

# LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Memorandum



To: Andrianna Peterson, Village Manager  
From: Kurt Bluder, Chief of Police  
Date: July 24, 2020  
Re: Monthly Report for June 2020

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With the transition to Phase 3 of Restore Illinois at the end of May and into June, the Police Department saw an increase in foot and vehicular traffic. The Police Department continued to utilize safety measures and began increasing traffic and parking enforcement this month. Below is a summary of the Police Department's activity for the month of June.



On Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, the La Grange Police Department helped manage protests in the wake of George Floyd's death. Staff met with each protest organizer to discuss routes, speakers, and anticipated numbers. In each case, an Incident Action Plan was completed and mutual aid was requested from area



departments to provide the protest organizers a safe environment in which to exercise their First Amendment rights while ensuring that residents, business owners, and visitors to La Grange could travel the area. All three protests went very well.

On Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, the Police Department, in conjunction with Village Hall, added a "Commitment to Community" page to the Village's website in an effort to share information regarding Police Department policies and training. In the wake of George Floyd's tragic death, the staff has been receiving many insightful and reflective questions regarding Police Department policies and training. Staff dedicated a page on the Village's website to address these questions. A Frequently Asked Question Section was added as well.

<https://www.villageoflagrange.com/460/Commitment-to-Community>

On Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, a conditional offer of employment was made to the leading candidate for the position of Management Analyst within the Police Department. The candidate currently performs similar duties, to what was outlined in the job posting, for a local Police Department. This was a very competitive process, in which we received twenty-nine (29) resumes and applications.

On Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, at about 10:27 a.m., the La Grange Police and Fire Departments responded to Starbucks, 38 S. La Grange Road, for a report of a vehicle that had crashed into the front of the building. Fortunately, there were no injuries as this was a one-car accident. It was

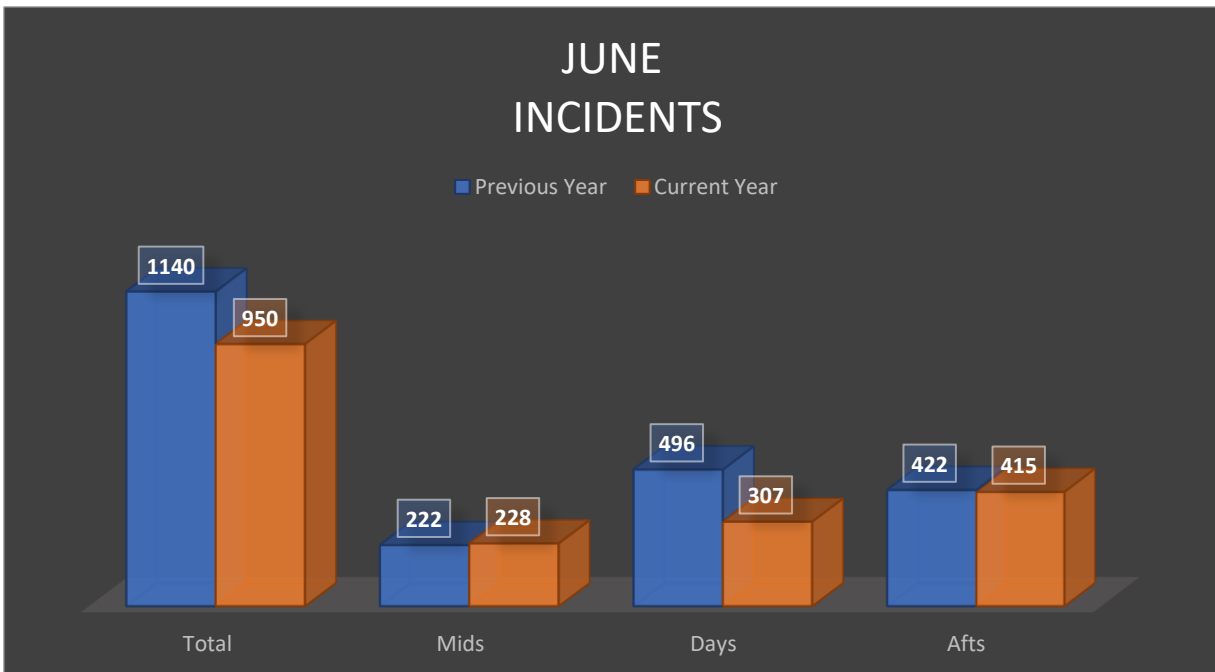


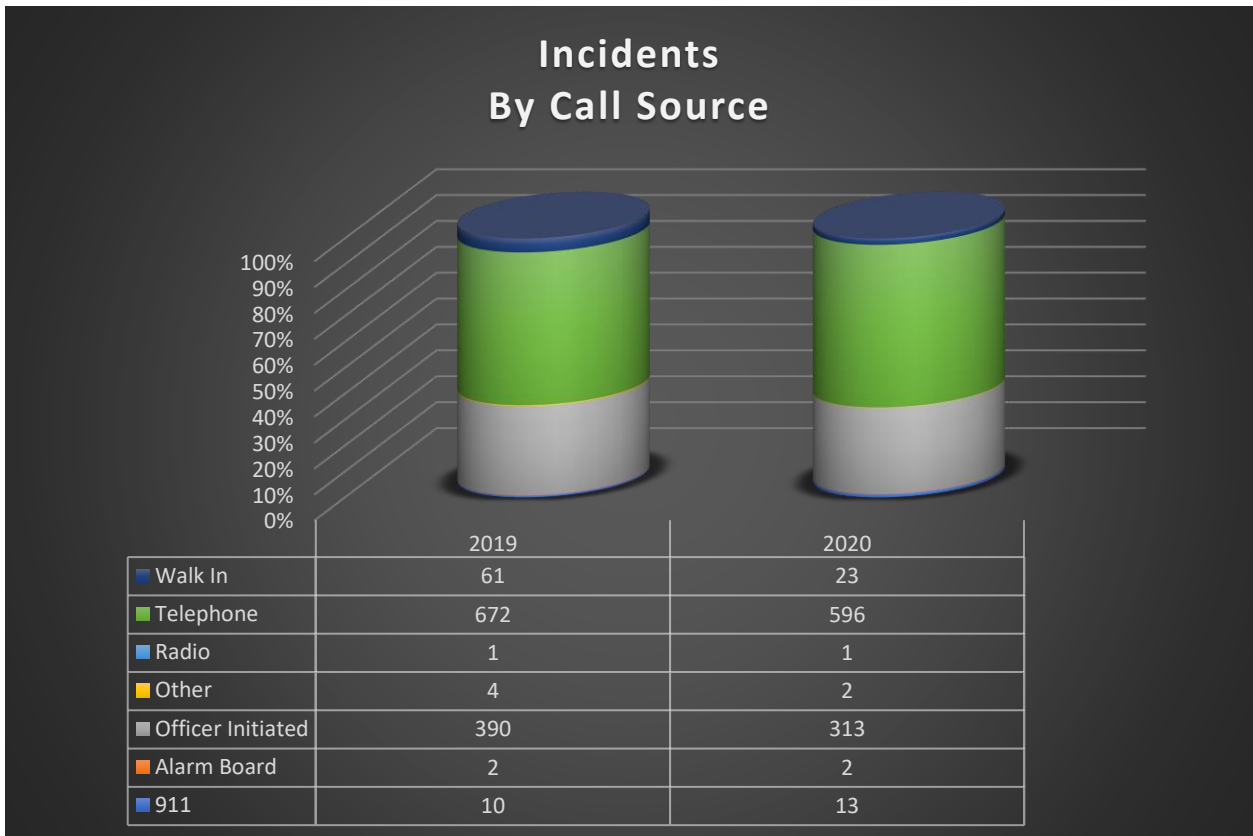
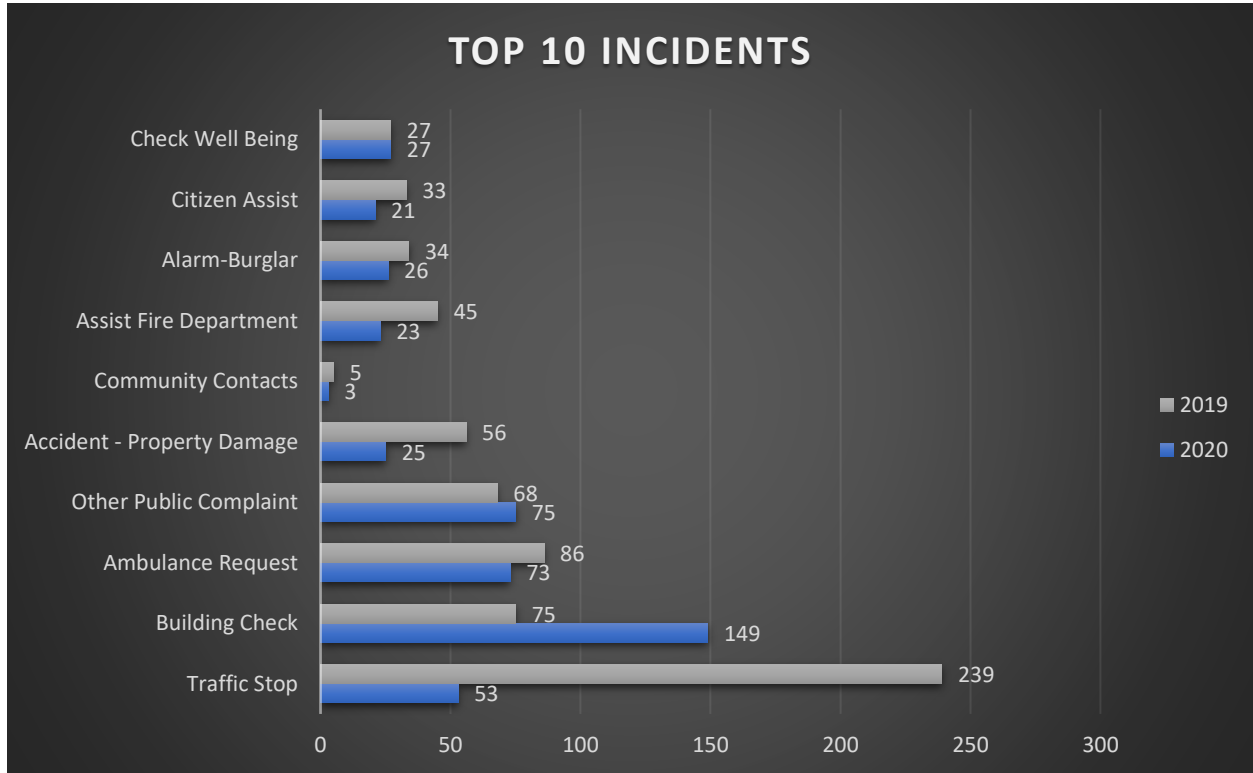
later determined that the vehicle had been traveling southbound on La Grange Road just north of Harris, when another vehicle traveling northbound on La Grange Road at Harris, apparently began to execute a left-hand turn onto westbound Harris. The driver traveling southbound saw this, and in an effort to avoid striking the turning vehicle, he abruptly steered to his right (or west) causing his vehicle to travel up on the sidewalk in front of Starbucks. He applied the brakes but slid in a southwesterly direction into the front of Starbucks. We have not identified the driver of the turning truck.

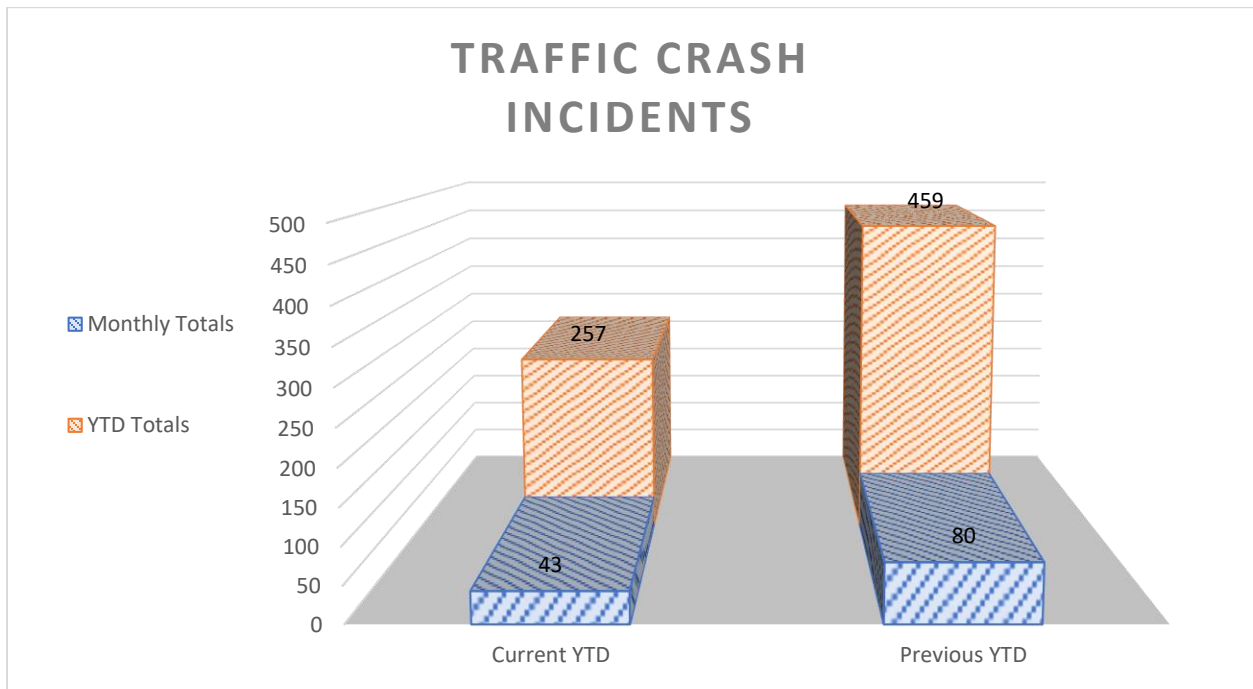
On Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, State Senator John Curran, Cook County Board Commissioner Sean Morrison, and State Representative Jim Durkin provided boxed lunches/meals for each dispatcher and Police Department employee as a “thank you” for their service. The lunches were prepared by Palmer Place and were exceptional. The men and women of the La Grange Police Department want to thank State Senator John Curran, Cook County Board Commissioner Sean Morrison, and State Representative Jim Durkin for their thoughtfulness and thank Steve Palmer for his wonderful service.



On Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, the La Grange Police Department was contacted by the Western Springs Police Department regarding a protest. The protest was supposed to originate and remain in Western Springs but the protest organizers were working on an alternate plan in which the protest ended at Denning Park on Willow Springs Road in La Grange. The Police Department spent quite a bit of time planning for this possibility, which would have required the group to cross Willow Springs Road. Ultimately, the protest ended in Western Springs at the Lyons Township High School South Campus but staff had to prepare for all possibilities. The La Grange Police Department worked closely with members of the Western Springs Police Department and this protest went very well.







### June 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.

### June Case Table

Case Date	Case Type	Case Officer	Status
06/01/2020 01:02:34	Disturbance - Domestic	243 - Andries	Closed - Unfounded
06/01/2020 12:18:18	Fire Call	235 - Rogers	Closed - Low Solvability
06/01/2020 15:16:06	Missing Person	252 - Falls	Pending
06/03/2020 09:37:38	Disturbance - Domestic	250 - Nemecek	Closed - Report Purposes Only
06/03/2020 21:36:49	Disorderly Conduct	252 - Falls	Closed - Report Purposes Only
06/03/2020 22:26:05	Suspicious Activity	242 - Comstock	Closed - Report Purposes Only
06/04/2020 15:48:59	Disorderly Conduct	245 - Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
06/04/2020 15:56:13	Disorderly Conduct	246 - Kang	Closed - Report Purposes Only
06/05/2020 17:08:15	Theft	245 - Irizarry	Closed - Low Solvability
06/05/2020 21:15:01	Battery	253 - Kaiser	Closed - Report Purposes Only
06/07/2020 16:07:22	Mutual Aid Police	245 - Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
06/08/2020 18:55:44	Missing Person	252 - Falls	Exceptional Clearance
06/09/2020 17:00:12	Identity Theft	242 - Comstock	Closed - Report Purposes Only

06/10/2020 14:22:26	Disturbance - Domestic	250 - Nemecek	Closed - Report Purposes Only
06/11/2020 12:55:55	Disorderly Conduct	255 - Piraino	Closed - Report Purposes Only
06/11/2020 13:01:33	Disturbance - Domestic	255 - Piraino	Closed - Report Purposes Only
06/11/2020 13:43:48	Criminal Damage	246 - Kang	Closed - Report Purposes Only
06/12/2020 09:21:51	Traffic Stop	250 - Nemecek	Closed By Arrest
06/13/2020 05:03:02	Disturbance - Domestic	243 - Andries	Closed - Report Purposes Only
06/13/2020 18:39:48	Theft	253 - Kaiser	Closed - Low Solvability
06/14/2020 01:11:56	Disturbance - Domestic	228 - Herrera	Closed - Unfounded
06/14/2020 05:29:50	Battery	228 - Herrera	Closed By Arrest
06/14/2020 19:11:46	Theft	253 - Kaiser	Closed - Low Solvability
06/14/2020 20:34:17	Battery	253 - Kaiser	Closed - Unfounded
06/16/2020 15:02:55	Theft	245 - Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
06/17/2020 16:32:36	Ambulance	245 - Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
06/17/2020 16:39:56	Check Well Being	242 - Comstock	Closed - Report Purposes Only
06/17/2020 16:43:57	Property - Lost Articles	242 - Comstock	Closed - Report Purposes Only
06/18/2020 13:29:02	Battery	230 - Burrell	Closed By Arrest
06/18/2020 17:59:58	Disturbance - Domestic	242 - Comstock	Closed - Report Purposes Only
06/19/2020 02:09:33	Disturbance - Domestic	239 - Wolf	Exceptional Clearance
06/19/2020 04:07:14	Robbery	251 - Niewold	Closed - Unfounded
06/19/2020 14:22:24	Suspicious Activity	255 - Piraino	Closed - Report Purposes Only
06/21/2020 12:23:03	Disorderly Conduct	235 - Rogers	Closed - Report Purposes Only
06/21/2020 21:03:44	Suspicious Activity	242 - Comstock	Closed - Report Purposes Only
06/22/2020 15:47:52	Sex Offender Registration	246 - Kang	Closed - Report Purposes Only
06/23/2020 15:00:27	Deceptive Practice	252 - Falls	Closed - Report Purposes Only
06/24/2020 19:37:18	Disturbance - Domestic	252 - Falls	Closed - Report Purposes Only
06/24/2020 20:00:36	Missing Person	252 - Falls	Closed - Report Purposes Only
06/25/2020 11:26:04	Disturbance - Domestic	230 - Burrell	Closed - Report Purposes Only
06/26/2020 09:38:50	Burglary (car/nothing taken)	255 - Piraino	Closed - Report Purposes Only
06/26/2020 17:52:46	Sex Offenses	252 - Falls	Closed - Report Purposes Only
06/27/2020 18:31:06	Battery	252 - Falls	Closed By Arrest
06/27/2020 21:52:14	Ambulance	242 - Comstock	Closed - Report Purposes Only
06/29/2020 12:33:35	Disturbance - Domestic	250 - Nemecek	Closed - Report Purposes Only
06/29/2020 13:10:32	Criminal Trespass	255 - Piraino	Closed By Arrest
06/29/2020 14:52:49	Theft	242 - Comstock	Closed - Report Purposes Only

**DAYSHIFT ACTIVITIES**

**ARRESTS:**

Sandale Williams (25 years of age, LaGrange resident) was arrested and charged with Criminal Trespass to land on 06/29/2020 for going into 7-eleven, a business located at 9600 W. Ogden Ave after being told not to and receiving a no-trespass warning.

### **OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:**

The dayshift shift officers completed 39 traffic contacts and 21 Illinois Traffic Crash reports; 15 of which were property damage only; and 6 injuries were claimed. The shift officers issued 25 parking/compliance citations for no village vehicle sticker, other parking violations, and minor traffic violations. They conducted 108-foot patrols.

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

Several shift members attended the June 27<sup>th</sup> Lacy-Hill Outreach Hands of Hope food give away at Second Baptist Church.

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

### **TRAINING:**

Sgt. Uher and Ofc. Piraino participated in the firearms training at the outdoor range in Lemont. Shift members completed Police Law and Lexipol daily training bulletins for the month of June.

### **AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES**

#### **INVESTIGATIONS:**

Ofc. Falls and Sgt. Coleman investigated a Missing Person compliant. During the course of the investigation, the victim was located by Illinois State Police, unharmed. The victim was eventually transported to a family member's residence located in Chicago. Case closed.

Ofc. Kaiser and Sgt. Wardlaw investigated a Battery complaint involving two subjects. During the course of the investigation, video surveillance was recovered and it was determined that a battery did not occur as described by the victim. Case closed, no complaints to be signed.

S/L McDermott, Ofc. Comstock and Ofc. Irizarry all handled separate investigations of subjects engaged in self-harm undertakings. Each officer was able to convince the involved subjects to voluntarily seek medical/psychological treatment at a local hospital for their well-being. Cases closed.

#### **ARREST / CITATIONS:**

Ofc. Falls, assisted by Ofc. Kaiser, arrested a 27-year-old La Grange, IL male for Battery – of an Insulting and Provoking Nature. The alleged offender spit in the face of the victim after a verbal altercation. The offender was charged and released with a pending court date.

### **OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:**

Afternoon Shift Officers responded to 416 calls for service, completed 23 initial case reports, 6 supplement reports, and 1 arrest report.



**TRAINING:**

The Afternoon Shift assisted with safety and security during several protests/demonstrations.

**MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES**

**ARRESTS:**

S/L Herrera arrested a 58-year-old male subject from La Grange for Battery. The subject was processed and released on bond with a return court date.

Ofc. Wolf arrested a 34-year-old male subject from La Grange who had an active Failure to Appear (FTA) Warrant out of Sangamon County for D.U.I. The subject was processed and released on bond with a return court date.

**OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:**

The Midnight shift completed 12 traffic contacts and investigated 1 property damage traffic accident and 1 personal injury traffic accident. Shift Officers issued 22 parking citations for overnight parking and other violations. The Officers conducted 122 Building/Business Premise Checks and Foot Patrols. In addition, the Officers worked and assisted with several citizen demonstrations/marches, which took place in La Grange, Western Springs, and Brookfield. Ofc. Niewold also responded to numerous call outs, as a member of the NIPAS Mobile Field Force, to assist with citizen demonstrations/marches, which were conducted in various Chicago-metro communities. Sgt. Ljubenko, along with other command staff members, participated in the interviews of the finalist candidates for the new Management Analyst position.

**TRAINING:**

The shift continued completing the Police Law Institute online training along with the Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. In addition, S/L Herrera, Ofc. Andries and Ofc. Wolf participated in and completed firearms training at the outdoor range in Lemont. Ofc. Niewold attended NIPAS Mobile Field Force team training.

**INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION ACTIVITIES**

**INVESTIGATIONS:**

Inv. Kang and Inv. Fulla verified the relocation of a registered sex offender originally registered living in the Village of La Grange. The subject was confirmed to have moved to the City of Berwyn. Appropriate documents of the move were filed with the State of Illinois.

**ARREST / CITATIONS:**

Inv. Fulla and Inv. Kang arrested a 47-year-old Hillside, IL male for Disorderly Conduct – Making a False Police Report. The subject reported an Armed Robbery occurred in La Grange, which was later determined to be false. The offender was charged with one Felony count of Disorderly Conduct.

**OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:**

Inv. Kang and Inv. Fulla assisted Stickney PD during a Major Case Assistance Team activation related to a shooting. Assistance was given without incident.

Inv. Kang assisted Bridgeview PD during a South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force activation related to a Homicide. Assistance was given without incident.

Inv. Fulla and Inv. Kang assisted with the security and safety of the public during several protests/demonstrations.

Inv. Fulla and Inv. Kang worked on backgrounds for a local business liquor license and a civilian position within the police department as a Management Analyst.

**AUXILIARY AND PART-TIME POLICE UNITS**

The Auxiliary Unit was inactive during the month of June 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 34 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 \$4,750 in parking fines through conventional payments, online payments, or collection efforts.



**TRUCK ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS  
June 2020**

Location	Date	Time	Result			Equipment	Moving	License/Reg	Weight	Insurance	
La Grange Rd	CBD										
		0									
	Cossitt thru 47th	06/04/20	9:41	W				1			
		1					Sub-total by Area				
Other	06/02/20	10:34	C	W		1		1			
	1					Sub-total by Area					
Ogden Ave	East - La Grange Rd	06/02/20	9:58	W		1					
		1					Sub-total by Area				
	La Grange & West	06/11/20	8:57	C				1			
		06/25/20	10:54	W			1				
		2					Sub-total by Area				
Other	East Ave	06/26/20	9:15	C	W		1		1		
		1					Sub-total by Area				
	47th Street										
	Other	06/12/20	9:21	Y	Y	Y		2	1		
1					Sub-total by Area						
						4	3	4	0	0	

**SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES**

<b>PATROL ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>June</b>		<b>June</b>		<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>2020</b>		<b>2019</b>		<b>YTD</b>	<b>YTD</b>
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	950		1,139		6,194	6,793
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	38		69		216	348
FELONY ARRESTS	1		0		4	6
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	4		1		17	22
DUI ARRESTS	0		1		9	6
WARRANT ARRESTS	1		0		11	8
TRAFFIC VERBAL WARNINGS	38		156		563	1,189
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	10		58		238	330
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	18		50		166	295
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	38	329	89	865	2,844	5,405
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	291		776			
JUVENILE ARRESTS	0		0		5	4
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	10		6		51	52

**Activity was down this month due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Officers have increased some self-initiated activity but are still practicing social distancing when possible and are minimizing contact/interaction with the general public.**