

LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Memorandum



To: Andrianna Peterson, Village Manager
From: Kurt Bluder, Chief of Police
Date: December 20, 2019
Re: Monthly Report for November 2019

Attached for your review are the general statistics for the shift activities for the month of November 2019. Work continued on hiring new officers, project implementation and day-to-day activities as we move into the busy holiday season.



On Saturday morning, November 2nd, the La Grange Police Department held its written exam for the position of police officer at the LT South Campus. The current police officer candidate eligibility list has been exhausted and the BOFPC approved a new testing process. The Police Department retained the services of I/O Solutions (Oak Brook, IL) to proctor the exam. Thirty-seven (37) individuals submitted applications, thirty-two (32) took the exam and unfortunately, only twenty (20) passed the exam. The initial Eligibility Register was presented to the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners on Wednesday, November 20th, and it was approved. I/O Solutions then provided a ten (10) day period for candidates to submit preference points. These are points that can be added to the candidate's score for military service, education or for being a certified Police Officer. The Final Eligibility Register, with these points added, will be presented to the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners for approval in December.

On Tuesday morning, November 12th, I attended a training session on the U.S. Secret Service's National Threat Assessment Center. The training provided an overview of the most recent data regarding school violence and insight into assessing a students' risk for violence. The training was very informative and involved several case studies.



On Wednesday, November 13th, La Grange Police Department School Resource Officer Tim Andries, along with Western Springs School Resource Officer Ashlee Niezgoda and two Deans from Lyons Township High School attended a full-day training session regarding the U.S. Secret Service's National Threat Assessment Center. The training provided information of preventing targeted attacks in K-12 schools, typology of school attackers and reporting methods for students. There was also a Q&A session with experts that have led the research into this issue. More information can be found at <https://www.secretservice.gov/protection/ntac/>



In early November, the Police Department began a soft rollout of a cloud-based scheduling software program (Pace Scheduler) that had been purchased at the end of August. September and October were spent "building" the software or tailoring it to the Police Department's schedule. The software can be accessed

from any mobile device, allowing users to request vacation time, submit sick time, submit overtime, and provides for easier management of the schedule itself. It also allows the Police Department to furnish an Excel spreadsheet or a CSV file to the Finance Department for payroll processing, thus eliminating the need for paper timesheets. <https://www.pacescheduler.com/>

On Tuesday, November 19th, at about 5:13 p.m., La Grange Police Officers responded to a report of a vehicle struck by a freight train at Shawmut and the Indiana Harbor Belt railroad tracks. Fortunately, the vehicle was unoccupied when it was struck. The vehicle, which had four occupants, had inadvertently turned left onto the railroad tracks from westbound Shawmut, with the driver believing it was a roadway. After the vehicle became stuck on the railroad tracks, the occupants of the vehicle did not immediately exit the car.



A woman driving by, later identified as Betsy Buckley of La Grange Park, observed the vehicle stuck on the tracks and noticed a freight train traveling northbound on the railroad tracks several hundred feet south of the vehicle's location. Ms. Buckley parked and exited her car in an attempt to render aid. Ms. Buckley helped the four occupants, including two small children, exit their vehicle and move to a safe area away from the railroad tracks. Within a minute or so, the now, unoccupied vehicle was struck by the southbound freight train.

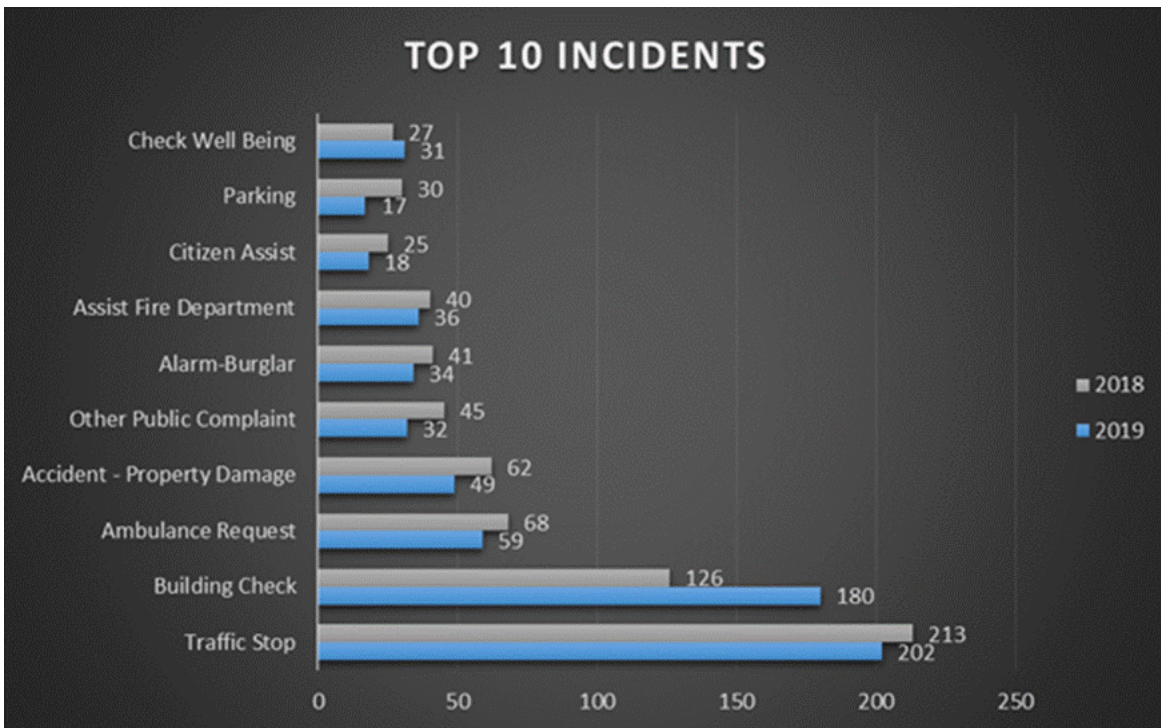
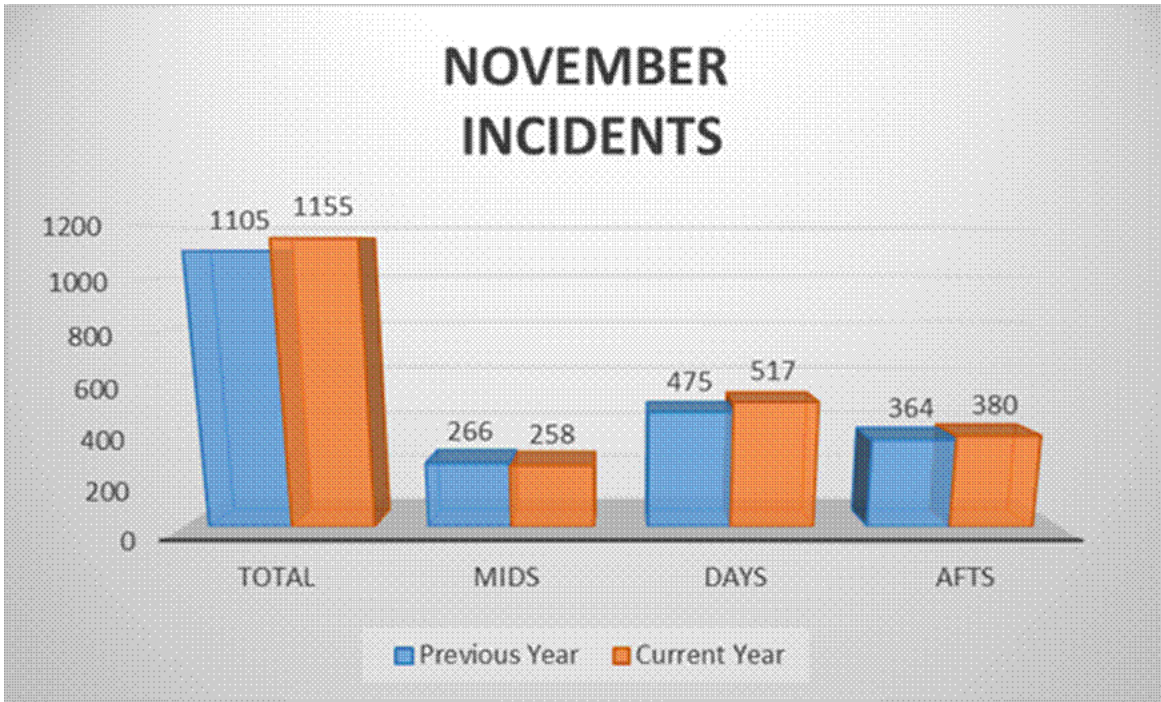
This story has garnered a lot of media attention due to Ms. Buckley's actions. The La Grange Police and Fire Departments will be recognizing Ms. Buckley at the Monday, January 13, 2020 meeting.

A sampling of news coverage is below:

[Chicago Sun-Times](#)

[ABC 7 Chicago](#)

[WGN TV](#)



November Training Hours

Course Title	Officer	End Date	Start Date	Hours
Sex Offender Registration Update	Kang	11/05/19	11/05/19	3
National Threat Assessment Center-School Safety	Bluder	11/12/19	11/12/19	3
National Threat Assessment Center-School Safety	Andries	11/13/19	11/13/19	8

Total: 14 Hours

November Case Table

Case Date	Case Type	Officer	Status
11/01/2019 16:12:13	Disturbance - Domestic	248 - McDermott	Closed - Report Purposes Only
11/03/2019 17:38:29	Theft	248 - McDermott	Closed - Low Solvability
11/03/2019 18:14:39	Disturbance - Domestic	242 - Comstock	Closed - Report Purposes Only
11/04/2019 11:07:42	Suspicious Activity	243 - Andries	Closed - Unfounded
11/04/2019 18:00:22	Theft	242 - Comstock	Closed - Report Purposes Only
11/05/2019 11:33:51	Theft	252 - Falls	Closed - Report Purposes Only
11/05/2019 18:15:46	Identity Theft	245 - Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
11/06/2019 04:15:07	Death Investigation	235 - Rogers	Closed - Report Purposes Only
11/06/2019 11:47:39	Suspicious Activity	230 - Burrell	Closed - Report Purposes Only
11/07/2019 10:46:48	Death Investigation	232 - Moncivais	Exceptional Clearance
11/07/2019 16:30:48	Burglary	248 - McDermott	Pending
11/08/2019 15:10:31	Aggravated Assault/Battery	245 - Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
11/09/2019 08:20:00	Criminal Damage	230 - Burrell	Closed - Report Purposes Only
11/09/2019 15:55:27	Criminal Damage	242 - Comstock	Closed - Report Purposes Only
11/10/2019 11:24:30	Theft	230 - Burrell	Closed - Report Purposes Only
11/11/2019 15:39:29	Missing Person	248 - McDermott	Closed - Report Purposes Only
11/12/2019 11:56:23	Theft	251 - Niewold	Pending
11/12/2019 12:57:37	Theft	252 - Falls	Closed - Unfounded
11/13/2019 17:26:03	Identity Theft	255 - Piraino	Pending
11/14/2019 05:01:22	Death Investigation	235 - Rogers	Closed - Report Purposes Only
11/14/2019 14:02:48	Criminal Damage	243 - Andries	Closed - Low Solvability
11/14/2019 18:11:47	Disturbance-Domestic	244 - Coleman	Closed - Report Purposes Only
11/15/2019 00:01:50	Battery	254 - Cassiberry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
11/15/2019 11:44:23	Criminal Damage	230 - Burrell	Closed - Report Purposes Only
11/15/2019 12:19:38	Criminal Damage	230 - Burrell	Closed - Report Purposes Only
11/15/2019 12:57:34	Theft	252 - Falls	Closed - Report Purposes Only
11/15/2019 15:51:12	Identity Theft	248 - McDermott	Closed - Report Purposes Only
11/16/2019 11:00:19	Identity Theft	235 - Rogers	Closed - Low Solvability

Case Date	Case Type	Officer	Status
11/17/2019 20:48:56	Ambulance	245 - Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
11/18/2019 11:28:31	Disturbance - Other	230 - Burrell	Closed - Report Purposes Only
11/18/2019 19:19:28	Juvenile Problems	245 - Irizarry	Pending
11/19/2019 17:17:00	Accident-Property Damage	242 - Comstock	Closed - Report Purposes Only
11/21/2019 13:56:42	Theft	251 - Niewold	Closed - Low Solvability
11/22/2019 18:46:58	Disturbance-Domestic	245 - Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
11/22/2019 20:57:34	Juvenile Problems	244 - Coleman	Closed Juvenile Arrest
11/23/2019 03:12:10	TOT Other Agency	228 - Herrera	TOT Other Agency
11/23/2019 06:06:34	Motor Vehicle Theft	228 - Herrera	Pending
11/23/2019 21:09:58	Juvenile Problems	245 - Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
11/24/2019 09:10:18	Disturbance - Neighbor	235 - Rogers	Closed - Report Purposes Only
11/24/2019 21:33:14	Accident-Property Damage	245 - Irizarry	Pending
11/25/2019 09:21:59	Theft	235 - Rogers	Closed - Low Solvability
11/25/2019 14:40:15	Theft	252 - Falls	Closed - Report Purposes Only
11/26/2019 08:01:48	Battery	235 - Rogers	Closed - Report Purposes Only
11/26/2019 08:25:12	Juvenile Problems	243 - Andries	Closed - Unfounded
11/26/2019 14:48:31	Disorderly Conduct	245 - Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
11/26/2019 20:34:18	Information Report	242 - Comstock	Closed - Report Purposes Only
11/26/2019 23:10:19	Disturbance - Domestic	254 - Cassiberry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
11/27/2019 14:33:57	Accident-Injuries	252 - Falls	Closed - Report Purposes Only
11/27/2019 16:23:33	Criminal Damage	250 - Nemecek	Closed - Low Solvability
11/28/2019 08:39:34	Disorderly Conduct	252 - Falls	Closed - Report Purposes Only
11/28/2019 14:48:10	Disorderly Conduct	252 - Falls	Closed - Report Purposes Only
11/30/2019 14:39:10	Theft	235 - Rogers	Closed - Low Solvability

DAYSHIFT SHIFT ACTIVITIES

ARRESTS:

No arrests

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

The Dayshift shift completed 133 traffic contacts, which included 1 Misdemeanor Traffic Arrest for Driving while License Suspended/Revoked/No Valid D/L. Shift Officers completed 30 Illinois Traffic Crash reports. Officers issued 49 parking/compliance citations for No Village vehicle sticker and other parking violations. They also conducted 13 Building/Business Premise Checks and Foot Patrols. The shift members conducted 102 community contacts with area schools.

Day shift members completed 4 Stop Cards and issued 1 Compliance citation for commercial motor vehicles during the month of November 2019.

Day Shift performed a Lockdown Drill at St. Cletus. Officers gave a presentation to students at Gurrie Middle School and attended the LTHS Senior Citizen Luncheon.

TRAINING:

No training courses were attended by Day Shift members

Lexipol DTB's and Illinois Police Law completed

AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES

ARREST / CITATIONS:

Ofc. McDermott and Ofc. Nemecek arrested an adult male for retail theft from Walgreens. The retail theft offender had other theft proceeds on his person linking him to a recent theft from Berwyn, IL.

A juvenile was civilly cited for possession of drug paraphernalia in the La Grange Municipal Parking Garage. Information on the other parties involved was passed along to the proper jurisdictions for information only.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

Afternoon shift personnel completed 17 "special watch" follow-ups.

Afternoon shift personnel completed 23 initial case reports and 29 total supplemental/arrest reports.

TRAINING:

Ofc. Irizarry and Sgt. Coleman completed Less Than Full Access LEADS recertification training.

Ofc. Nemecek and Ofc. Irizarry assisted INV Kang with investigations duties.

MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

The Midnight shift completed 30 traffic contacts and investigated 3 property damage traffic accidents, one of which was a Hit & Run accident. Shift Officers issued 72 parking citations for overnight parking and other violations. Officers also conducted 130 Building/Business Premise Checks and Foot Patrols.

TRAINING:

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

INVESTIGATIONS ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS:

Inv. Kang conducted follow-up investigation into a Stolen Motor Vehicle. No surveillance video of the theft was located. Several checks through the National Vehicle Location Services have revealed negative results. Case pending.

SRO Andries conducted an investigation into Criminal Damage to State Supported Property. No suspects or evidence was developed during the investigation. Case closed.

ARREST / CITATIONS:

SRO Andries issued 2 Civil Law Citation for Possession of Cannabis – Less than 10 grams to two juvenile LTHS students and 2 Civil Law Citations for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia to two juvenile students LTHS Students.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

Ofc. Irizarry and Ofc. Nemecek were assigned to the Investigation Unit for four days each. They assisted with follow-up on investigations and provided assistance with day-to-day operations.

Inv. Kang continued working on one police applicant background.

Inv. Fulla, Inv. Kang and Ofc. Irizarry attended the monthly MCAT meeting hosted by Stickney PD.

Inv. Kang assisted the Major Case Assistance Team (MCAT) and Riverside PD with a Search Warrant.

Inv. Kang and Ofc. Nemecek assisted the Major Case Assistance Team (MCAT) and La Grange Park PD with a Commercial Burglary Detail.

SRO. Andries attended a LTHS Youth Anti-Drug Coalition Meeting.

SRO. Andries assisted with a shelter in place drill at LTHS.

TRAINING:

Inv. Kang attended update training related to Sex Offender and Youth Violent Offender registrations.

AUXILIARY AND PART-TIME POLICE UNITS

The Auxiliary Unit volunteered 32.75 hours during the month of November. 3 hours were spent conducting house checks, 10 hours on patrol and another 13.5 staff hours were spent on special details. The remainder of the hours was for training and administrative tasks.

The part-time officers responded to 34 calls for service in the community and spent time patrolling the Park Deck due to traffic complaints within the parking deck.

PARKING DIVISION

The parking division registered \$23,770 in parking fines through conventional payments, online payments or collection efforts.

**TRUCK ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS
NOVEMBER 2019**

	Location	Date	Time			Equipment	Moving	License/Reg	Weight	Insurance	
La Grange RD	CBD										
		0									
	Cossitt thru 47th	11/09/19	10:25	C	W		1	1			
1											
Other											
	0										
Ogden Ave	East - La Grange RD										
		0									
	La Grange & West										
0											
Other	East Ave	11/25/19	7:38	W				1			
		11/09/19	9:45	W					1		
		11/20/19	15:34	W			1		1		
	3										
	47th Street										
		0									
	Other										
0					2	1	3	0	0		

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

PATROL ACTIVITIES	November		November		2019	2018
	2019		2018		YTD	YTD
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	1,154		1,105		13,041	12,707
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	58		70		662	706
FELONY ARRESTS	1		1		9	17
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	6		4		39	30
DUI ARRESTS	0		1		11	14
WARRANT ARRESTS	0		1		14	22
TRAFFIC VERBAL WARNINGS	161		142		2,073	1,922
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	34		45		523	539
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	21		44		528	651
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	97	814	38	853	9,653	6,938
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	717		815			
JUVENILE ARRESTS	1		0		7	7
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	1		12		81	159

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