

LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Memorandum



To: Andrianna Peterson, Village Manager
From: Kurt Bluder, Chief of Police
Date: February 19, 2020
Re: Monthly Report for January 2020

Attached for your review are the general statistics for the shift activities for the month of January 2020. Post holidays, the Police Department focused on specialized or advanced training, traffic safety and engaging the community at various events.

As part of the police department's "Be the Change, Travel Safe in La Grange" traffic safety campaign, the police department put out its electronic message board on Monday, January 6, 2020 at the corner of Brainard and Hillgrove reminding motorists to slow down because school was back in session (after the conclusion of Winter Break). The police department also deployed two of its electronic speed display signs on Cossitt near Cossitt School to provide motorists with their speed as the travel through the school zone. Lastly, a Winter Break Traffic Safety Bulletin was posted on the Police Department's Facebook page. [Winter Break - Back to School: Traffic Safety Tips](#) The goal was for the message to serve as a reminder for everyone to slow down and be more aware of their surroundings.



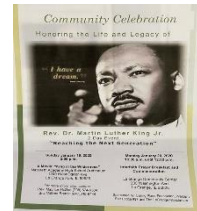
On Monday, January 6, 2020, Watch Commander Dave Rohlicek began his first week of Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command. Watch Commander Rohlicek will be attending class every two out of four weeks through May 8, 2020. This program provides upper-level college instruction in a 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 is being held at the Plainfield Police Department.

On Thursday, January 9th and Friday, January 10th, Officer Candice Cassiberry and Officer Kevin Comstock attended Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) training. This class addresses the gap in training between Standardized Field Sobriety Testing and Drug Evaluation and Classification Programs. The Officers will have a broader knowledge of drug impairment indicators. With the legalization of recreational marijuana, this class has become highly sought after. The class was held at the Daley Center in Chicago.

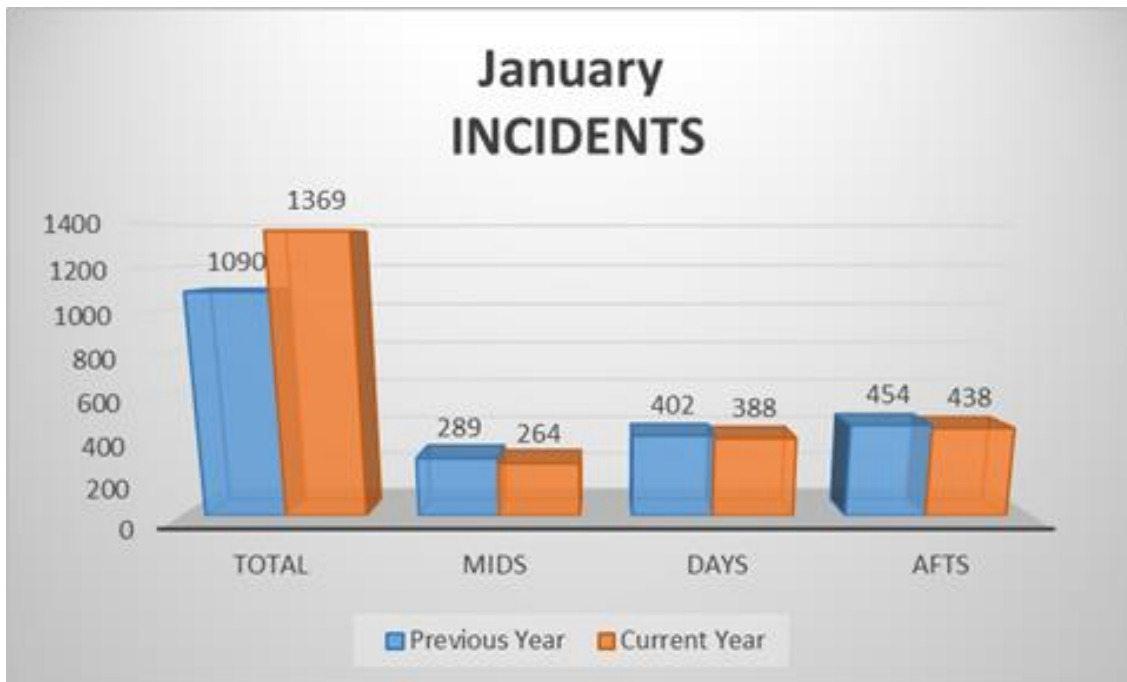


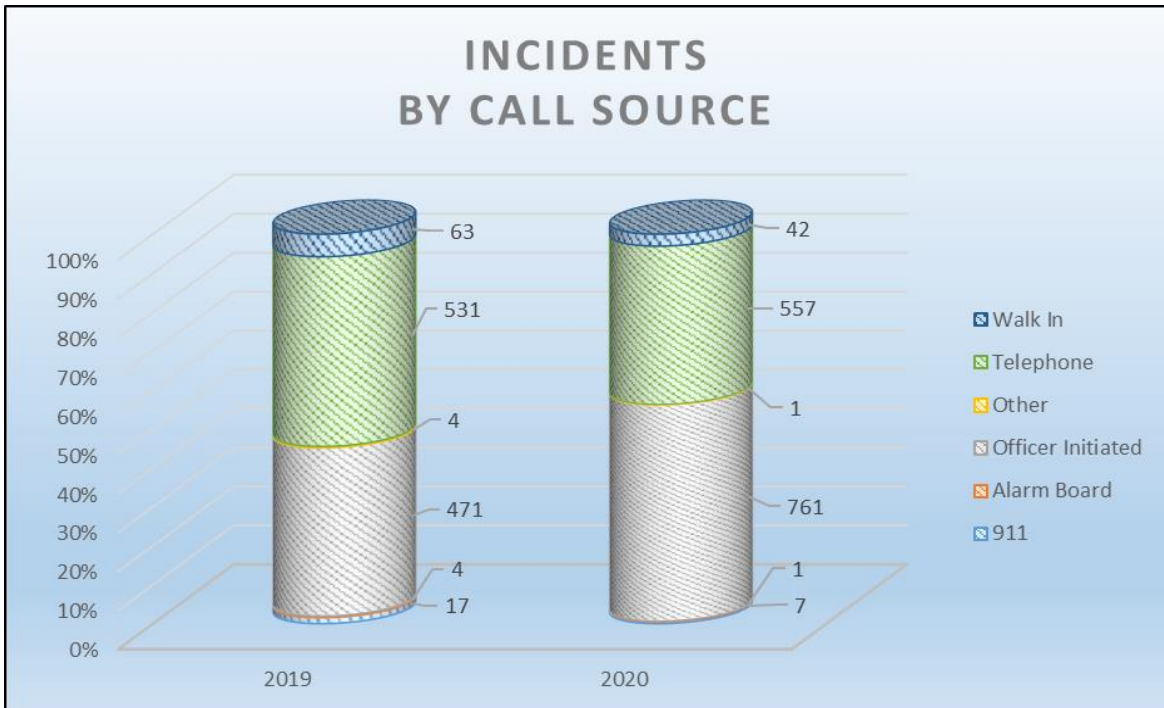
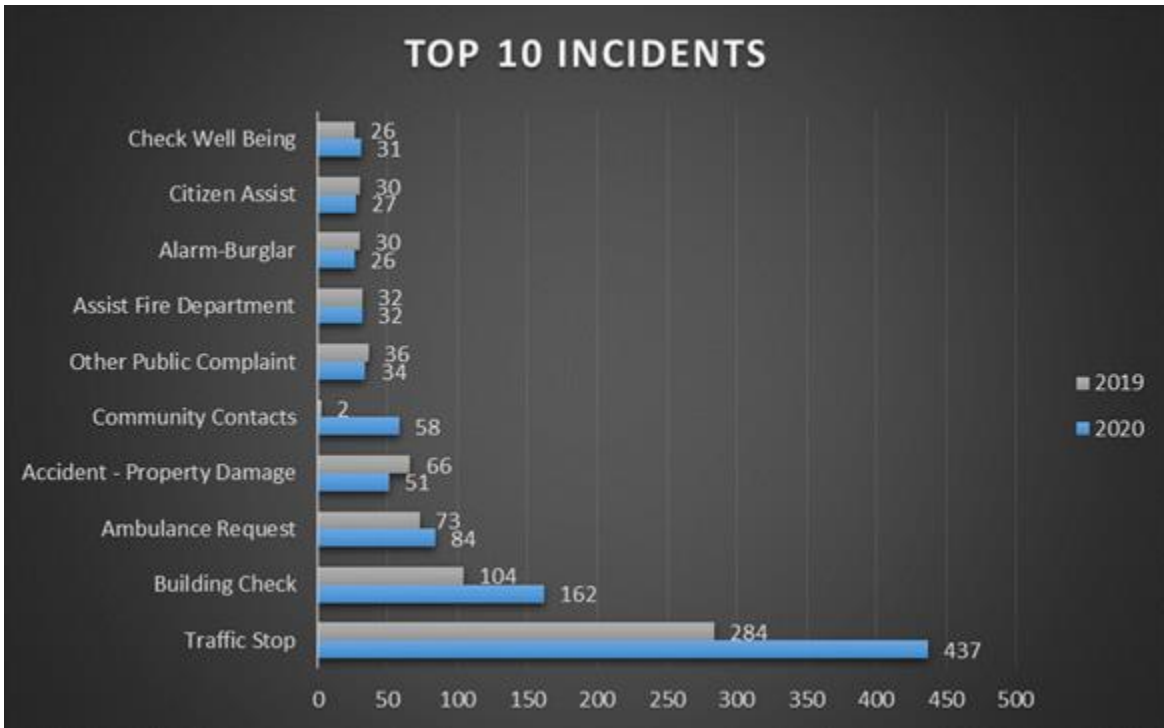
On Monday night, January 13, 2020, Betsy Buckley of La Grange Park was honored for her actions on November 19, 2019, when she assisted occupants of a vehicle that had become stranded on the Indiana Harbor Railroad tracks at Shawmut. Mrs. Buckley helped the occupants exit the vehicle just prior to a northbound freight train striking the car. President Livingston presented Mrs. Buckley with a plaque recognizing her for selfless act that night. This was done in conjunction with the Village Board meeting and was well attended.

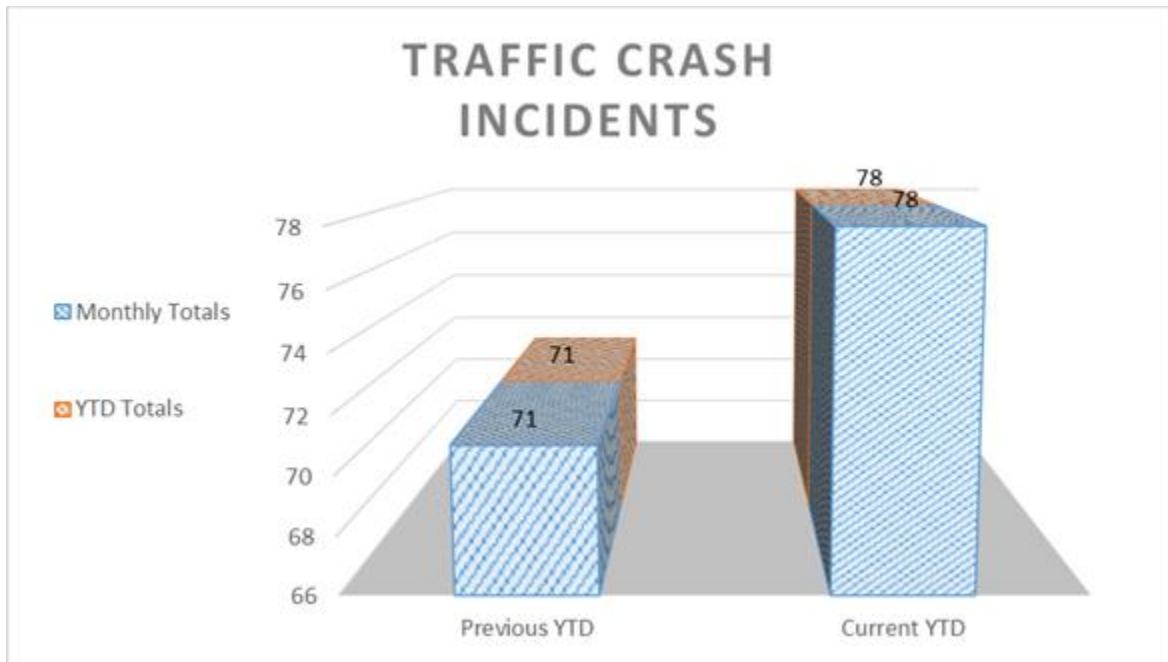
On Monday, January 20th, Officer Julie Burrell, Officer Steve Rogers, Officer Michael Kaiser, Sergeant Ken Uher, President Livingston, Fire Chief Terry Vavra, you and I attended the interfaith prayer breakfast to commemorate the life and legacy of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King. The event was held at the Community Center and was sponsored by the Caring Place Foundation, the Western Star Lodge #87 and the La Grange Ministerium.



On Wednesday morning, January 22, SRO Tim Andries and I attended a presentation titled, “Prevention: It takes a Village” that was sponsored by the Coalition for a Drug Free Lyons Township. The event was held at the LT North Campus and the presenter was Andy Duran, the Executive Director of LEAD (Linking Efforts Against Drugs). Mr. Duran was complimentary of the Coalition for a Drug Free Lyons Township and commended them for being proactive in their drug/vaping prevention efforts.







January Training Hours

Course Title	Officer	Start Date	End Date	Hours
School of Police Staff & Command	Rohlicek	01/06/2020	01/17/2020	80
Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement	Cassiberry	01/08/2020	01/09/2020	16
Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement	Comstock	01/08/2020	01/09/2020	16

Total Hours: 112

January Case Table

Case Date	Case Type	Case Officer	Status
01/01/2020 14:44:23	Criminal Damage	250 - Nemecek	Closed - Low Solvability
01/02/2020 15:22:20	Disturbance-Domestic	245 - Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/02/2020 20:44:49	Criminal Damage	237 - Strand	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/02/2020 21:11:04	Disturbance-Domestic	242 - Comstock	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/02/2020 22:04:00	Criminal Damage	244 - Coleman	Closed - Low Solvability
01/03/2020 10:09:08	Criminal Damage	235 - Rogers	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/03/2020 18:03:21	Disturbance-Other	245 - Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/03/2020 19:58:57	Disturbance-Domestic	245 - Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/03/2020 20:58:36	Disorderly Conduct	250 - Nemecek	Closed - Report Purposes Only

Case Date	Case Type	Case Officer	Status
01/03/2020 21:08:14	Ambulance	245 - Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/04/2020 11:10:57	Identity Theft	252 - Falls	Pending
01/05/2020 10:02:40	Warrant Arrest	252 - Falls	Closed By Arrest
01/05/2020 16:54:08	Disturbance-Domestic	244 - Coleman	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/05/2020 19:33:50	Disturbance-Domestic	248 - McDermott	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/07/2020 08:09:37	Criminal Damage	252 - Falls	Closed - Low Solvability
01/07/2020 13:48:12	Check Well Being	251 - Niewold	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/10/2020 10:05:53	Deceptive Practice	252 - Falls	Pending
01/10/2020 21:26:01	Burglary	245 - Irizarry	Closed - Low Solvability
01/11/2020 15:01:09	Information Report	244 - Coleman	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/11/2020 21:11:18	Ambulance	245 - Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/13/2020 18:01:10	Suspicious Activity	248 - McDermott	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/14/2020 15:04:00	Suspicious Person	248 - McDermott	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/14/2020 16:45:19	Theft	248 - McDermott	Closed - Low Solvability
01/15/2020 16:02:31	Theft	242 - Comstock	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/15/2020 17:49:48	Identity Theft	255 - Piraino	Pending
01/16/2020 16:51:50	Identity Theft	242 - Comstock	Closed - Low Solvability
01/16/2020 18:20:16	Theft	250 - Nemecek	Closed - Low Solvability
01/16/2020 18:26:52	Suspicious Person	248 - McDermott	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/18/2020 10:26:00	Suspicious Activity	251 - Niewold	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/18/2020 19:38:46	Traffic - Other	242 - Comstock	Closed By Arrest
01/18/2020 21:14:42	Suspicious Person	245 - Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/19/2020 00:07:46	Criminal Damage	228 - Herrera	Suspension
01/20/2020 12:05:50	Criminal Damage	235 - Rogers	Closed - Low Solvability
01/20/2020 19:27:01	Fire Call	245 - Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/21/2020 08:42:47	Theft	235 - Rogers	Pending
01/21/2020 09:26:29	Identity Theft	230 - Burrell	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/21/2020 11:24:14	Theft	230 - Burrell	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/21/2020 13:01:11	Theft	235 - Rogers	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/23/2020 12:58:18	Identity Theft	230 - Burrell	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/23/2020 13:53:19	Warrant Arrest	248 - McDermott	Closed By Arrest
01/24/2020 07:15:22	Criminal Damage	250 - Nemecek	Closed - Low Solvability
01/24/2020 09:44:56	Suspicious Activity	243 - Andries	Closed - Citations Issued
01/24/2020 15:33:47	Disturbance-Other	254 - Cassiberry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/24/2020 16:58:59	Disturbance-Domestic	252 - Falls	TOT Other Agency
01/25/2020 04:27:07	Missing Person	255 - Piraino	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/25/2020 08:21:57	Disturbance-Domestic	235 - Rogers	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/25/2020 12:43:57	Ambulance	250 - Nemecek	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/25/2020 23:25:31	Accident-Injuries	251 - Niewold	Closed By Arrest
01/26/2020 03:19:32	Disturbance-Other	255 - Piraino	Closed - Report Purposes Only

Case Date	Case Type	Case Officer	Status
01/26/2020 20:27:03	Ambulance	242 - Comstock	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/26/2020 22:11:26	Ambulance	245 - Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/27/2020 18:29:48	Disorderly Conduct	242 - Comstock	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/28/2020 12:06:49	Information Report	233 - Fulla	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/28/2020 12:49:03	Theft	235 - Rogers	Closed - Low Solvability
01/28/2020 21:39:44	Juvenile Problems	252 - Falls	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/29/2020 12:47:08	Disturbance-Domestic	250 - Nemecek	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/29/2020 14:01:01	Battery	243 - Andries	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/29/2020 15:29:16	Battery	248 - McDermott	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/29/2020 17:25:12	Disturbance-Domestic	252 - Falls	TOT Other Agency
01/30/2020 08:51:37	Missing Person	235 - Rogers	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/30/2020 10:21:29	Identity Theft	230 - Burrell	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/30/2020 15:50:50	Suspicious Person	242 - Comstock	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/30/2020 16:15:27	Theft	252 - Falls	Closed - Low Solvability
01/31/2020 11:55:46	Drugs	250 - Nemecek	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/31/2020 14:08:41	Theft	250 - Nemecek	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/31/2020 14:28:22	Identity Theft	253 - Kaiser	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/31/2020 18:09:42	Theft	252 - Falls	Closed - Low Solvability

DAYSHIFT SHIFT ACTIVITIES

ARRESTS:

Stefan Stosic, 27 years of age, from La Grange, IL was taken into custody, due to a warrant, following a report of a disturbance in the 800 Block of 8th Avenue.

Juan Ortega, 46 years of age, from Chicago, IL was arrested and charged with a Violation of an Order of Protection.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

The Dayshift shift completed 211 traffic contacts, which included 2 Misdemeanor Traffic Arrest for Driving while License Suspended/Revoked/No Valid D/L. Shift Officers completed 48 Illinois Traffic Crash reports and issued 127 parking/compliance citations for No Village Vehicle Sticker as well as for other parking violations. Officers conducted 10 Building/Business Premise Checks/Foot Patrols and 68 community contacts with area schools.

Dayshift members issued 5 Compliance citations and 4 warnings to commercial motor vehicles during the month of January 2020.

Dayshift members performed lockdown drills at Cossitt and Seventh Avenue Schools and assisted with traffic control at LTHS's annual All-School Assembly.

Members of Dayshift also attended a service for MLK Day at the Community Center

TRAINING:

Sgt. Rohlicek began attending the School of Police Staff and Command through Northwestern University.

Lexipol DTB's and Illinois Police Law completed

AFTERNOON SHIFT

INVESTIGATIONS:

Ofc. Nemecek investigated a Criminal Damage to vehicle occurring in the 500 block of S. Catherine Avenue. Ofc. Nemecek was unable to recover any evidence or identify independent witnesses to the incident. Case closed.

ARREST / CITATIONS:

Ofc. Falls arrested a 19-year-old Wheeling, IL male for Driving While License Suspended/Revoked after committing a traffic violation.

Ofc. Irizarry arrested a 34-year-old Wayne, IL male on an outstanding Cook County/Countryside warrant for Failure to Appear warrant.

Ofc. Comstock arrested a 39-year-old LaGrange Park, IL male for Fleeing and Eluding after committing a traffic violation.

Sgt. Coleman arrested a 24-year-old Westchester, IL female for an outstanding DuPage County warrant for Failure to Appear.

Ofc. Cassiberry arrested a 45-year-old Hammond, IN male for an outstanding Kane County warrant for Failure to Appear.

Ofc. McDermott arrested a 64-year-old Aurora, IL male for an outstanding Cook County/La Grange Warrant for Failure to Appear.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

The Afternoon Shift celebrated its annual Holiday meal.

Afternoon Shift Officers completed 32 initial case reports, 11 supplement reports and 6 arrest reports.

TRAINING:

Sgt. Wardlaw, S/L Comstock, Ofc. McDermott, Ofc. Falls and Ofc. Cassiberry completed recertification on Personal Protective Equipment.

Ofc. Cassiberry became a trainer through the DuPage County Health Department as a NARCAN instructor.

Ofc. Comstock and Ofc. Cassiberry attended Advance Roadside Impaired Driver Impairment training.

MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES

ARRESTS:

Ofc. Kaiser arrested a 36-year-old male subject from La Grange Park who had an active Warrant out of DuPage County for Driving While License Suspended. Subject was processed and released on bond with a return court date.

Ofc. Niewold arrested a 37-year-old male subject from La Grange for D.U.I. and other traffic offenses. Subject was involved in a personal injury traffic accident. Subject was processed and released on bond with a return court date.

Ofc. Wolf arrested a 24-year-old male subject from La Grange who had an active Warrant out of Melrose Park for Criminal Trespass to Property. Subject was turned over to the Melrose Park P.D.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

The Midnight shift completed 42 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 as well as 1 personal injury traffic accident. Shift Officers issued 48 parking citations for overnight parking/other violations and conducted 123 Building/Business Premise Checks and Foot Patrols. Officers also conducted traffic/parking control operations in support of the Lyons Township High School (LTHS) All-School Assembly. Ofc. Wolf, Ofc. Niewold and Sgt. Ljubenko completed "Fit" test certification of their protective masks with the Fire Department.

TRAINING:

The shift continued completing the Police Law Institute online training along with the Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. In addition, Ofc. Cassiberry attended the 2-day Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) training course, S/L Herrera & Sgt. Ljubenko completed the LEADS Less than Full Access (LTFA) online recertification training and test. Shift Officers completed in-house training on BRAZZOS electronic citation software/program.

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION ACTITIVITES

INVESTIGATIONS:

Inv. Kang conducted a follow-up investigation into a Criminal Damage to State Supported Property occurring at the Village parking garage elevator. After reviewing surveillance video, it was determined the damage may have been caused through normal wear. Case closed.

SRO Andries investigated a battery incident on school grounds. Due to conflicting statements, as well as evidence supporting both parties being mutual combatants, the case was closed. Both juvenile's involvement will be handled through school services.

ARREST / CITATIONS:

SRO Andries issued 4 Civil Law Citation for Possession of Cannabis – Less than 10 grams to four juvenile LTHS students and 4 Civil Law Citations for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia to four juvenile students LTHS Students. SRO Andries also issued 7 Compliance Citation to seven juveniles for Possession of Tobacco Products.

Inv. Full and Inv. Kang assisted the Illinois State Police with a retail Vape Compliance detail. One local retailer was issued a state citation for selling a vaping pen to a person under 21 years of age.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

Inv. Kang and Inv. Fulla worked diligently to complete 5 police applicant backgrounds.

Chief Bluder, DC Peters, Sgt. Wardlaw, Sgt. Coleman, Inv. Fulla and Inv. Kang attended the annual MCAT Chief's Meeting.

SRO Andries attended a LTHS home basketball game.

SRO Andries attended a Drug Free Coalition Breakfast.

SRO Andries spoke with students who are interested in a career with the Armed Services.

TRAINING:

Inv. Kang conducted BRAZO's traffic citation software training for department members.

Inv. Kang attended NARCAN instructor training.

AUXILIARY AND PART-TIME POLICE UNITS

The Auxiliary Unit volunteered 66.5 hours during the month of January. 4 hours were spent conducting house checks, 33.5 hours on patrol and 19.5 hours staff hours were spent on training. There were no special events in January so this was a quiet month for the unit.

The part-time officers completed 25 traffic contacts and responded to 66 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 \$25,630 in parking fines through conventional payments, online payments or collection efforts.

**TRUCK ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS
JANUARY 2020**

Location	Date	Time				Equipment	Moving	License/Reg	Weight	Insurance	
La Grange RD	CBD										
		0									
	Cossitt thru 47th	01/31/20	10:34	C	W		1	1			
		01/28/20	9:52	C				1			
		2									
	Other										
0											
Ogden Ave	East - La Grange RD										
		0									
	La Grange & West	01/23/20	8:00	C	C	W	1	1	1		
		01/10/20	11:11	C			1				
2											
Other	East Ave										
		0									
	47th Street										
		0									
Other	01/03/20	7:43	W	W			1			1	
	0										
						3	4	1	0	1	

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

PATROL ACTIVITIES	January		January		2020	2019
	2020		2019		YTD	YTD
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	1,369		1,090		1,369	1,090
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	61		61		61	61
FELONY ARRESTS	0		1		0	1
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	3		2		3	2
DUI ARRESTS	1		1		1	1
WARRANT ARRESTS	7		2		7	2
TRAFFIC VERBAL WARNINGS	304		212		304	212
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	95		42		95	42
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	68		50		68	50
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	134	1086	121	898	1,086	898
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	952		777			
JUVENILE ARRESTS	0		0		0	0
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	11		12		11	12