

LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Memorandum



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

Attached for your review are the general statistics for the shift activities for the month of September 2019. It was another busy month with the department focusing on transition/change after three retirements, start of new projects and a continued emphasis on training.



On Monday, September 9th, newly promoted Sergeant Ken Uher attended an 80-hour supervision class taught by Northwestern University's Center for Public Safety. The two-week Supervision of Police Personnel (SPP) course prepares law enforcement supervisors for success in the unique environment of the law enforcement profession as they perform one of the most critical roles in any law enforcement agency. The course includes instruction on the key elements of dynamic leadership, employee performance appraisal, planning and decision-making, the disciplinary process, ethics, professionalism and community image as well as several other areas of supervision. The class was held at the Naperville Police Department. Newly promoted Sergeant Adam Coleman will be attending the same class the first two weeks of October.

On Wednesday, September 11th, members of the La Grange Police Department and Fire Department, as well as you attended a Patriot Day ceremony hosted by the Robert E. Coulter, Jr. American Legion Post 1941. The event was held to reflect upon the events of September 11, 2001 and to honor the almost 3,000 victims that died that day. Fire Chief Terry Vavra was the keynote speaker.

Due to recent retirements, the police department currently has four police officer vacancies. In an effort to fill those openings, the police department began accepting applications for the position of police officer on Thursday, September 12th. This is the first step in the process of establishing a new Police Officer Eligibility List. The police department contracted with I/O Solutions, out of Oak Brook to manage this process. I/O Solutions is completing the advertising, overseeing the application process and administering the exam. The written exam will take place on Saturday, November 2nd at the LT South Campus.





<https://iosolutions.com/product/la-grange-il-police-officer-job-application/>

With the promotions of Sergeant Ken Uher and Sergeant Adam Coleman, the police department's current promotional list was exhausted. With the approval of the Board of Fire and Police

Commissioners, a new promotional process, for the rank of Sergeant, was announced on Wednesday, August 28th. All officers wishing to participate in this process were required to submit a letter of interest by 4 p.m. on Monday, September 9th. I received nine (9) submissions out of a possible sixteen (16), which equates to 56% of the eligible officers (one officer was not eligible due to his seniority). The process will include a written exam, an assessment center (scenario-based exercises) and an oral interview with the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners. This process is ongoing.

On Monday, September 16th, Investigator Jin Kang began his first solo week in Investigations. Jin spent several weeks training with Sergeant Adam Coleman but Investigator Kang is now on his own. He replaces Adam Coleman who was promoted to Sergeant.

 On Monday, September 16th, installation of new digital cameras began at the parking deck by the Village's chosen vendor, Critical Technologies. This is part of a larger project that includes upgrading antiquated cameras at Public Works, the parking deck and the Police Department. It also includes an upgrade to the camera software and an expansion of server storage. Overall, twenty (20) cameras were installed in the parking deck, three (3) new cameras were installed at Public Works and replace sixteen (16) cameras at the police department. The Village Board approved this purchase in April after the completion of an RFP process. The project will be completed in October.

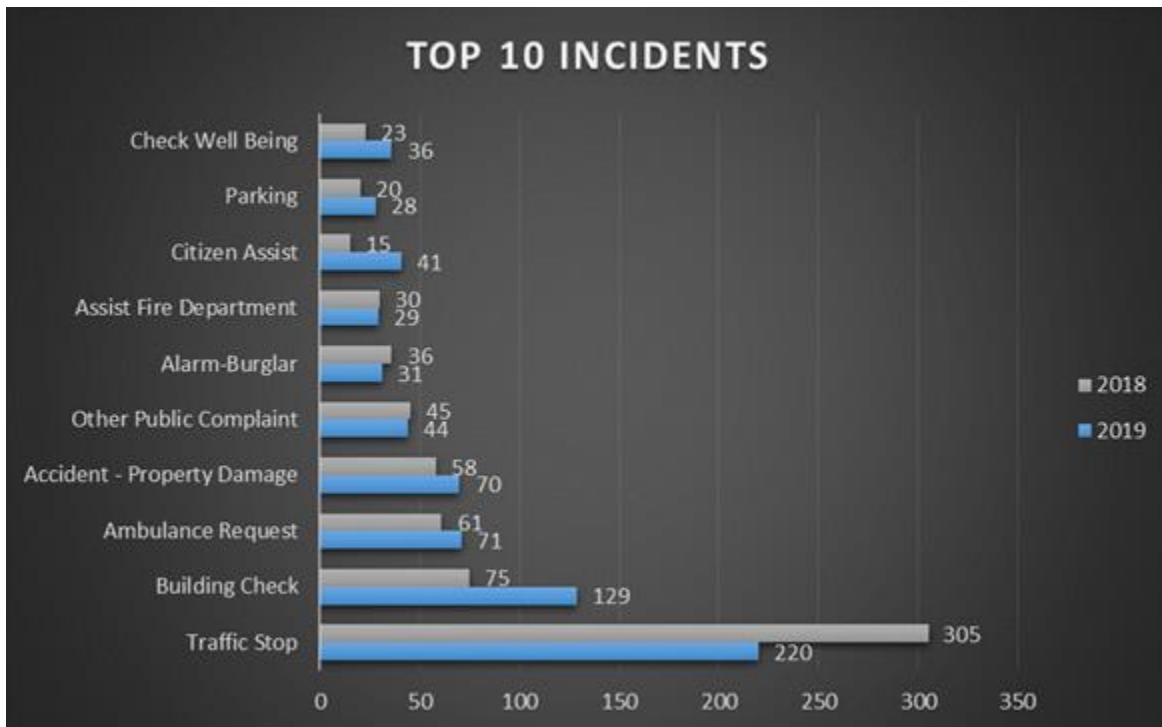
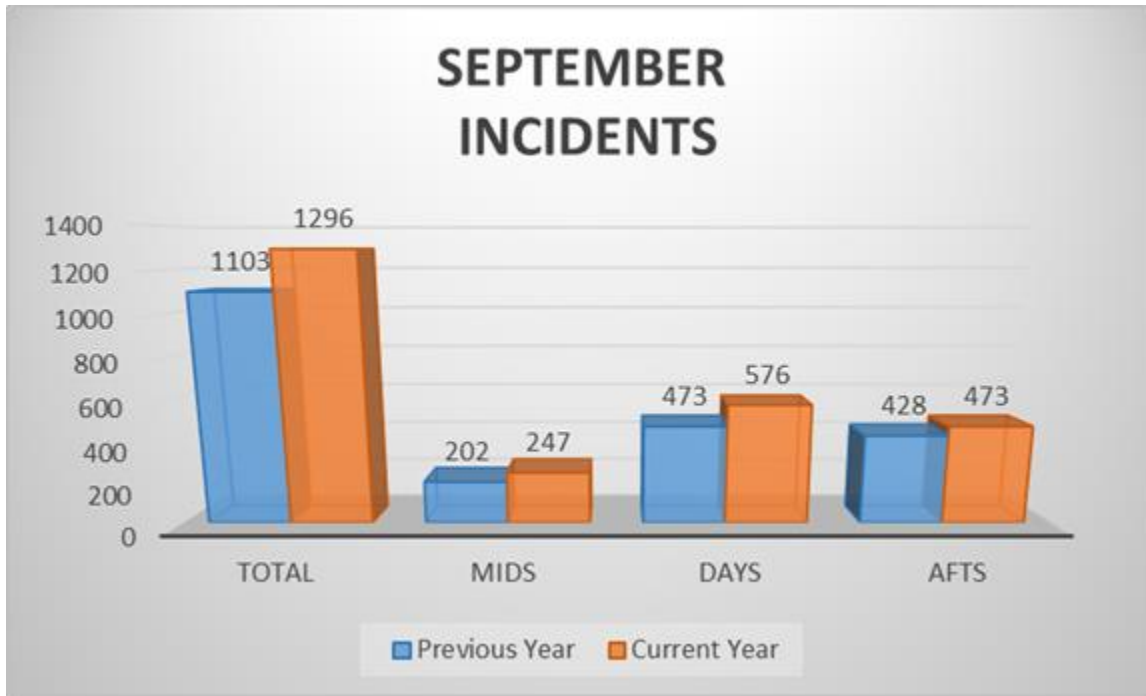
 On Sunday, September 15th, several officers participated in train familiarization training with the BNSF. BNSF scheduled a train to stop at multiple locations along their line and provided a 30-minute training session to first responders. One such stop was the La Grange Road Train Station. The training focused on familiarization with various aspects of the equipment, including door and window operation, boarding equipment, emergency communication, and locomotive hazards and fuel shutoff.

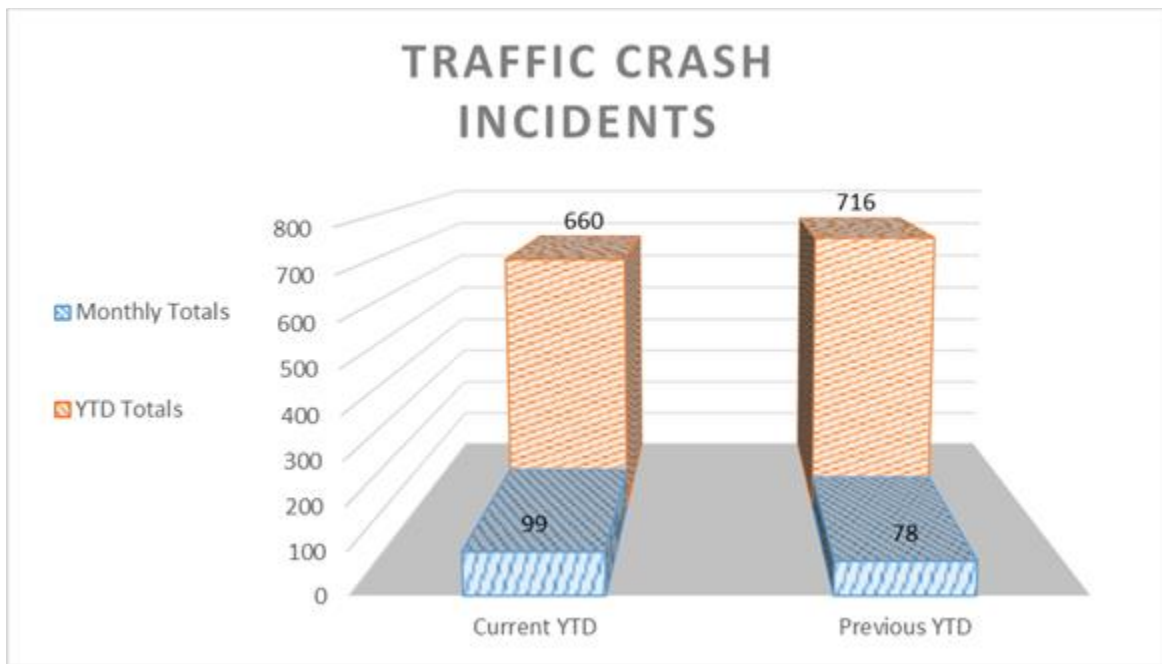
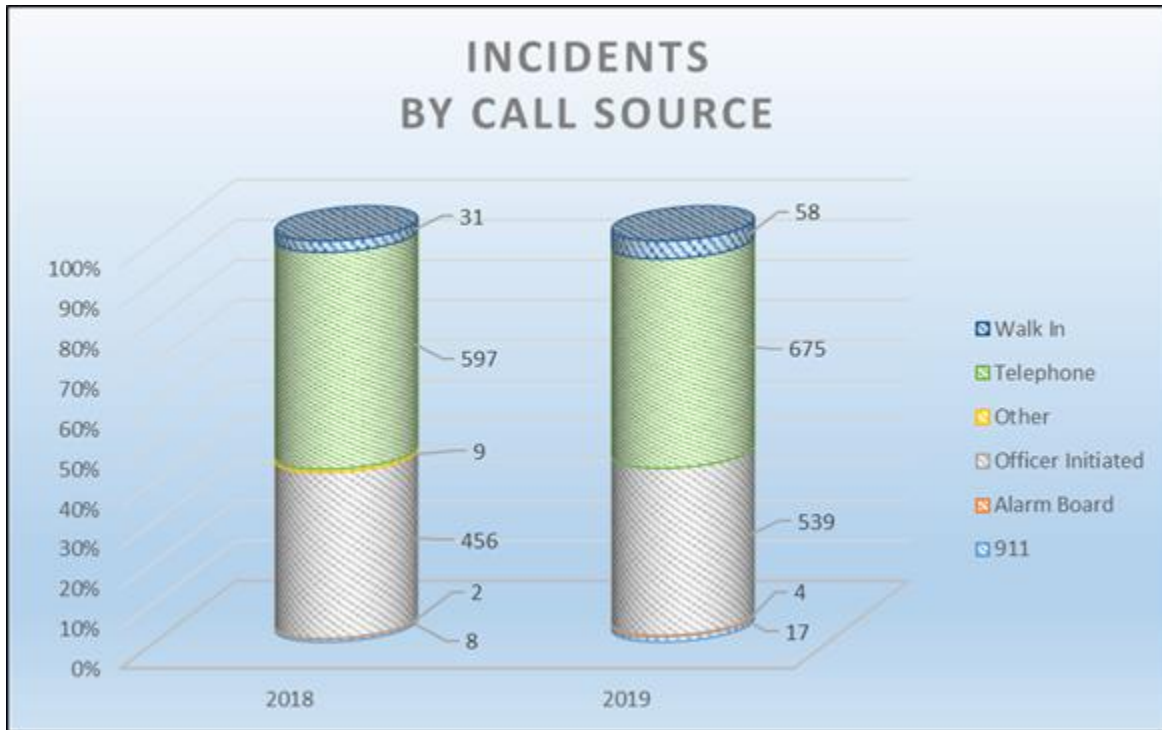
On Monday, September 23rd, Sergeant Dave Rohlicek and Officer Taylor Falls posted train safety information at both La Grange train depots, at the LT North Campus and on Facebook. This was done as part of Illinois Rail Safety Week. This is both an educational and enforcement initiative. Officers also spent time conducting enforcement activities around the crossings throughout the Village.



Captain Brian Sible of the La Grange Fire Department retired on Thursday, September 12, 2019 with almost twenty-six (26) years of service to the residents of La Grange. The men and women of the La Grange Police Department want to congratulate Captain Sible on a wonderful career and wish him and his family well as Captain Sible embarks on the next chapter of his life.







September Training Hours

Course Title	Officer	Start date	End Date	Hours
Supervision of Police Personnel	Uher	09/09/2019	09/20/2019	80
Law Enforcement Ethics For Patrol	Piraino	09/10/2019	09/10/2019	8
TLOC	Peters	09/10/2019	09/10/2019	6
Live Fire Exercise	Coleman	09/12/2019	09/13/2019	16
Live Fire Exercise	Kang	09/12/2019	09/13/2019	16
Ground Fighting Control Tactics-Female Officers	Cassiberry	09/24/2019	09/25/2019	16
Ground Fighting Control Tactics-Female Officers	McDermott	09/24/2019	09/25/2019	16
Advanced Elderly Service Officer ESO	Falls	09/25/2019	09/25/2019	3
Member Orientation to IRMA	Uher	09/26/2019	09/26/2019	4
Trauma Informed Response to Sexual Assault	McDermott	09/27/2019	09/27/2019	8

Total:173 Hours

September Case Table

Case Date	Case Type	Officer	Status
09/01/2019 16:52:42	Battery	250 – Nemecek	Closed By Arrest
09/02/2019 12:40:00	Traffic - Other	245 – Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/02/2019 15:50:10	Disturbance-Domestic	242 – Comstock	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/02/2019 16:51:45	Ambulance	245 – Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/02/2019 18:29:26	Ambulance	245 – Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/03/2019 08:00:22	Lockout	252 – Falls	TOT Other Agency
09/03/2019 17:01:21	Identity Theft	245 – Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/04/2019 07:21:42	Disorderly Conduct	243 – Andries	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/04/2019 21:12:39	Information Report	248 - McDermott	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/05/2019 07:03:20	Identity Theft	252 – Falls	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/05/2019 16:15:10	Deceptive Practice	242 – Comstock	Closed - Low Solvability
09/05/2019 18:22:24	Retail Theft	248 - McDermott	Closed - Low Solvability
09/05/2019 22:15:19	Check Well Being	245 – Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/07/2019 13:21:26	Deceptive Practice	248 - McDermott	Closed - Low Solvability
09/07/2019 20:09:48	Battery	255 – Piraino	Pending
09/08/2019 11:18:15	Criminal Trespass	248 - McDermott	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/08/2019 22:03:21	Disturbance - Other	248 - McDermott	Closed By Arrest
09/09/2019 13:40:17	Information Report	245 – Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/09/2019 17:17:57	Ambulance	245 – Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/09/2019 20:57:50	Disturbance-Domestic	255 – Piraino	Closed - Report Purposes Only

Case Date	Case Type	Officer	Status
09/10/2019 16:43:00	Suspicious Activity	245 – Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/11/2019 00:05:56	Battery	254 - Cassiberry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/11/2019 11:49:27	Identity Theft	235 – Rogers	Closed - Low Solvability
09/11/2019 15:36:09	Information Report	245 – Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/12/2019 07:22:21	Suspicious Activity	243 – Andries	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/12/2019 15:29:15	Theft	245 – Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/12/2019 15:43:43	Identity Theft	248 - McDermott	Closed - Low Solvability
09/12/2019 21:53:30	Disturbance - Other	245 – Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/14/2019 09:12:48	Theft	230 – Burrell	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/14/2019 10:09:02	Disturbance-Domestic	252 – Falls	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/17/2019 12:41:51	Criminal Damage	252 – Falls	Pending
09/17/2019 14:44:46	Suspicious Activity	245 – Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/17/2019 17:06:33	Village Ord. Violation	242 – Comstock	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/17/2019 20:28:13	Traffic Stop	255 – Piraino	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/18/2019 09:41:39	Disorderly Conduct	200 – Rohlicek	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/18/2019 09:45:54	Drug Offenses	243 – Andries	Closed Juvenile Arrest
09/19/2019 16:18:55	Suspicious Person	248 - McDermott	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/19/2019 18:08:57	Death Investigation	245 – Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/19/2019 18:43:15	Juvenile Problems	250 – Nemecek	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/20/2019 18:37:34	Criminal Trespass	248 - McDermott	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/20/2019 20:24:36	Disorderly Conduct	245 – Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/21/2019 16:19:43	Disturbance-Domestic	248 - McDermott	Closed - Report Purposes Only

DAYSHIFT SHIFT ACTIVITIES

ARRESTS:

Two traffic arrests, which are listed below.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

The Dayshift shift completed 140 traffic contacts, which included 2 Misdemeanor Traffic Arrests for Driving while License Suspended/Revoked/No Valid D/L. Shift Officers completed 32 Illinois Traffic Crash reports of which: 28 were property damage, 2 were personal injury, 1 pedestrian and 1 bicyclist. The shift Officers issued 26 parking/compliance citations for No Village Vehicle Sticker and other parking violations. The shift Officers conducted 95 community contacts with area schools, mainly as the students were arriving at school.

Shift members assisted and provided additional security for the West End Arts Fest through the weekend of September 6 – 8.

Ofc. Falls and Sgt. Rohlicek attended the annual St. Cletus First Responder mass on 9/08.

Shift members attended the 9/11 first responders recognition at American Legion Hall

Ofc. Falls led the Pledge of Allegiance at Seventh Avenue School on 9/11 to start the school day.

Shift members attended Rail Safe training on 9/15 and participated in Rail Safety week from 9/22-9/26 by educating pedestrians of the traffic safety laws around railroad tracks with banners, flyers and face-to-face interaction.

Shift members assisted St. Francis Xavier School with their homecoming parade.

Ofc. Falls is in the process of teaching the D.A.R.E. program to the fifth graders at 7th Avenue School one day per week.

TRAINING:

Sgt. Uher successfully completed the Supervision of Police Personnel two week training class.

AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS:

Ofc. Irizarry, Ofc. McDermott, Ofc. Nemecek, Inv. Kang and Sgt. Wardlaw responded to a Death Investigation. This agency's findings were later turned over to the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office.

Ofc. Irizarry investigated a Battery complaint. The offender was ultimately identified and issued a No Trespass to Property warning per the victim's request. No criminal complaints were signed.

ARREST / CITATIONS:

Ofc. McDermott arrested a 76-year-old male from Chicago for Criminal Trespass to Property, Assault and Disorderly Conduct. Ofc. Piraino and S/L Comstock assisted with the investigation and arrest.

Ofc. Piraino arrested a 76-year-old Crystal Lake male for Driving with No Valid Driver's License. The subject was additionally issued citations for various other traffic violations.

Ofc. Nemecek arrested a 61-year-old Des Plaines male for Battery and Unlawful Use of a Weapon. Ofc. Piraino, Ofc. Irizarry and S/L Comstock assisted with the investigation and arrest.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

Afternoon Shift Officers attended 23 block parties throughout the Village.

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

Afternoon Shift Officers monitored and participated in local community events: St. Cletus Festival, West End Arts Festival, St. Francis Oktoberfest, Cossitt School Bicycle Rodeo and Ogden Ave School Bicycle Rodeo.

TRAINING:

Ofc. McDermott attended a two-day Ground Fighting/Control Tactics class

Ofc. McDermott attended a one day Trauma Response to Sexual Assault class.

Ofc. Piraino attended a one-day LE Ethics class

MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES

ARRESTS:

Ofc. Cassiberry arrested a 30-year-old male subject from LaGrange who had an active Warrant out of Oak Lawn for Obstructing Identification. Subject was turned over to Oak Lawn P.D.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

The Midnight shift completed 53 traffic contacts, which included 1 misdemeanor Traffic Arrest for Driving while License Suspended/Revoked/No Valid D/L and investigated 3 property damage traffic accidents, one of which was a hit & run, and 1 personal injury traffic accident. Shift Officers issued 104 parking citations for overnight parking and other violations. Shift Officers conducted 96 Building/Business Premise Checks and Foot Patrols. Officers also conducted traffic/parking control, street closure and barricade placement operations in support of the West End Arts Festival

TRAINING:

The shift continued completing the Police Law Institute online training along with the Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. In addition, Ofc. Cassiberry completed the 2-day Ground Fighting Control Tactics for Female Officers training course.

INVESTIGATIONS ACTIVITIES:

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SRO Andries and Inv. Kang conducted an investigation into a subject trespassing at LTHS on multiple dates. The subject was identified, located and issued a No Trespass to Property Order. Case closed.

Inv. Kang assisted Afternoon Shift Officers with a Death Investigation. This agency's findings were turned over to the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office.

Inv. Kang conducted an investigation into a Neglect/Abuse complaint between a caseworker and client. The complaint was determined to be unfounded.

ARREST / CITATIONS:

SRO Andries and Inv. Kang arrested one juvenile LTHS student on charges of Possession of Cannabis – more than 100 grams less than 500 grams. The juvenile was petitioned to Cook County Juvenile Court.

SRO Andries issued a Civil Law Citation for Possession of Cannabis – Less than 10 grams to two juvenile LTHS students

SRO Andries issued a Civil Law Citation for Possession of Cannabis – Less than 10 grams and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia to a juvenile LTHS student.

SRO Andries issued a Civil Law Citation for Possession of Cannabis to an adult LTHS student.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

Inv. Kang continued working on two police applicant backgrounds

Inv. Kang assisted the South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force (SSMCTF) with a Homicide Investigation in Indian Head Park

SRO Andries assisted LTHS South campus SRO with two football home games.

SRO Andries attended LTHS Homecoming Parade and Homecoming Dance.

SRO Andries assisted Cossitt School staff by speaking with three students regarding social media postings.

SRO Andries attended the Youth Anti-Drug Coalition meeting.

TRAINING:

Inv. Kang and Sgt. Coleman attended a two day MCAT Tactical Vehicle Live Fire Course.

SRO Andries participated in American Sign Language Level II class.

AUXILIARY AND PART-TIME POLICE UNITS

The Auxiliary Unit volunteered 65.75 hours during the month of September. 6.25 hours were spent conducting house checks, 14 hours on patrol and another 19 staff hours were spent on special details. The remainder of the hours was for training and administrative tasks.

The part-time officers completed 3 traffic contacts and issued 1 citations. They were also active during the month responding to 67 calls for service in the community.

PARKING DIVISION

The parking division registered \$20,785 in parking fines through conventional payments, online payments or collection efforts.

**TRUCK ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS
SEPTEMBER 2019**

	Location	Date	Time			Equipment	Moving	License/Reg	Weight	Insurance	
La Grange RD	CBD										
		0									
	Cossitt thru 47th										
		0									
Other											
	0										
Ogden Ave	East - La Grange RD										
		0									
	La Grange & West										
		0									
Other	East Ave	09/19/19	16:15	C		1					
		09/19/19	16:15		W			1			
		09/19/19	15:53	C		1					
		09/19/19	15:53	C		1					
		09/19/19	15:53		W			1			
		5									
	47th Street										
		0									
	Other										
		0					3	0	2	0	0

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

PATROL ACTIVITIES	September		September		2019	2018
	2019		2018		YTD	YTD
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	1,295		1,102		10,651	10,430
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	80		69		546	574
FELONY ARRESTS	0		0		8	13
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	4		2		29	23
DUI ARRESTS	0		1		9	11
WARRANT ARRESTS	1		2		14	16
TRAFFIC VERBAL WARNINGS	176		191		1,743	1,581
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	34		83		460	418
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	55		65		473	561
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	128	797	55	502	7,781	5,114
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	669		447			
JUVENILE ARRESTS	1		0		6	6
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	5		12		74	132

*Self-initiated activity is down due to several police officer vacancies.