

LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Memorandum



To: Andrianna Peterson, Village Manager
From: Kurt Bluder, Chief of Police
Date: May 20, 2020
Re: Monthly Report for April 2020


April was another unusual month for the Police Department. Staff continued to learn more about COVID-19 and adjusted operations to work safely during the pandemic. The month was spent securing additional personal protective equipment and providing guidance/training to staff. Below is a summary of the Police Department's activity for the month of April.



On Wednesday, April 1st, I contacted the Security Manager for Amita Health, Nick Lewis, regarding any assistance the hospital might need for the anticipated COVID-19 surge. Security Manager Lewis and I discussed the hospital's emergency operations plans. Security Manager Lewis could not think of a situation in which he would need assistance from the La Grange Police Department but said he would speak to other team members regarding this inquiry. As you know, Village staff continues to have weekly teleconferences with hospital administration to ensure ongoing communication and planning.

During the first week of April, Police Department staff worked with La Grange schools and the La Grange Park District to ensure that proper notification was being provided to the public that playground equipment was closed per Governor Pritzker's Executive Order.

On Friday, April 3rd, the Police Department issued a three (3) page temporary directive to staff regarding extending the use of N95 masks. The Illinois Department of Public Health and the Illinois State Police had recently provided guidelines on re-using the N95 masks in order to preserve the limited stock that is available. This directive outlined those procedures.

 **LEXIPOL** During the week of April 5th, Police Department staff began completing assigned online COVID-19 training. The training (a little over 2 hours) was being offered by our policy provider (Lexipol) and the course titles were Airborne and Bloodborne Pathogens, COVID-19 Together-We Will Defeat the Enemy, Must Read for Police: Policing in a Panic, COVID-19 for Law Enforcement and lastly, Pandemic Ready.

On Tuesday, April 14th, Cook County Emergency Management and Regional Security provided the La Grange Police Department with 500 disposable surgical masks, which were requested the week prior using their web portal.



On Wednesday April 15th, Cook County Emergency Management and Regional Security provided the La Grange Police Department with additional N95 masks. A request was not made for these masks and instead, Cook County EMRS took the initiative to distribute these masks to local law enforcement after receiving a new shipment.

On Friday, April 17th, Deputy Chief Andy Peters notified me that he would be retiring from the Police Department effective at the end of the day Wednesday 13, 2020. Deputy Chief Peters has served 24 ½ years with the La Grange Police Department and has chosen to pursue another opportunity within law enforcement. Deputy Chief Peters has served in many different roles throughout his career with the La Grange Police Department. He was a D.A.R.E. Officer, a Squad Leader, Patrol Sergeant, a Police Pension Board member, a department instructor and most recently as Deputy Chief. He has been recognized for achievements within the Police Department. Most notably, he received the Chief's Award of Valor and the Michael P. Gordon Memorial Foundation's True Blue Award for his actions during the Harris Bank Robbery in October of 2005. The men and women of the La Grange Police Department want to congratulate Deputy Chief Peters on a wonderful career and wish him well in retirement.

On Tuesday, April 21, the La Grange Police Department implemented a new Temperature Monitoring Policy. Each full-time staff member was issued a digital thermometer to use to monitor his or her body temperature. Staff members have been asked to take their temperature prior to entering the building for their respective shift. If someone has a temperature above the CDC recommended range, they are asked not to enter the building and to call their supervisor. They have been told to seek medical attention as well.

On Thursday, April 30th, the new Police Department Management Analyst position was posted on the Village's website ([Village of La Grange](#)), GovHr's website ([GovHr](#)) and the Law Enforcement Records Managers of Illinois or the LERMI website ([LERMI](#)).

On behalf of the men and women of the La Grange Police Department, I would like to thank some of our area business for their generous donations during these unprecedented times. A list of those businesses and their donation is noted below:

- Seventh Avenue School for donating disinfectant wipes
- Sam's Club in Hodgkins for donating disinfectant wipes
- Elliptihit for donating disinfectant wipes
- Petty & Dragstrem Orthodontics for
- Battistoni and Beam Orthodontics for donating 1000 latex gloves
- Sublime Wear USA out of Morris, IL for custom surgical masks

7th Avenue School

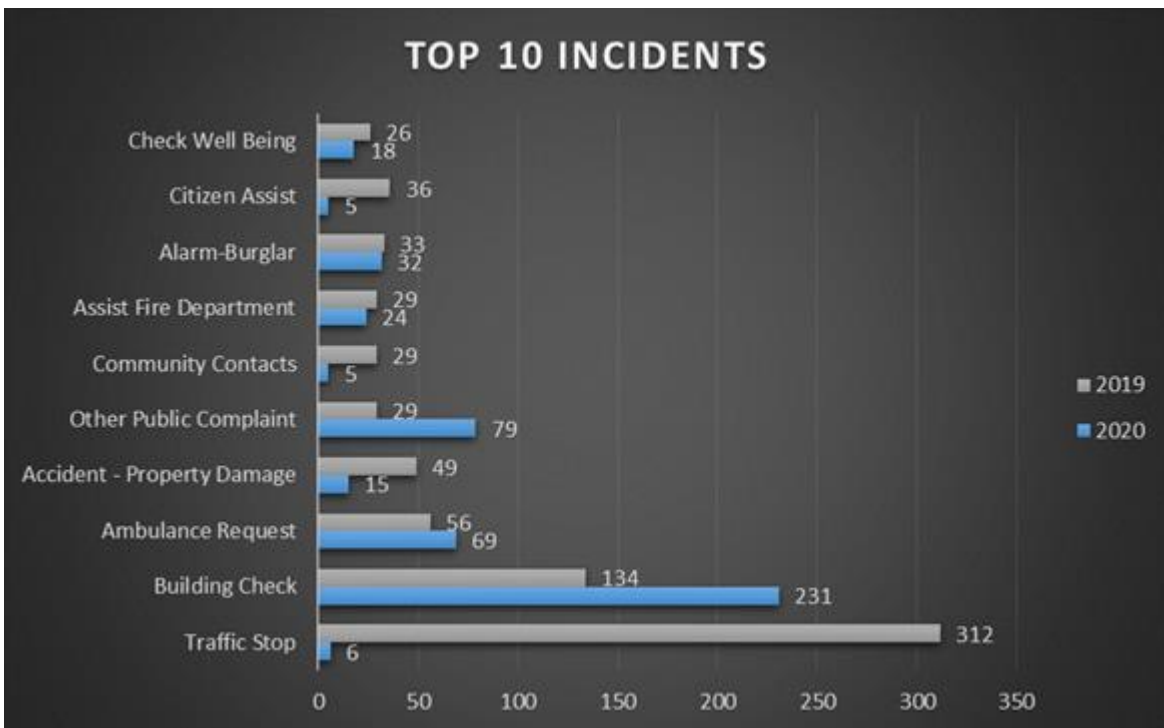
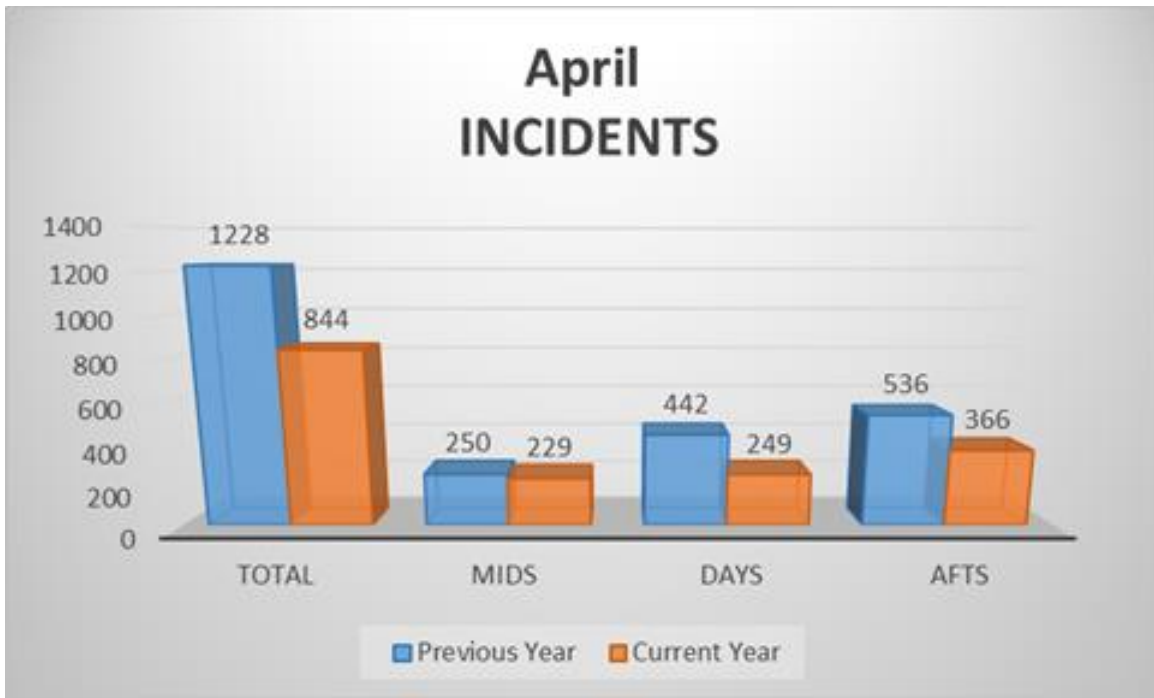


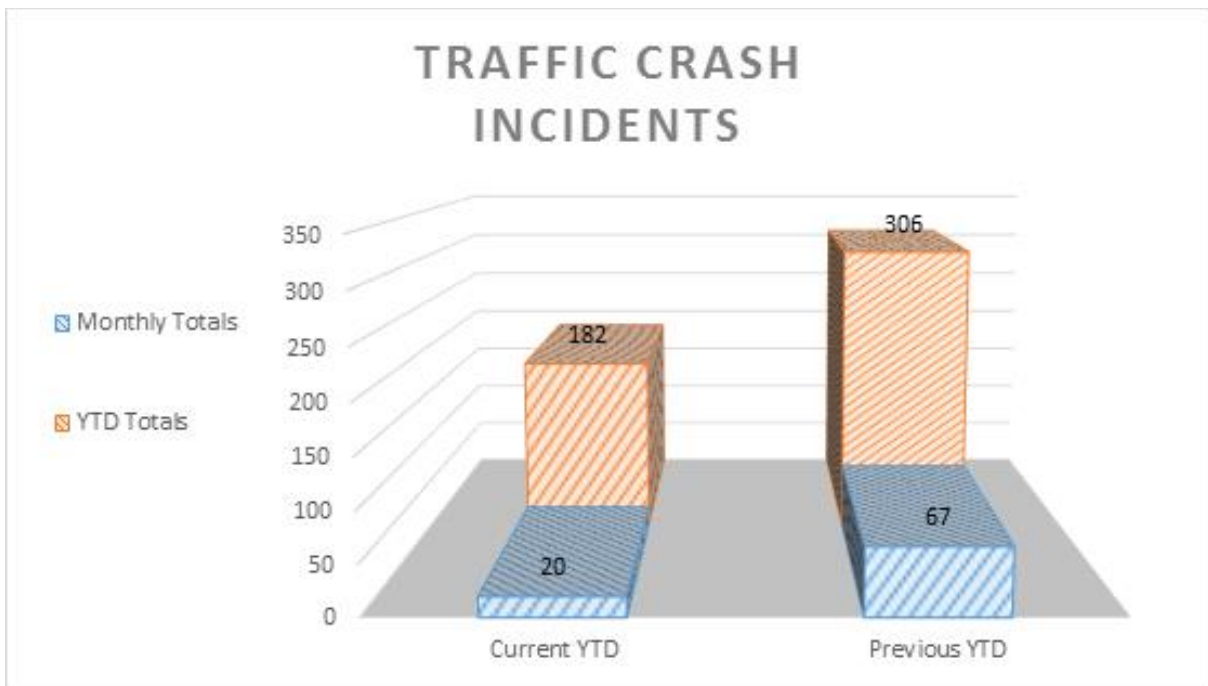
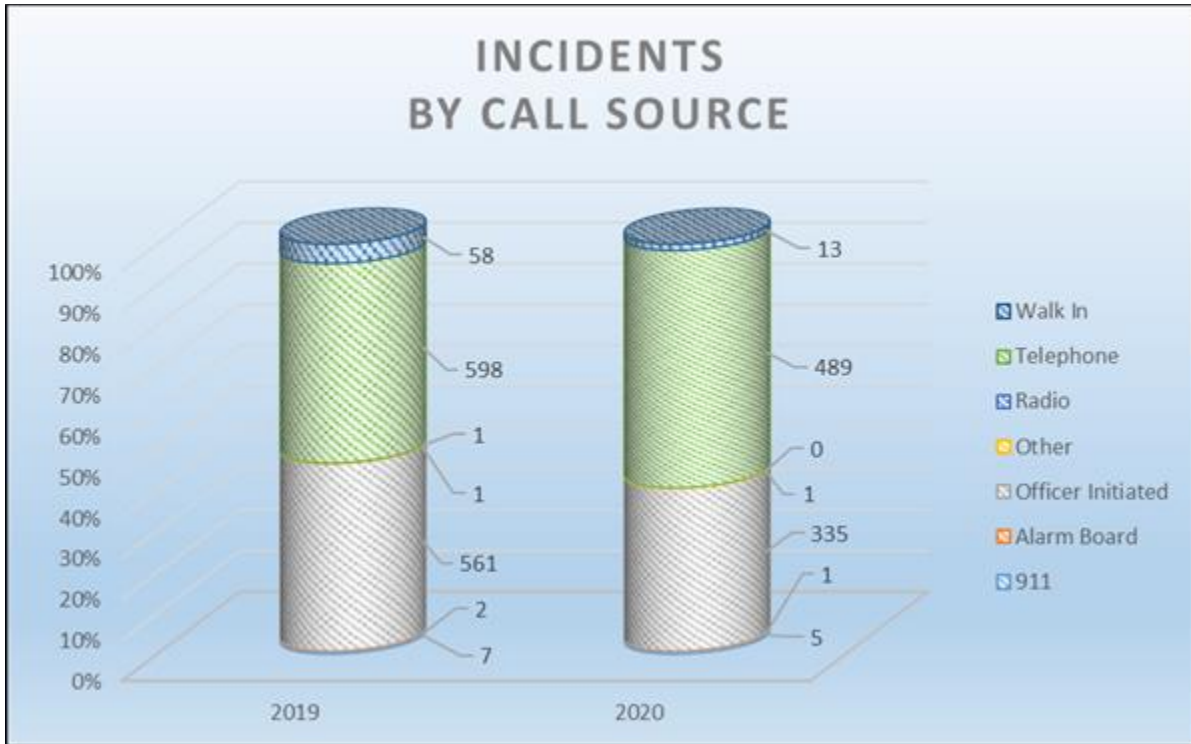
Sam's Club



Sublime Wear USA







April Training Hours

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic there was no instructor led training this month. Officers did conduct online classes but this category is used for instructor led classes/seminars.

April Case Table

Case Date	Case Type	Case Officer	Status
04/01/2020 01:35:47	Disturbance-Domestic	255 - Piraino	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/01/2020 18:08:53	Identity Theft	245 - Irizarry	Closed - Low Solvability
04/02/2020 13:58:47	Identity Theft	235 - Rogers	Closed - Low Solvability
04/02/2020 15:06:25	Disturbance-Domestic	252 - Falls	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/04/2020 07:22:17	Disturbance-Domestic	235 - Rogers	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/05/2020 01:34:50	Burglary	228 - Herrera	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/05/2020 10:13:30	Burglary	235 - Rogers	Closed - Low Solvability
04/05/2020 13:07:17	Burglary	230 - Burrell	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/06/2020 15:57:06	Deceptive Practice	242 - Comstock	Closed - Low Solvability
04/06/2020 17:30:37	Criminal Trespass	252 - Falls	Closed By Arrest
04/08/2020 10:10:15	Suspicious Activity	250 - Nemecek	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/08/2020 16:56:54	Burglary	245 - Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/10/2020 09:20:33	Suspicious Activity	253 - Kaiser	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/10/2020 09:25:18	Theft	230 - Burrell	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/10/2020 13:01:59	Disturbance-Domestic	232 - Moncivais	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/11/2020 21:05:24	Assault	252 - Falls	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/12/2020 13:46:04	Disorderly Conduct	250 - Nemecek	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/12/2020 18:05:02	Battery	248 - McDermott	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/13/2020 10:56:00	Village Ordinance	250 - Nemecek	Closed - Citations Issued
04/13/2020 23:44:18	DUI	255 - Piraino	Closed By Arrest
04/16/2020 10:15:13	Ambulance	250 - Nemecek	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/16/2020 14:39:09	Battery	253 - Kaiser	Closed By Arrest
04/18/2020 12:19:55	Criminal Trespass	236 - Uher	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/18/2020 19:21:03	Ambulance	245 - Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/19/2020 11:23:21	Disturbance-Domestic	235 - Rogers	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/19/2020 16:41:38	Disturbance-Domestic	245 - Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/20/2020 06:38:54	Suspicious Activity	251 - Niewold	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/20/2020 11:39:39	Deceptive Practice	232 - Moncivais	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/20/2020 11:59:19	Theft	250 - Nemecek	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/20/2020 18:04:45	Disorderly Conduct	245 - Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/21/2020 16:18:05	Criminal Trespass	242 - Comstock	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/21/2020 16:16:44	Missing Person	245 - Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/22/2020 15:55:08	Criminal Damage	242 - Comstock	Closed - Low Solvability
04/23/2020 11:45:56	Disturbance-Domestic	232 - Moncivais	Closed - Report Purposes Only

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04/23/2020 12:20:24	Disorderly Conduct	250 - Nemecek	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/23/2020 15:52:44	Identity Theft	242 - Comstock	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/24/2020 11:17:56	Missing Person	235 - Rogers	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/26/2020 10:57:15	Disorderly Conduct	235 - Rogers	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/26/2020 18:17:00	Check Well Being	242 - Comstock	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/27/2020 09:23:51	Deceptive Practice	235 - Rogers	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/28/2020 08:57:50	Identity Theft	235 - Rogers	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/28/2020 18:42:30	Death Investigation	245 - Irizarry	TOT Other Agency
04/29/2020 13:58:26	Drugs	250 - Nemecek	TOT Other Agency
04/29/2020 17:29:08	Deceptive Practice	242 - Comstock	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/29/2020 18:03:48	Deceptive Practice	248 - McDermott	Closed - Low Solvability
04/30/2020 09:43:34	Ambulance	236 - Uher	Closed - Report Purposes Only

DAYSHIFT SHIFT ACTIVITIES

ARRESTS:

Keith Tribe, 47 years of age, from Tinley Park, was charged with Domestic Battery to another family member on 04/23/2020. Ofc. Kaiser investigated a Domestic Battery report that occurred in the 300 block of S. Kensington Avenue. Complainant reported that Tribe came to her residence and, after a short conversation, Tribe grabbed the complainant by the neck and pushed her against the wall. Ofc. Kaiser observed redness and swelling on the complainant's neck. She declined medical treatment. Ofc. Kaiser's investigation led to the arrest of Tribe

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

The dayshift completed 1 traffic contact and 10 Illinois Traffic Crash reports: 7 were property damage only, 2 injuries were claimed and 1 was a pedestrian accident. The shift officers issued 5 parking/compliance citations for No Village Vehicle Sticker, other parking violations and minor traffic violations. The shift officers conducted 1 community contact and conducted 43-foot patrols.

During the month of April, four officers from other departments reportedly have died from complications of the Corona virus and their respective departments held funeral processions. As a show of respect, they encouraged other police agencies to participate in funeral processions without exiting their squad cars. S/L Moncivais participated in the funeral procession of CPD Ofc. Franco. Ofc. Rogers participated in the funeral procession of CPD Sgt. Martin. Sgt. Uher participated in the funeral procession of CPD Ofc. Newman and Melrose Park Ofc. Cappello.

Due to the restrictions with Covid-19 and social distancing requirements, the shift members were issued proper Personal Protective Equipment that consisted of N95 masks, glasses, and were told to use gloves in situations consistent with CDC recommendations.

During the month, shift members were visible on the main streets to deter traffic violators. They monitored parks, checking for social distancing recommendations from the CDC.

TRAINING:

Shift members completed Police Law and Lexipol daily training bulletins for the month of April.

AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS:

Ofc. Irizarry investigated a Missing Endangered Person after the subject fled from a vehicle occupied by family. The subject was later located, unharmed, by the Investigations Division. Case closed.

Ofc. Comstock and Ofc. Cassiberry investigated a Criminal Trespass to commercial property complaint. Juvenile offenders were identified and located. The juveniles were released without charges and turned over to their parents for corrective action. Case closed.

Sgt. Coleman investigated a Criminal Defacement incident occurring at La Grange Park District facilities. Unknown parties spray painted graffiti on a wall, which was later removed by facility maintenance. No suspects were developed the case was closed.

Ofc. Cassiberry, Ofc. Falls, Ofc. McDermott and Sgt. Wardlaw assisted Metra PD and Naperville PD with locating a suicidal subject at the train depots in La Grange. The subject was located unharmed and later transported to the hospital by paramedics for evaluation. Case closed.

ARREST / CITATIONS:

Ofc. Falls, assisted by S/L McDermott, Ofc. Cassiberry, Ofc. Comstock and Sgt. Wardlaw, arrested a 25-year-old male, from La Grange, for Criminal Trespassing to property, being a local retail establishment, after having been warned on multiple occasions not to return. The offender was charged and released with a pending court date.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

Afternoon Shift Officers completed 30 initial case reports, 11 supplement reports and 1 arrest report.

TRAINING:

All shift members completed COVID-19 and Bloodborne Pathogens training.

MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES

ARRESTS:

Ofc. Piraino arrested a 44-year-old male subject from Elmhurst for Driving under the Influence-D.U.I. and other traffic offenses. Subject was involved in a traffic crash in the 100 block of N. Brainard Avenue, in which he drove off the roadway and struck an electrical/utility pole. Subject was processed and released on bond with a return court date.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

The Midnight shift completed 3 traffic contacts and investigated 2 property damage traffic accidents. Shift Officers issued 30 parking citations for overnight parking and other violations.

Officers also conducted 148 Building/Business Premise Checks and Foot Patrols. In addition, Ofc. Niewold responded to an ILEAS callout to assist McCook P.D. with traffic control due to several serious traffic accidents. The accidents all occurred in a short time span due to severe weather conditions.

TRAINING:

The shift continued completing the Police Law Institute online training along with the Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. In addition, the shift began conducting annual firearms qualification and training with pistol, patrol rifle and shotgun.

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION ACTITIVITES

INVESTIGATIONS:

Inv. Kang and Inv. Fulla conducted follow-up investigation into several Burglaries to Motor Vehicles. Due to a lack of suspect(s) and evidence, the cases were closed.

Inv. Kang and Fulla conducted follow-up investigation into a Missing Endangered Person. The Investigators located the missing subject unharmed and made appropriate notification to family.

ARRESTS / CITATIONS:

None

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

Inv. Kang and Inv. Fulla completed 4 police applicant backgrounds

TRAINING:

Inv. Kang and Inv. Fulla completed COVID-19 and Bloodborne Pathogen Training.

AUXILIARY AND PART-TIME POLICE UNITS

The Auxiliary Unit was inactive during the month of April due to the COVID-19 pandemic so the Police Department does not have anything to report related to their activities.

The part-time officers responded to 56 calls for service in the community. The part-time officers' activity is lower than usual because they were assigned to the parking deck and downtown area for patrol duties as well as due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

PARKING DIVISION

The parking division registered \$5,865 in parking fines through conventional payments, online payments or collection efforts.

**TRUCK ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS
APRIL 2020**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing requirement, there are no truck enforcement statistics to report this month.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

PATROL ACTIVITIES	April		April		2020	2019
	2020		2019		YTD	YTD
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	843		1,227		4,313	4,403
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	17		53		153	217
FELONY ARRESTS	0		3		3	6
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	1		3		9	14
DUI ARRESTS	1		1		8	5
WARRANT ARRESTS	0		3		10	7
TRAFFIC VERBAL WARNINGS	6		233		511	831
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	1		52		227	189
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	10		42		139	194
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	37	41	131	892	2,475	3,650
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	4		761			
JUVENILE ARRESTS	0		3		5	4
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	3		10		36	38

Activity was down this month due the COVID-19 pandemic. Officers began practicing social distancing and limited contact to serious violations.