ljubenko	5/29/2019	5/29/2019	8
Trauma Informed Response to Sexual Assault	Nemecek	5/29/2019	5/29/2019	8
Trauma Informed Response to Sexual Assault	Rohlicek	5/29/2019	5/29/2019	8
Recent Case Law and Issues	Cimbalista	05/29/2019	05/29/2019	8
Recent Case Law and Issues	Wardlaw	05/29/2019	05/29/2019	8

**Total Hours: 161**

**DAY SHIFT ACTIVITIES**

**INVESTIGATIONS:**

Ofc. Nemecek handled a M/V Theft report in the 1000 block of S. Waiola, where an unlocked vehicle (keys inside) was stolen from a driveway. The case is under investigation.

Ofc. Moncivais handled a Battery case in the 00 block of N. Brainard, where the tenant of the apartment battered the landlord. The tenant was ultimately arrested (see below).

Sgt. Berg handled a Battery case in the 200 block of Washington, which involved mutual combatants. No charges were filed.

Ofc. Nemecek handled a Disorderly Conduct case in the 900 block of S. Spring, where the complainant was receiving harassing texts. No charges were filed.

Ofc. Burrell handled a Suspicious Person/Incident report in the area of Cossitt/Ashland, where a subject may have attempted to lure a child. A bulletin was created and the case is under investigation.

Ofc. Rogers handled a Domestic Battery case in the 00 block of E. Ogden, where a subject battered his girlfriend and prevented her from calling 911. The subject was ultimately arrested (see below).

Ofc. Piraino handled a Theft case in the area of La Grange/Ogden, where a Lyft driver reported item(s) taken from his vehicle by a passenger. The call was delayed and no charges were filed.

**ARRESTS:**

Michael Renehan, male, age 52, of La Grange was arrested for Domestic Battery and Unlawful Interference with Reporting a Domestic

Zamarious Thurmand, male, age 35, of Chicago was arrested for two outstanding warrants

Larry Crump, male, age 62, of Maywood was arrested for No Valid Driver's License

**OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:**

Sgt. Cimbalista/Inv. Fulla conducted a Safety/Security evaluation of St. Francis School

Ofc. Kaiser handled a Drug Presentation at Gurrie Junior High School

Ofc. Burrell and Auxiliary Officers handled a Bicycle Rodeo at Spring Avenue School

Day Shift conducted Lock Down drills at St. Cletus & St. Francis

The Auxiliary Unit attended the River Forest Memorial Day parade

The Day Shift attended the LTHS and American Legion Memorial Day services

Accident Reports Taken: 67

Arrest Charges: 5

Building Checks: 9

Community Contacts: 1

Foot Patrols: 56

Parking Citations Issued: 24

Compliance Citations Issued: 30

Other Citations Issued: 11

### **TRAINING:**

All Day Shift officers attended Lethality Assessment Program training related to Domestic Violence.

Ofc. Uher attended Sexual Assault training

Ofc. Uher attended a Legal Update training course

Ofc. Nemecek attended a Sexual Assault training

### **AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES**

### **INVESTIGATIONS:**

S/L Kang, and additional Police units, responded to the 300 block of 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue for a reported Disorderly Conduct complaint. Police learned the suspect made threatening comments about the facility. Kang located the suspect and determined the man to be a non-threat.

Ofc. McDermott responded to the PD lobby in reference to a Theft that was recorded on the victim's home surveillance camera. McDermott was able to contact a possible suspect and the stolen property was returned to the owner. The case was closed.

Ofc. Cassiberry responded to the 800 block of S. La Grange Road in reference to a Battery complaint stemming from a road-rage incident between two male drivers. No injuries were reported and the case was closed.

Ofc. Falls responded to a business in the 00 block of S. La Grange Road in reference to a Theft involving counterfeit money. A \$100 bill provided as payment in this case was determined to be fraudulent. The suspect was not identified.

Ofc. Niewold, and additional Police units, responded to the 00 block of N. Dover in reference to a Domestic Situation/verbal argument. The male subject involved agreed to leave for the night and peace was restored.

After conducting a traffic stop, Ofc. Kang recovered a (previously stolen) Illinois registration sticker. The sticker was confirmed stolen by the Chicago Police and placed into evidence pending owner notification.

Ofc. McDermott, and additional Police units, responded to the 300 block of E. Lincoln Avenue in reference to a Domestic Battery report. The woman did not wish to sign criminal complaints.

#### **ARRESTS:**

Ofc. Comstock and Sgt. Wardlaw arrested a 24-year old La Grange man for Criminal Trespass. An additional charge of Resisting Arrest was added after the man struggled with arresting officers.

Ofc. Comstock arrested a 53-year-old Chicago man for Domestic Battery. The man was taken into custody and charged, without incident.

#### **OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:**

The Afternoon shift completed 129 traffic contacts, which included 2 Misdemeanor Traffic Arrests for Driving While License Suspended/Revoked. Officers completed 32 crash reports (1 Personal Injury), and issued 2 parking citations. Shift Officers conducted 20 Building/Business Checks and Foot Patrols.

During the month of May, the Afternoon shift conducted a special traffic enforcement detail in conjunction with the, Be the Change, Travel Safe in LaGrange traffic safety program. The 2-Hour detail concentrated on Traffic sign enforcement on U.S. Route 34 (Ogden Avenue).

As part of an Illinois Emergency Alarm System, Ofc. Niewold assisted the North Riverside PD with crowd control for a large gathering. Assistance was given without incident.

The Afternoon Shift attended four Block Parties during the month of May.

#### **TRAINING:**

The Afternoon Shift successfully completed the May 2019 Police Law Institute online training on: Line-ups, Show-ups, and Forensic Hypnosis.

The Afternoon Shift completed Lethality Assessment Program (Domestic Violence) training sponsored by Pillars Community Health.

The Afternoon Shift completed Annual Firearms Qualification, and Department weapons training.



S/L. Kang completed Leadership Training conducted at the Plainfield PD.

Sgt. Wardlaw completed a Recent Case Law Course conducted at the Lombard PD.

Several Afternoon Shift members attended Sexual Assault Response training sponsored by AOCAC.

## **MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES**

### **INVESTIGATIONS:**

Ofc. Piraino, Ofc. Wolf, S/L Herrera and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to the 1000 block of S. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue for the domestic disturbance/verbal argument between a female subject and her boyfriend. The male subject left, returning to his residence for the night.

Ofc. Piraino, Ofc. Wolf and S/L Herrera responded to the 5100 block of S. Willow Springs Road for a disturbance involving a male subject in the emergency room/I.C.U. Officers assisted hospital security personnel in calming down the patient. Peace was restored.

Ofc. Wolf, Ofc. Piraino, S/L Herrera and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to the 100 block of S. Ashland Avenue for the domestic disturbance. A male subject and his wife had become involved in a minor verbal argument over an issue involving their adult daughter. Peace was restored.

Ofc. Wolf, Ofc. Cassiberry and Sgt. Rohlicek responded to the 0-100 block of N. Brainard Avenue for a theft involving a possible battery. After a brief investigation, it was determined that the theft claim was unfounded and there were conflicting stories regarding the verbal argument/altercation. The female subject was given a ride home to a neighboring town.

Ofc. Wolf, Ofc. Piraino and S/L Herrera responded to a domestic disturbance in the 0-100 block of N. Brainard Avenue. A female and male had become involved in a verbal argument. The male subject returned to his residence for the night.

Ofc. Cassiberry and Sgt. Rohlicek responded to the 0-100 block of E. Ogden Avenue for the domestic disturbance/unwanted subject. A male subject and his visiting girlfriend became involved in a verbal argument. Peace was restored and the female subject returned to her residence for the night.

Ofc. Wolf and S/L Herrera responded to the domestic disturbance/unwanted subject in the 700 block of E. Maple Avenue. A male subject and his girlfriend became involved in a verbal argument. Peace was restored and the girlfriend returned to her residence for the day.

S/L Herrera, and other officers, responded to the 0-100 block of E. 47<sup>th</sup> Street for the disturbance/criminal damage to property incident. A male entered a store and bought several items. The clerk saw that he had taken another item and placed it in his coat pocket. The subject denied taking anything, then took the item out of his pocket, put it on the counter and left. Once outside, he punched/broke the glass cover to a fire extinguisher and fled on foot. Officers searched for the subject with negative results. The incident is under investigation.

Ofc. Nemecek, and other officers, responded to the 900 block of S. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue for the domestic disturbance /verbal argument involving a husband and wife. The husband became angry and while leaving the residence, he broke the glass window portion of the door with his hand. The male left for the day.

Ofc. Falls, Ofc. Niewold, Sgt. Rohlicek and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to the 0-100 block of N. Brainard Avenue for the domestic disturbance involving a male and female. The two subjects became involved in a verbal argument. The male claimed the female hit him in the face/mouth area. The female denied hitting the boyfriend. The male was given a ride to his residence in another town.

Ofc. Niewold met with a complainant at this P.D. regarding an identity theft incident. Complainant was contacted by a credit union, advising her that a car loan and a credit card were opened up in her name. The complainant did not initiate this transaction but due to the notification, she did not experience a financial loss. She was given the report number and identity theft information. Matter of record only at this time.

#### **OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:**

The Midnight shift completed 71 traffic contacts, which included 1 misdemeanor Traffic Arrest for Driving while License Suspended/Revoked/No Valid D/L and investigated 1 property damage traffic accident. Shift Officers issued 86 parking citations for overnight parking and other violations. Shift Officers conducted 107 Building/Business Premise Checks and Foot Patrols. Shift officers also conducted traffic/parking control, street closure and barricade placement operations in support of the La Grange Carnival.

#### **TRAINING:**

The shift successfully completed the May Police Law Institute online training along with continuing to complete the Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. In addition, Sgt. Ljubenko attended the “3-day IPPFA Training Conference for Public Pension Trustees” held in East Peoria. Ofc. Niewold completed a weeklong “Field Force Extrication Tactics” training course conducted at the Center for Domestic Preparedness in Anniston, AL. Sgt. Rohlicek and Sgt. Ljubenko attended the “Trauma Informed Response to Sexual Assault Investigations” training course. The shift also attended training in the “Lethality Assessment Program (LAP)” and completed annual qualifications with pistol, patrol rifle and shotgun.

### **INVESTIGATIONS ACTIVITIES**

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Investigative case reports taken/followed up on this month include: (1) Commercial Burglary, (1) Motor Vehicle Theft, (1) Deceptive Practice, (1) Residential Burglary, (2) Theft, (1) Suspicious Person, (1) Disorderly Conduct and (1) Sexting.

Inv. Coleman and Inv. Fulla conducted follow-up into a Theft incident occurring in the 00 block of N. La Grange Road. Surveillance video footage was reviewed and a suspect was identified. Investigators are in the process of locating the suspect for an interview. Case pending.

Inv. Fulla conducted follow-up investigation into a Commercial Burglary occurring in the 00 block of E. Burlington Avenue. Inv. Fulla obtained surveillance video footage and is in the process of reviewing. At this time, no suspects have been linked to the incident. Case pending.

Inv. Fulla conducted follow-up into a Motor Vehicle Theft occurring in the 1000 block of S. Waiola Avenue. Inv. Fulla obtained surveillance video footage and is in the process of reviewing. Case pending.

Inv. Coleman conducted follow-up into a Deceptive Practice incident occurring in the 100 block of Sunset Avenue between July and September 2018. To meet Illinois statutory requirements, Inv. Coleman had letters sent, via certified mail, by the victim demanding return of the deposits. Case pending statutory obligations and locating the suspect. Case pending.

Inv. Fulla conducted follow-up investigation into a Residential Burglary occurring in the 800 block of S. Waiola Avenue in May 2018. The victim informed Inv. Fulla they no longer wished to have the case pursued and wished to have all property returned. Inv. Fulla returned the victim's property and the case was closed.

Inv. Fulla conducted follow-up investigation into a Theft occurring in the 300 block of Washington Avenue. A suspect was identified and the victim was given the opportunity to pursue criminal complaints. The victim ultimately declined and the case was closed.

Inv. Coleman conducted follow-up investigation into a Suspicious Person incident occurring in the 100 block of W. Cossitt Avenue. Inv. Coleman tried to identify a suspect involved in the case but was unable to do so due to a lack of physical evidence. Case closed.

Inv. Coleman conducted follow-up investigation into an alleged Sexting incident received through a third party source occurring at unknown location. Inv. Coleman is coordinating with the Illinois Crimes Against Children Task Force with investigating the complaint. Case pending.

#### **ARRESTS:**

Inv. Coleman and SRO Andries conducted an Investigation into a social media threat. A 15-year-old juvenile was eventually charged with one count of Disorderly Conduct at the completion of the investigation. The juvenile was placed on an Informal Station Adjustment.

SRO Andries issued (5) Cook County Civil Citations to adult students at LTHS for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Possession of Cannabis being not more than 10 Grams.

#### **OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:**

Inv. Coleman and Inv. Fulla attended the monthly MCAT meeting. Investigators received training on train equipment access.

Inv. Coleman and Inv. Fulla completed in-house Lethality Assessment Program training (LAP) related to Domestic Violence.

Inv. Coleman assisted the Hickory Hills Police Department on a SSMCTF activation related to a Home Invasion and Kidnapping. One offender was arrested and three others are being sought.

Inv. Coleman and Inv. Fulla attended case reviews with the All Our Children's Advocacy Center.

Inv. Fulla and Inv. Coleman continue to work on background checks for a new police officer hire.

Inv. Coleman completed a one-day Leadership Training.

SRO Andries attended prom at LTHS. The prom went off without any major incidents.

### **AUXILIARY AND PART-TIME POLICE UNITS**

The Auxiliary Unit volunteered for 65 hours of work during the month of May. 9.5 hours were spent conducting house checks, 25.5 hours on patrol and another 10.5 staff hours were spent on special details. The remainder was for training and administrative tasks.

The part-time officers completed 5 traffic contacts and issued 6 citations. They were also active during the month, responding to 46 calls for service in the community.

### **PARKING DIVISION**

The parking division registered \$27,180 in parking fines through conventional payments, online payments or collection efforts.

**TRUCK ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS: MAY 2019**

Location	Date	Time	Result	Equipment	Moving	License/Reg	Weight	Insurance
La Grange RD	CBD							
	0		Sub-total by Area					
	Cossitt thru 47th	05/10/19	9:42	C		1		
	1		Sub-total by Area					
	Other							
	0		Sub-total by Area					
Ogden Ave	East - La Grange RD	05/03/19	8:55	C	1			
		05/03/19	8:55	C	1			
		05/07/19	11:00	C	1			
		05/07/19	11:31	C		1		
		05/10/19	1:00	W	1			
		05/16/19	9:15	C	1			
		05/16/19	9:15	C	1			
		05/20/19	11:58	W C	1		1	
		05/25/19	1:40	W C	1		2	
	9		Sub-total by Area					
	La Grange & West	05/20/19	1:11	W C	1		1	1
1		Sub-total by Area						
Other	East Ave	05/10/19	1:15	W C	1		1	
		05/16/19	7:42	W	1			
		05/16/19	7:42	W	1			
		05/16/19	7:42	W			1	
		05/20/19	11:00	C	1			
		05/20/19	11:00	W C	4		1	
		05/20/19	11:00	C	1			
		05/20/19	11:37	W C	1	1	1	
		05/20/19	10:44	W	1		1	
	9		Sub-total by Area					
47th Street								
0		Sub-total by Area						
0		Sub-total by Area		20	1	11	0	1

**SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES**

<b>PATROL ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>May</b>		<b>May</b>		<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	<b>2019</b>		<b>2018</b>		<b>YTD</b>	<b>YTD</b>
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	1,251		1,410		5,654	5,846
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	62		88		279	313
FELONY ARRESTS	0		3		6	8
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	7		2		21	14
DUI ARRESTS	0		1		5	7
WARRANT ARRESTS	1		2		8	7
TRAFFIC VERBAL WARNINGS	202		203		1,033	910
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	83		56		272	213
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	51		57		245	316
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	113	890	80	410	4,540	2,851
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	777		330			
JUVENILE ARRESTS	0		1		4	3
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	8		24		46	75