

LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Memorandum



To: Andrianna Peterson, Village Manager
From: Kurt Bluder, Chief of Police
Date: September 16, 2019
Re: Monthly Report for August 2019

Attached for your review are the significant events and general statistics for the shift activities during the month of August 2019. This was another very busy month for the police department due to activities, the start of school, personnel changes and a retirement.



As part of the police department's "Be the Change, Travel Safe in La Grange" traffic safety campaign, the police department deployed two message boards beginning Monday, August 19th, reminding motorists that school was back in session. The police department was able to secure an additional message board from the Western Springs Police Department. The message boards were placed at Brainard & Hillgrove and Elm & La Grange. In



Addition, several speed signs were erected on Brainard and Cossitt to provide motorists with their speed as they travel through school zones.



In an effort to enhance pedestrian safety at the intersection of Ogden Avenue and La Grange Road, the police department placed a third message board at the intersection beginning Monday, August 12th, reminding motorists not to block the intersection/crosswalk. The message board, which was loaned to the La Grange Police Department by the Cook County Department of Homeland Security, was present for over two weeks.

- On Friday, August 16, 2019, that afternoon shift conducted a traffic enforcement detail targeting vehicles traveling southbound LaGrange Road at Ogden Avenue for obstructing the crosswalk and/or intersection. Seventeen vehicles were found to be in violation. The driver of each vehicle was warned, educated and presented with an informational flyer.

Sergeant Miles Odom retired on Friday August 23, 2019 with almost twenty-two (22) years of service to the residents of La Grange. Sergeant Odom's energy and outgoing personality will be missed. The men and women of the La Grange Police Department want to congratulate Sergeant Odom on a great career and wish him well in the next chapter of his life.



On August 19th, 2019, Officer Rogers, Officer Nemecek, and Officer Comstock conducted an overweight truck enforcement detail. In total, fifteen (15) commercial motor vehicles were stopped, resulting in fifteen (15) compliance citations, for numerous equipment and registration violations, and seven (7) verbal warnings.



On Saturday, August 24, 2019, Officer Sabrina Irizarry, Sergeant Rob Wardlaw and Deputy Chief Andy Peters attended a seminar at Columbia College in Chicago titled, “Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for Law Enforcement and Deaf Community Interactions.” This panel forum was moderated for public discussion.



On Monday, August 26, 2019, Squad Leader Ken Uher and Investigator Adam Coleman were sworn in as Sergeants at the Village Board meeting. They will be replacing Sergeant Erik Berg and Sergeant Tom Cimbalista respectively. I am excited to have both of them as part of the police department’s leadership team and look forward to working with them.

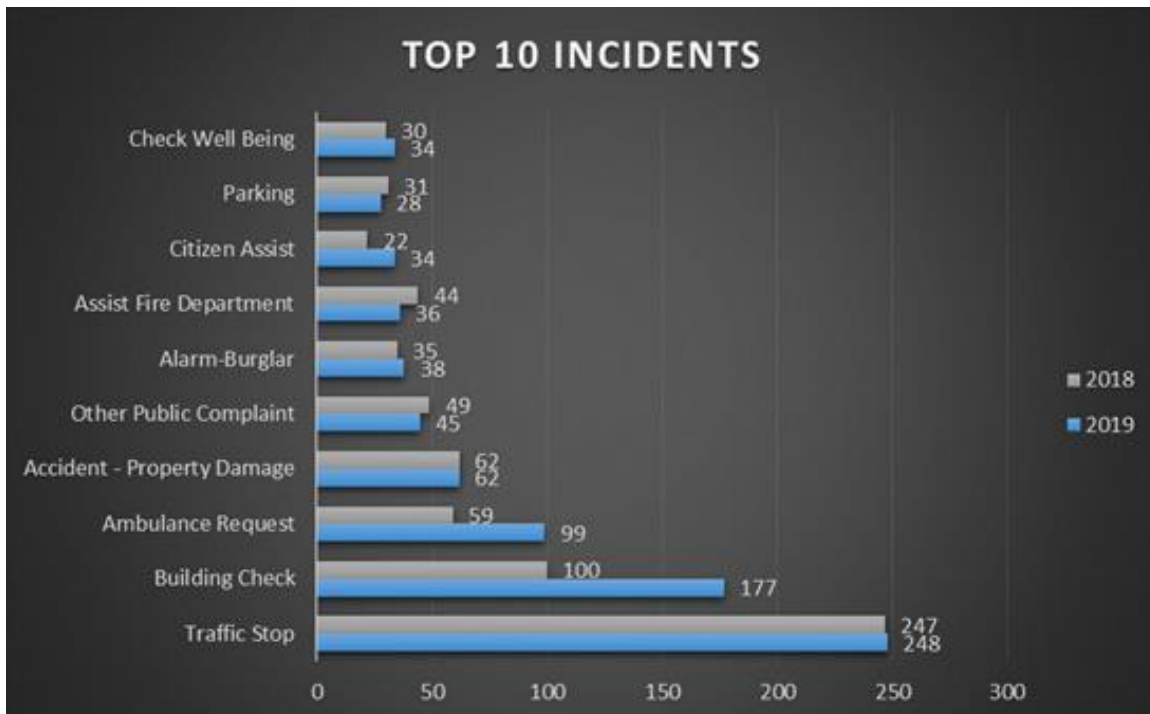
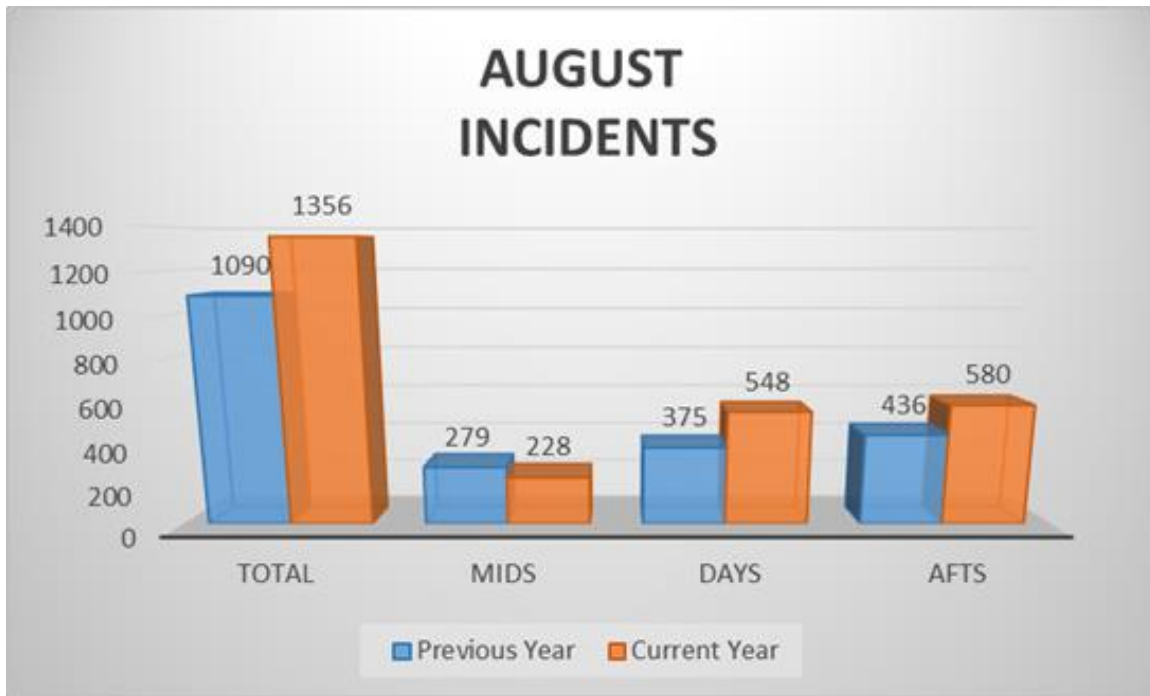


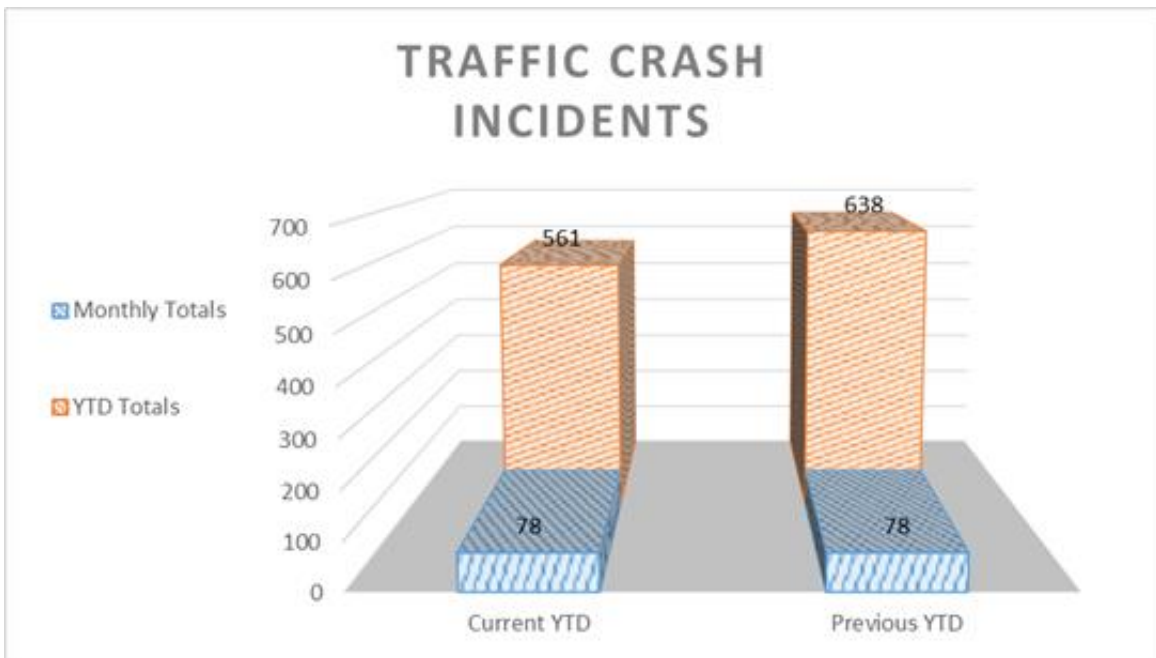
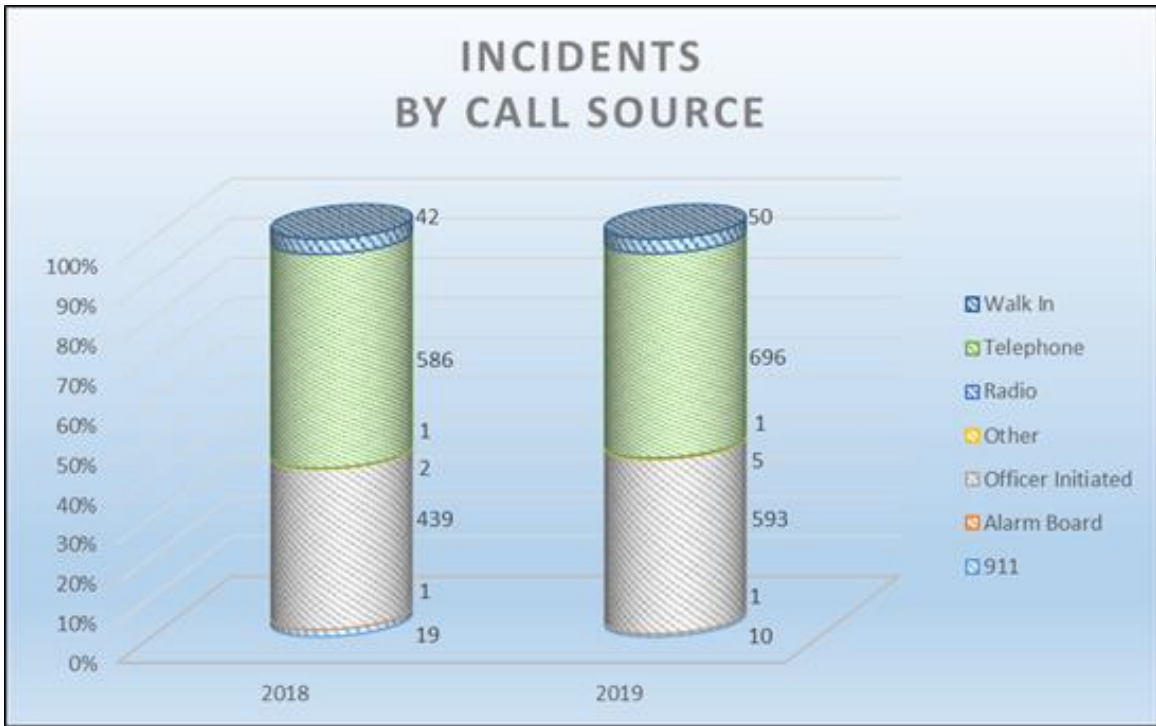
As part of the police department’s “Be the Change, Travel Safe in La Grange” traffic safety campaign, the afternoon shift conducted two different targeted enforcement details on Tuesday, August 27, 2019, to address ongoing safety problems.

- The first detail was conducted at the Brainard Avenue railroad crossing for pedestrian violations. Two officers spent approximately a half hour at that location and two LTHS students were observed violating the active crossing gates, as well as the visual and audible signals. Both students were stopped, educated and warned.
- The second detail was conducted at La Grange Road and Ogden Avenue, during rush hour, for motorist blocking the crosswalk on the south side of the intersection. Three officers spent about an hour at that location. Nineteen vehicles were found to be in violation. The drivers of each vehicle were warned, educated and presented with the informational flyer.

A few other items of note for this month are as follows:

- Squad Leader Jin Kang was selected as the department’s next Investigator. He is replacing Investigator Adam Coleman who was promoted to the rank of Sergeant.
- Officer Jerry Moncivais was selected to be the day shift Squad Leader. He will be replacing Squad Leader Ken Uher who was promoted to the rank of Sergeant.
- Officer Kevin Comstock was selected to be the afternoon shift Squad Leader. He will be replacing Squad Leader Jin Kang who transitioned into Investigations.





August Training Hours

Course Title	Officer	End Date	Start Date	Hours
Report Writing for Patrol Officers	Kaiser	08/02/2019	08/02/2019	8
Report Writing for Patrol Officers	McDermott	08/02/2019	08/02/2019	8
Trauma Informed Response: Sexual Assault	Burrell	08/16/2019	08/16/2019	8
Trauma Informed Response: Sexual Assault	Piraino	08/16/2019	08/16/2019	8
B.E.A.S.T. Users Group	Rohlicek	08/16/2019	08/16/2019	8
Ground Fighting Control Tactics	Comstock	08/22/2019	08/21/2019	16
Ground Fighting Control Tactics	Nemecek	08/22/2019	08/21/2019	16

Total: 72 hours

August Case Table

Case Date	Case Type	Officer	Status
08/01/2019 12:55:14	Criminal Damage	236 - Uher	Closed - Low Solvability
08/01/2019 23:34:00	Death Investigation	239 - Wolf	Closed - Report Purposes Only
08/02/2019 13:07:58	Disturbance - Domestic	255 - Piraino	Closed - Report Purposes Only
08/02/2019 17:31:34	Missing Person	245 - Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
08/03/2019 00:29:54	Disturbance - Domestic	252 - Falls	Closed - Report Purposes Only
08/03/2019 10:11:17	Missing Person	235 - Rogers	Closed - Report Purposes Only
08/03/2019 14:54:05	Battery	242 - Comstock	Closed - Low Solvability
08/03/2019 14:56:07	Suspicious Activity	245 - Irizarry	Closed - Low Solvability
08/03/2019 21:27:14	Juvenile Problems	245 - Irizarry	Closed - Unfounded
08/04/2019 13:43:05	Theft	230 - Burrell	Closed - Report Purposes Only
08/04/2019 17:49:15	Disturbance - Domestic	242 - Comstock	Closed - Report Purposes Only
08/04/2019 19:34:05	Property - Found Articles	242 - Comstock	Closed - Report Purposes Only
08/05/2019 07:50:35	Death Investigation	250 - Nemecek	Closed - Report Purposes Only
08/05/2019 16:41:53	Identity Theft	253 - Kaiser	Closed - Report Purposes Only
08/05/2019 18:48:25	Accident	248 - McDermott	Closed By Arrest
08/06/2019 21:50:54	Theft	253 - Kaiser	Closed - Report Purposes Only
08/07/2019 18:37:59	Information Report	245 - Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
08/08/2019 12:22:16	Burglary to Vehicle	230 - Burrell	Closed - Report Purposes Only
08/08/2019 13:19:53	Deceptive Practice	250 - Nemecek	Closed - Report Purposes Only
08/08/2019 17:08:57	Deceptive Practice	244 - Coleman	Exceptional Clearance
08/08/2019 22:41:12	Juvenile Problems	245 - Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
08/09/2019 12:46:16	Theft	250 - Nemecek	Closed - Low Solvability
08/09/2019 22:45:57	Traffic - Other	242 - Comstock	Closed By Arrest
08/10/2019 20:35:10	Suspicious Activity	245 - Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only

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Case Date	Case Type	Officer	Status
08/12/2019 13:34:51	Theft	255 - Piraino	Closed - Low Solvability
08/12/2019 16:29:42	Disturbance - Other	248 - McDermott	Closed - Report Purposes Only
08/13/2019 15:01:10	Identity Theft	248 - McDermott	Closed - Low Solvability
08/13/2019 19:15:59	Disturbance - Domestic	242 - Comstock	Closed - Report Purposes Only
08/13/2019 23:24:29	DUI	252 - Falls	Closed By Arrest
08/13/2019 23:25:37	Missing Person	239 - Wolf	Closed - Report Purposes Only
08/14/2019 13:12:39	Disorderly Conduct	235 - Rogers	Closed - Report Purposes Only
08/14/2019 15:33:22	Disorderly Conduct	246 - Kang	Closed - Report Purposes Only
08/15/2019 13:31:42	Deceptive Practice	246 - Kang	Pending
08/16/2019 00:13:07	DUI	254 - Cassiberry	Closed By Arrest
08/16/2019 11:00:34	Information Report	232 - Moncivais	Closed - Report Purposes Only
08/17/2019 06:33:27	Criminal Damage	239 - Wolf	Closed - Low Solvability
08/17/2019 22:14:25	Theft	248 - McDermott	Closed - Low Solvability
08/18/2019 11:57:52	General Mischief	230 - Burrell	Closed - Report Purposes Only
08/19/2019 08:44:47	Burglary	236 - Uher	Pending
08/19/2019 12:55:48	Check Well Being	230 - Burrell	Closed - Report Purposes Only
08/19/2019 14:45:23	Theft	248 - McDermott	Closed - Low Solvability
08/20/2019 15:03:34	Battery	248 - McDermott	Closed - Report Purposes Only
08/20/2019 17:13:51	Theft	248 - McDermott	Closed - Report Purposes Only
08/21/2019 12:57:39	Ambulance	255 - Piraino	Closed - Report Purposes Only
08/21/2019 15:22:00	Deceptive Practice	248 - McDermott	Closed - Low Solvability
08/21/2019 16:37:05	Disorderly Conduct	248 - McDermott	Closed - Unfounded
08/22/2019 11:41:33	Juvenile Problems	243 - Andries	Closed - Report Purposes Only
08/23/2019 14:28:03	Theft	250 - Nemecek	Closed - Report Purposes Only
08/24/2019 01:51:21	Disturbance - Domestic	253 - Kaiser	Closed - Report Purposes Only
08/24/2019 14:05:34	Theft	230 - Burrell	Closed - Report Purposes Only
08/24/2019 23:05:26	Disturbance - Domestic	246 - Kang	Closed - Report Purposes Only
08/25/2019 10:11:35	Criminal Damage	235 - Rogers	Closed - Report Purposes Only
08/25/2019 11:09:46	Criminal Damage/Trespass	250 - Nemecek	Closed - Report Purposes Only
08/25/2019 20:00:56	Ambulance	245 - Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
08/25/2019 21:32:56	Disturbance - Domestic	254 - Cassiberry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
08/26/2019 00:22:36	Disturbance - Domestic	239 - Wolf	Closed - Report Purposes Only
08/26/2019 04:47:58	Disturbance - Neighbor	228 - Herrera	Closed - Report Purposes Only
08/26/2019 12:32:37	Identity Theft	235 - Rogers	Closed - Low Solvability
08/26/2019 13:00:28	Other	230 - Burrell	Closed - Report Purposes Only
08/27/2019 12:58:40	Death Investigation	230 - Burrell	Closed - Report Purposes Only
08/27/2019 18:39:07	Disorderly Conduct	248 - McDermott	Closed - Report Purposes Only
08/27/2019 19:32:33	Disturbance - Other	253 - Kaiser	TOT Other Agency
08/28/2019 10:41:13	Criminal Damage	255 - Piraino	Closed - Report Purposes Only

Case Date	Case Type	Officer	Status
08/28/2019 18:47:48	Disorderly Conduct	242 - Comstock	Closed - Report Purposes Only
08/28/2019 20:24:59	Arson	242 - Comstock	Closed - Low Solvability
08/28/2019 21:59:59	Disturbance - Domestic	242 - Comstock	Closed - Report Purposes Only
08/30/2019 12:09:00	Identity Theft	250 - Nemecek	Closed - Report Purposes Only
08/30/2019 16:16:10	Theft	246 - Kang	Closed - Report Purposes Only

DAY SHIFT ACTIVITIES

ARRESTS:

N/A

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

The Dayshift shift completed 148 traffic contacts, which included 1 Misdemeanor Traffic Arrest for Driving while License Suspended/Revoked/No Valid D/L. Shift Officers completed 28 Illinois Traffic Crash reports that were property damage only. The shift Officers issued 56 parking/compliance citations for No Village vehicle sticker and other parking violations. The shift Officers conducted 40 Building/Business Premise Checks and Foot Patrols. They also conducted 53 Community Contacts with area schools in conjunction with the start of the 2019-2020 school year.

Day shift members completed 7 Stop Cards and issued 15 Compliance citations for commercial motor vehicles during the month of August 2019.

Shift members participated in the St. Cletus Health and Wellness event on August 11.

D/C Peters, Sgt. Rohlicek and Sgt. Uher participated in the Lyons Township High School area Police Department and Fire Department Safety Articulation Breakfast on August 27, which was followed by their school lockdown drill.

TRAINING:

Ofc. Nemecek attended a two-day training course on ground fighting.

Officers Burrell and Piraino attended a training class on Trauma Informed Response to Sexual Assault.

Sgt. Rohlicek attended a one-day training class on the BEAST Property Management System.

Shift Officers completed police law and Lexipol daily training bulletins.

AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES

ARRESTS:

Ofc. McDermott arrested a 63-year-old Aurora male for Driving While License Suspended/Revoked after he was involved in a crash at Ogden Avenue and La Grange Road. The subject was also cited for Improper Lane Usage.

Ofc. Cassiberry arrested a 23-year-old Chicago female on an outstanding Bond Forfeiture Arrest Warrant for the original charge of Driving While License Suspended/Revoked. Cicero PD originally took the subject into custody on an unrelated incident.

Ofc. Comstock arrested a 43-year-old Countryside male for Driving While License Suspended/Revoked. The subject was originally stopped for a traffic violation at Elm and La Grange Road.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

Sergeant Miles Odom retired after 22 years of service

Afternoon Shift Officers attended 6 block parties throughout the Village

Afternoon Shift Officers conducted special traffic and educational enforcement campaign at La Grange Road and Ogden Avenue for drivers of vehicles obstructing the intersection and/or pedestrian marked crosswalk.

Afternoon Shift Officers conducted special educational enforcement of the railroad crossing at Brainard Avenue and Hillgrove Avenue, related to pedestrian violations.

Deputy Chief Peters, Sergeant Wardlaw and Officer Irizarry attended a Cultural Connections Event between Law Enforcement and the Deaf community hosted by Columbia College.

Ofc. Comstock attended a Ground Control Tactics training class

Ofc. McDermott and Ofc. Kaiser attended Report Writing training

The Afternoon Shift Officers monitored Endless Summer Festival at Gordon Park

MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES

ARRESTS:

Ofc. Falls arrested a 30-year-old male subject from Aurora for D.U.I. and other traffic offenses. Subject was involved in a property damage traffic accident. Subject was processed and released on bond with a return court date.

Ofc. Cassiberry arrested a 41-year-old male subject from Chicago for D.U.I, Fleeing or Attempting to Elude and other traffic offenses. Subject drove his vehicle onto the railroad tracks at La Grange Road/Burlington Avenue, and then fled the scene, subsequently crashing his vehicle in the yard of

a residence in La Grange Park. Subject was processed and released on bond with a return court date.

S/L Herrera arrested a 25-year-old male subject from Cicero for misdemeanor Speeding (35 mph or more over the limit). Subject was processed and released on bond with a return court date.

INVESTIGATIONS:

N/A

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

The Midnight shift completed 40 traffic contacts, which included 2 misdemeanor Traffic Arrests for Driving while License Suspended/Revoked/No Valid D/L and investigated 4 property damage traffic accidents. Shift Officers issued 146 parking citations for overnight parking and other violations. Shift Officers conducted 80 Building/Business Premise Checks and Foot Patrols. Officers also conducted traffic/parking control, street closure and barricade placement operations in support of the Endless Summer Fest.

TRAINING:

The shift continued completing the Police Law Institute online training along with the Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins.

INVESTIGATIONS ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS:

Follow-up investigation into a missing endangered person, last reported to be at unknown location on the north side of Chicago. Investigators are currently working with family members to locate subject.

Forgery case turned over to this agency from Charlevoix PD (Michigan). Investigators are in the preliminary stages of this investigation and are seeking additional information/documents.

Investigators assisted Dayshift Officers with a Forgery/Deceptive Practice case involving 4 suspects who passed counterfeit US Currency in La Grange, Brookfield and La Grange Park at retail establishments. The Cook County State's Attorney's Office ultimately elected not to approve charges.

Investigators assisted Dayshift Officers with a Death Investigation. This agency's findings were turned over to the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office.

ARREST:

LTHS student issued a compliance citation for minor in possession of an e-cigarette device.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

Afternoon Shift Squad Leader Jin Kang was selected as the new Investigator, replacing outgoing Investigator and newly promoted Sergeant Adam Coleman. Investigator Kang began training in the Investigations Unit.

Attended Major Case Assistance Team (MCAT) monthly meeting

Continued working on police applicant backgrounds

Attended All Our Children's Advocacy Center case review

SRO assisted LTHS with the first lockdown drill of the school year as well as ALCIE training of staff members and attended the Freshman Experience Day at the South Campus

AUXILIARY AND PART-TIME POLICE UNITS

The Auxiliary Unit volunteered for 107 hours of work during the month of August. 11 hours were spent conducting house checks, 21 hours on patrol and another 52 staff hours were spent on special details. The remainder of the hours was for training and administrative tasks.

The part-time officers completed 1 traffic contact and issued 3 citations. They were also active during the month, responding to 60 calls for service in the community. The part-time officers' activity is lower than usually because they were assigned to the parking deck and downtown area for patrol duties. The officers were not responding to calls and were not conducting typical patrol duties.

PARKING DIVISION

The parking division registered \$19,625 in parking fines through conventional payments, online payments or collection efforts.

TRUCK ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS: AUGUST 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	08/19/19	13:49	C		1	2	
		08/19/19	12:34	C			2	
		08/19/19	13:00		W	1		
		08/19/19	11:49	C		1		
	0		Sub-total by Area					
	La Grange & West							
	0		Sub-total by Area					
Other	East Ave	08/19/19	9:40	C		1	1	
		08/19/19	12:33	C		1		
		08/19/19	10:30	C		1		
		08/19/19	10:01	C		1	1	
		08/16/19	10:45		W	1	1	
		08/19/19	8:12		W	1		
		08/19/19	8:43		W		1	
		08/19/19	6:45		W		1	
		08/19/19	7:08		W	1	1	
		08/19/19	12:33	C		1		
		08/19/19	5:22		W		1	
		08/19/19	10:30	C		1		
	12		Sub-total by Area					
	47th Street							
0		Sub-total by Area						
0		Sub-total by Area		12	1	10	0	0

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

PATROL ACTIVITIES	August		August		2019	2018
	2019		2018		YTD	YTD
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	1,309		1,089		9,356	9,328
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	62		63		466	504
FELONY ARRESTS	0		1		8	13
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	1		5		25	21
DUI ARRESTS	2		1		9	10
WARRANT ARRESTS	1		1		13	14
TRAFFIC VERBAL WARNINGS	177		168		1,567	1,390
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	51		39		426	335
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	55		71		418	496
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	182	903	178	759	6,984	4,612
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	721		581			
JUVENILE ARRESTS	0		2		5	6
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	7		14		62	120