

LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Memorandum



To: Andrianna Peterson, Village Manager

From: Kurt Bluder, Chief of Police

Date: August 21, 2020

Re: Monthly Report for July 2020

With Illinois moving into Phase 4 of Restore Illinois at the end of June, the Police Department saw an increase in activity. Although still not at the activity level of this time last year, there was an increase over the previous months. In-person training resumed, Police Officer hiring procedures resumed, traffic enforcement increased, parking enforcement increased and the number of calls for service has gone up. Below is a summary of the Police Department's activity for the month of July.

Friday, July 10th, new Management Analyst Shaun O'Connor began working for the Police Department. Shaun has fourteen and a half years (14 ½) of experience in public safety. He spent ten (10) years working as a telecommunicator for Western Springs and the last three and a half (3 ½) as their Administrative Services Coordinator in which he managed implementation of software (CopFTO, Intime Scheduling, 911Tech, Brazos, and Frontline) and hardware. He also produced monthly, quarterly, and yearly activity reports, managed/scheduled training for Police Officers, was the Police Department's FOIA Officer, assisted in budget preparation, and oversaw a myriad of other projects/duties while working directly with the Chief and Deputy Chief. Lastly, Shaun has a Master of Science degree in Public Safety Administration from Lewis University.

On Friday, July 10, 2020, at approximately 10:24 a.m., the La Grange Police Department responded to an apartment in the 300 block of Bluff Avenue reference a domestic dispute involving an adult son and his mother's live-in boyfriend. Upon arrival, La Grange Police Officers were able to determine that the mother's boyfriend had been shot and was deceased. The adult son, Deangelo Hughes, was taken into custody at the scene. The La Grange Police Department, along with members of the South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force, investigated this incident, which resulted in Hughes being charged with first-degree murder. Hughes is being held at the Cook County Jail without bond.

On Wednesday, July 15th, the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners approved the appointment of Tom West to the position of Probationary Police Officer contingent on securing a future police academy date. As you know, Tom West is currently employed as a telecommunicator with our consolidated dispatch center (LTACC). He will continue his public safety dispatch duties until I receive confirmation regarding police academy enrollment.



Management Analyst Shaun O'Connor and Administrative Assistant/Records Clerk Jane Coleman attend virtual training on Thursday, July 16th, and Friday, July 17th for the National Incident-Based Reporting System or NIBRS. NIBRS provides more detailed crime reporting and will be replacing the current Uniformed Crime Reporting system. All Illinois Police Departments will have to transition to this new reporting system next year. This will require reformatting of our reports and training of staff. Our report software vendor, Tyler Technologies, is re-writing their forms for all Illinois clients to meet this requirement. More information can be found on the FBI's website at <https://www.fbi.gov/services/cjis/ucr/nibrs>

On Tuesday, July 21st, the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners conducted four (4) interviews for the position of Police Officer. All four applicants passed the interview and have moved on to the background investigation phase of the hiring process. As you know, two applicants requested and were granted, waivers since they were not available for their respective interviews. Those two candidates will be interviewed at a later date.

On Thursday, July 23rd, Sergeant Ken Uher, Officer Ryan Nemecek, Officer Steve Rogers, and Officer Kevin Comstock conducted a Truck Enforcement campaign with a focus on 47th Street. A total of sixteen (16) trucks were stopped with seventeen (17) citations and fifteen (15) warnings being issued. Most stops resulted in a citation and a warning for a secondary violation.



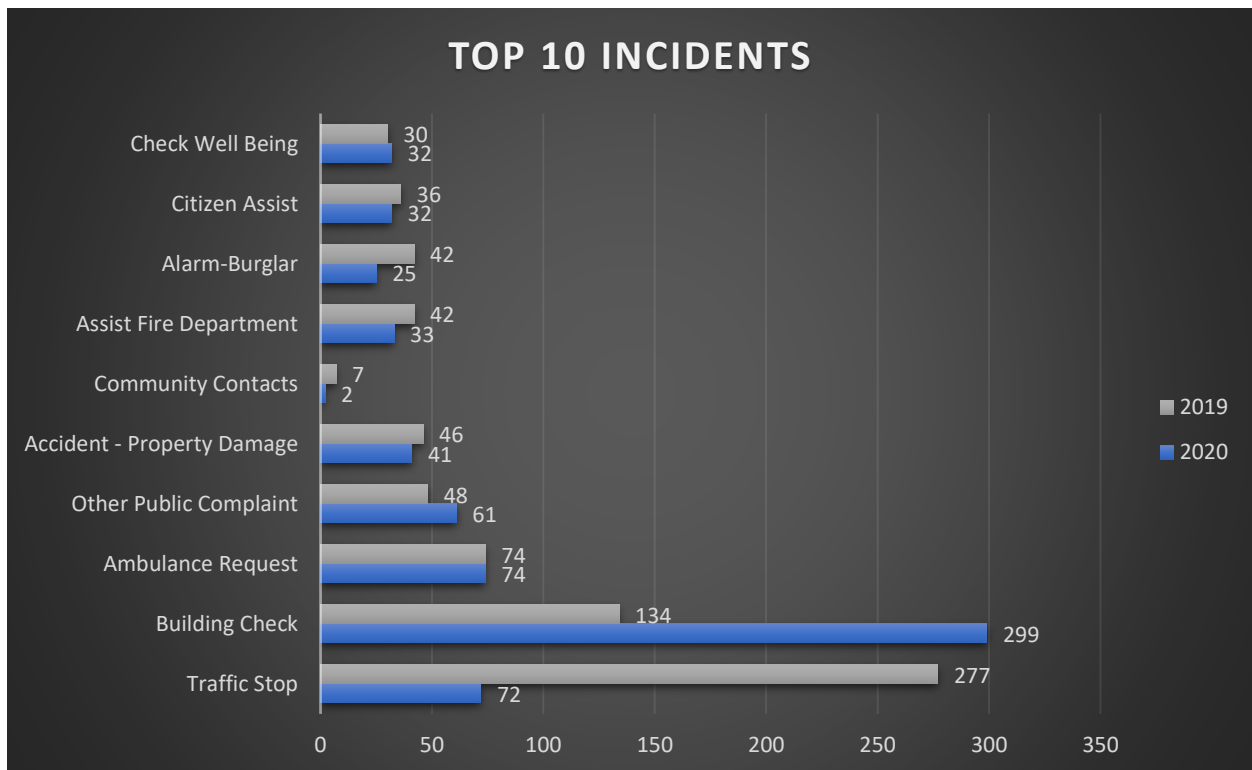
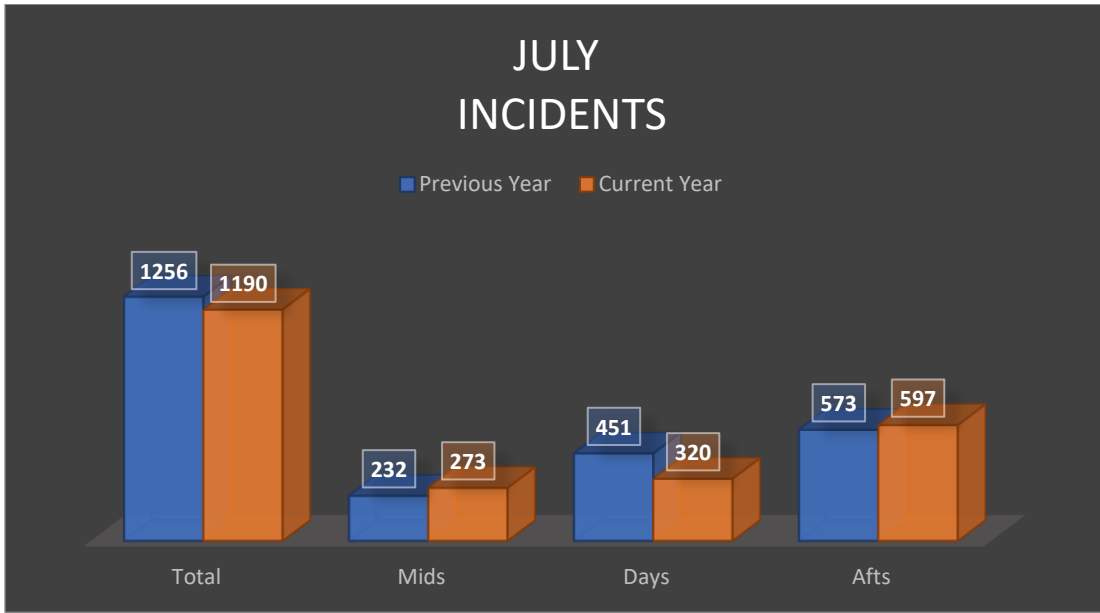
On Monday, July 27th, Casey Gomorzak began attending the Suburban Police Academy in Glen Ellyn. Officer Gomorzak was originally supposed to begin his academy training on Monday, March 30th but due to the pandemic, all in-person training was suspended. After careful planning, academy training has resumed and he is scheduled to graduate from the academy at the end of October.

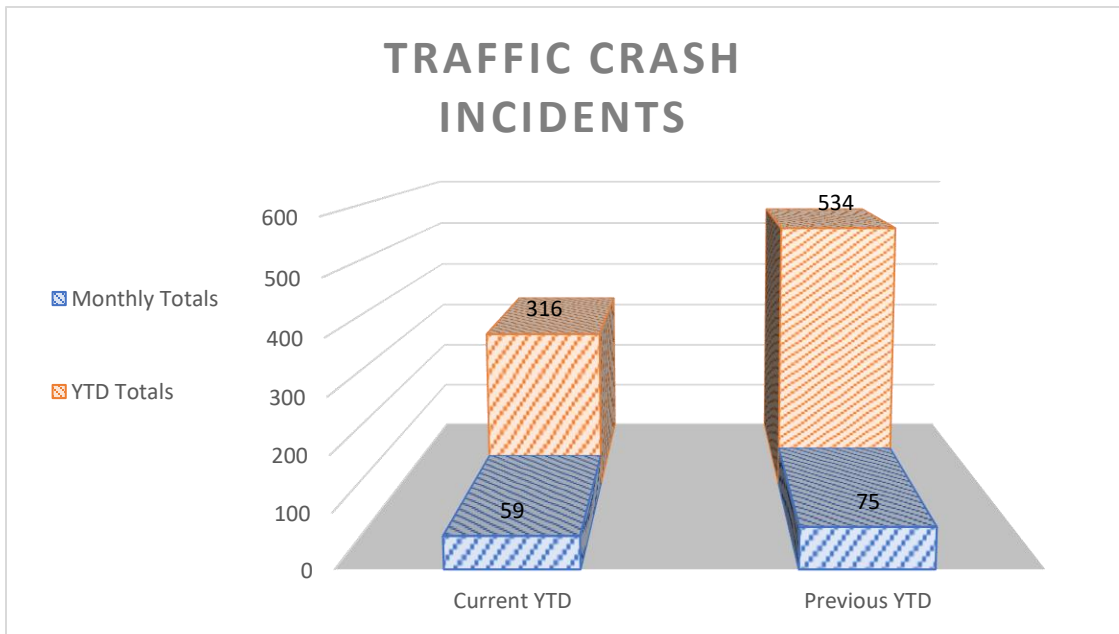
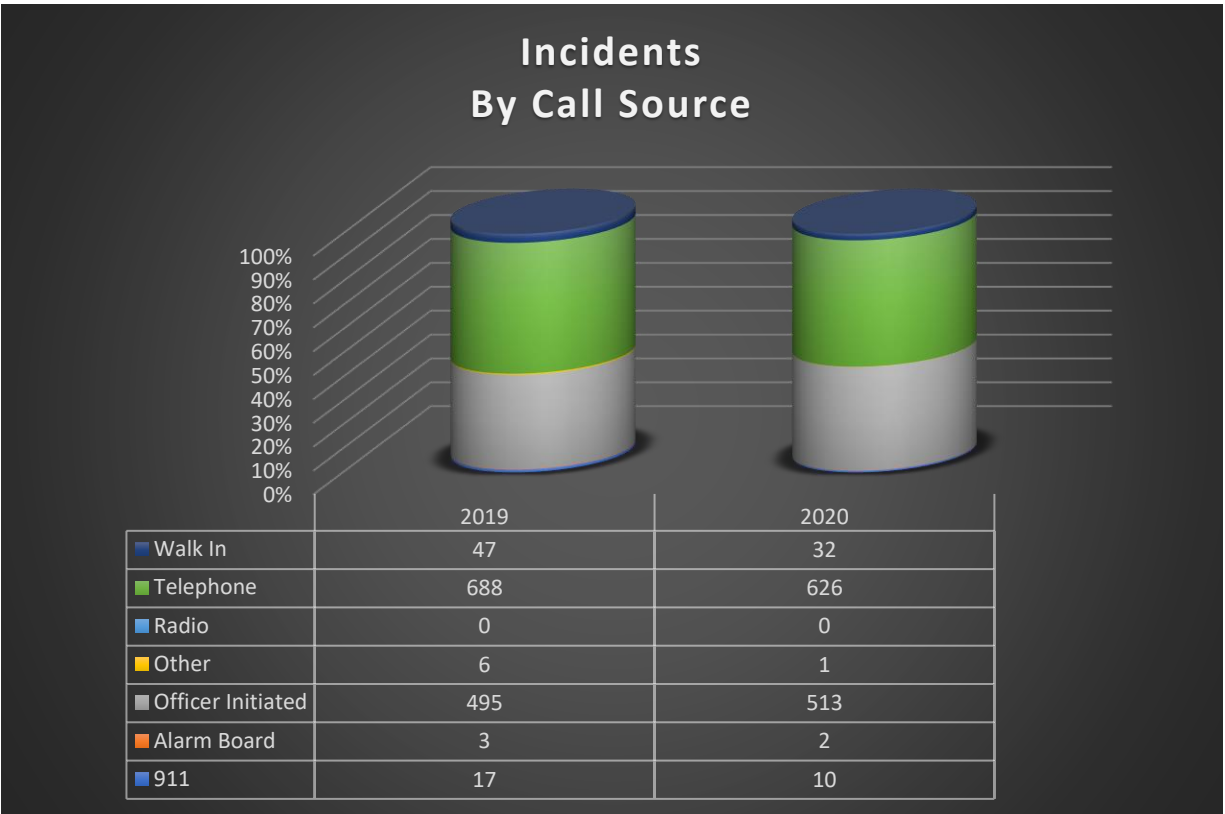
Northeast Multi-Regional Training or NEMRT opened up their in-person training and increased class sizes, which allowed our Department to send Officer to various training this month. Throughout the month of July Officers attended the following training:

- On Wednesday, July 8th and Thursday, July 9th, Officer Ryan Nemecek and Officer Rocco Piraino 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. Officers will have a broader knowledge of drug impairment indicators. With the legalization of recreational marijuana, this class has become highly sought after. The training was held at the Burr Ridge Police Department.
- On Wednesday, July 8th, Officer Sabrina Irizarry attended a one-day training class on Concealed Compartments in Vehicles. The course provides training on search, seizure, and forfeiture issues, trunk release systems, magnetic reed switches push buttons, and motorized/hydraulic systems.
- On Monday, July 20th, Officer Candice Cassiberry attended the 40-hour Basic Evidence Technician class. The course provides recently assigned evidence technicians an introduction on evidence collection, identification, and preservation techniques. It also covers topics such as crime scene management, crime scene photography, crime scene sketching, diagramming, and animation, evidence recognition, handling, packaging, and submission, trace, tool mark, and firearm evidence as well as biological evidence/D.N.A. and search warrants.
- On Friday, July 31st, Officer Taylor Falls attended a one-day “Enforcing Illinois Cannabis Laws” training class. The class is designed to provide officers with a comprehensive overview of the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act, including a review of the DUI provisions related to medical cannabis and adult-use cannabis. The class was held at the Matteson Police Department.



In an effort to enhance pedestrian safety, and as part of the Police Department’s “Be the Change, Travel Safe in La Grange” traffic safety campaign, an electronic message board was placed at the intersection of Ogden Avenue and La Grange Road, at the intersection beginning Monday, July 13th, reminding trucks to be aware of pedestrians.





July Case Table

<u>Case Date</u>	<u>Case Type</u>	<u>Case Ofc</u>	<u>Status</u>
07/01/2020 10:22:37	Identity Theft	230 - Burrell	Closed - Report Purposes Only
07/01/2020 13:05:18	Burglary to Garage	230 - Burrell	Closed - Report Purposes Only
07/02/2020 03:28:34	Burglary to Garage	251 - Niewold	Closed - Report Purposes Only
07/02/2020 22:21:23	Animal - Stray	252 - Falls	Closed - Report Purposes Only
07/03/2020 12:41:40	Disturbance - Domestic	235 - Rogers	Closed - Report Purposes Only
07/03/2020 16:01:44	Disorderly Conduct	248 - McDermott	Closed - Report Purposes Only
07/04/2020 09:32:10	Burglary to Garage	255 - Piraino	Closed - Report Purposes Only
07/04/2020 20:19:14	Criminal Damage	242 - Comstock	Closed - Report Purposes Only
07/05/2020 13:19:44	Disturbance - Domestic	230 - Burrell	Closed - Report Purposes Only
07/06/2020 17:00:44	Disturbance - Domestic	242 - Comstock	Closed - Report Purposes Only
07/06/2020 19:46:58	Disturbance - Domestic	244 - Coleman	Closed - Report Purposes Only
07/07/2020 08:45:21	Identity Theft	255 - Piraino	Closed - Report Purposes Only
07/07/2020 09:49:43	Death Investigation	255 - Piraino	Closed - Report Purposes Only
07/07/2020 15:20:19	Disturbance - Domestic	242 - Comstock	Closed - Report Purposes Only
07/07/2020 15:35:11	Battery	245 - Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
07/08/2020 08:56:16	Disorderly Conduct	232 - Moncivais	Closed - Report Purposes Only
07/08/2020 15:23:57	Ambulance	253 - Kaiser	Closed - Report Purposes Only
07/08/2020 20:52:14	Theft	253 - Kaiser	Closed - Report Purposes Only
07/09/2020 09:23:28	Identity Theft	230 - Burrell	Closed - Report Purposes Only
07/09/2020 13:22:24	Burglary to Garage	230 - Burrell	Closed - Report Purposes Only
07/09/2020 19:34:07	Burglary to Garage	246 - Kang	Closed - Report Purposes Only
07/10/2020 10:27:09	Death Investigation	236 - Uher	Closed By Arrest
07/10/2020 14:13:45	Identity Theft	248 - McDermott	Pending
07/11/2020 13:36:36	Theft	235 - Rogers	Closed - Report Purposes Only
07/12/2020 08:17:07	Ambulance	236 - Uher	Closed - Report Purposes Only
07/12/2020 20:41:20	Criminal Damage	242 - Comstock	Closed By Arrest
07/14/2020 11:08:27	Burglary to Garage	250 - Nemecek	Closed - Report Purposes Only
07/14/2020 14:38:32	Criminal Damage	232 - Moncivais	Closed - Low Solvability
07/15/2020 06:39:49	Burglary to Garage	251 - Niewold	Closed By Arrest
07/17/2020 11:28:26	Identity Theft	230 - Burrell	Closed - Low Solvability
07/17/2020 14:08:53	Theft	230 - Burrell	Closed - Report Purposes Only
07/17/2020 14:15:03	Identity Theft	235 - Rogers	Closed - Low Solvability
07/17/2020 22:47:34	Disturbance - Domestic	243 - Andries	Closed - Report Purposes Only
07/17/2020 23:49:17	Burglary to Garage	251 - Niewold	Closed - Report Purposes Only
07/19/2020 13:16:23	Identity Theft	230 - Burrell	Closed - Low Solvability
07/19/2020 23:10:44	Criminal Damage	251 - Niewold	Closed - Report Purposes Only
07/20/2020 15:24:39	Juvenile Problems	242 - Comstock	Closed - Report Purposes Only
07/21/2020 15:56:25	Criminal Damage	242 - Comstock	Closed - Report Purposes Only
07/21/2020 18:49:58	Criminal Trespass	248 - McDermott	Closed - Report Purposes Only
07/22/2020 09:41:37	Burglary to Vehicle	255 - Piraino	Closed - Low Solvability

07/22/2020 10:49:37	Burglary to Vehicle	255 - Piraino	Closed - Low Solvability
07/23/2020 02:04:12	Accident - Hit & Run - PD	243 - Andries	Closed - Low Solvability
07/23/2020 20:39:16	Theft	242 - Comstock	Closed - Report Purposes Only
07/25/2020 19:46:26	Criminal Damage	245 - Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
07/27/2020 09:12:00	Criminal Damage	235 - Rogers	Closed - Low Solvability
07/27/2020 14:53:13	Disorderly Conduct	245 - Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
07/27/2020 15:45:00	Disorderly Conduct	248 - McDermott	Closed - Report Purposes Only
07/27/2020 16:28:37	Theft	252 - Falls	Pending
07/28/2020 01:04:00	Traffic Stop-Fled	231 - Wardlaw	Closed - Low Solvability
07/28/2020 17:36:00	Information Report	242 - Comstock	Closed - Report Purposes Only
07/28/2020 21:40:33	Disturbance - Domestic	252 - Falls	Closed - Report Purposes Only
07/29/2020 16:33:36	Disturbance - Domestic	252 - Falls	TOT Other Agency
07/29/2020 20:47:14	Battery	242 - Comstock	Closed - Low Solvability
07/30/2020 16:53:03	Accident/Property Damage	242 - Comstock	Closed - Low Solvability
07/30/2020 18:12:07	Disturbance - Domestic	248 - McDermott	Closed - Report Purposes Only
07/30/2020 22:38:52	Theft	248 - McDermott	Closed - Low Solvability
07/31/2020 12:14:37	Identity Theft	255 - Piraino	Closed - Low Solvability

DAYSHIFT SHIFT ACTIVITIES

ARRESTS:

No Arrests

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

The dayshift officers completed 18 traffic contacts and 19 Illinois traffic crash reports; 16 of which were property damage only; 3 involved injuries. The shift officers issued 30 parking/compliance citations for no village vehicle sticker, other parking violations, and minor traffic violations. They conducted 68-foot patrols. Dayshift Ofc.'s investigated: 6 burglaries, 7 identity thefts, 1 criminal damage to property, 1 Disorderly Conduct, 2 death investigations, and 2 domestics.

On July 10 at 10:25 a.m., the day shift officers, along with the investigators, responded to the 300 block of Bluff Avenue for a report of a man claiming he shot his stepfather. Upon the officer's arrival, they located the deceased person and the suspect was taken into custody. This investigation was conducted with the assistance of the South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force. The Cook County State's Attorney's office approved charges against De Angelo Hughes for causing the death of Curtis Clark.

During this month, the shift members participated in the annual physical fitness test.

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

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 IDPH.

TRAINING:

Ofc.'s Nemecek and Piraino attended a two-day training course for Advanced Roadside Impairment Driving Enforcement.

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

AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS:

Sgt. Coleman, Ofc. Irizarry, Ofc. Falls and S/L McDermott assisted with an investigation into a Missing Person. During the course of the investigation, the victim was located unharmed.

Ofc. Kaiser investigated a Theft complaint occurring from a local restaurant. During the course of the investigation, video surveillance was recovered and it was determined that an unknown male took a patio umbrella located outside the restaurant and fled the scene in a vehicle. No suspects have been identified at this time. Case closed due to a lack of suspects.

S/L McDermott investigated an Identity Theft complaint. During the course of the investigation, it was determined that the offender used the victim's identity on a fraudulent driver's license while attempting to cash a fraudulent check. Surveillance video was obtained of that transaction and the case was turned over to the Investigations Unit. Case pending.

ARREST / CITATIONS:

Ofc. Comstock, assisted by Ofc. Falls, Ofc. Irizarry and Sgt. Wardlaw, arrested an 18-year-old North Riverside, IL male for Criminal Damage to Property and Reckless Driving. The offender conducted a burn out in his vehicle at the Village parking garage causing damage to the garage surface and endangering others in the vicinity. The offender was charged and released with a pending court date.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

Afternoon Shift Officers responded to 597 calls for service, conducted 167 building checks, and completed 22 initial case reports, 17 supplement reports, and 1 arrest report.

TRAINING:

Afternoon Shift members successfully passed their annual department physical fitness test.

Ofc. Irizarry attended training related to Concealed Compartments.

Ofc. Falls attended training related to Enforcing Illinois Cannabis Laws.

MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES

ARRESTS:

None

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

The Midnight shift completed 14 traffic contacts and investigated 2 property damage hit & run traffic accidents, both of which involved damage to Village property. Shift Officers issued 82 parking citations for overnight parking and other violations. Shift Officers conducted 179 Building/Business Premise Checks and Foot Patrols.

In addition, Ofc. Niewold, as a member of the NIPAS Mobile Field Force, responded to a call out to assist the Evanston P.D. with a citizen protest/demonstration. Shift Officers also completed the Annual Physical Fitness Test.

TRAINING:

The shift continued completing the Police Law Institute online training lessons, along with the Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. In addition, Ofc. Niewold attended NIPAS Mobile Field Force team training and Ofc. Cassiberry completed the 40-hour Basic Evidence Technician training course.

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS:

Inv. Fulla conducted a follow-up investigation into an incident involving Criminal Damage to State Supported Property. Unknown offenders placed an unknown product in the Village Fountain causing damage. No suspects have been identified at this time. Case closed.

Inv. Kang conducted follow-up investigations into an incident of Identity Theft originally handled by Ofc. McDermott. A photo line-up was completed and a suspect has been identified. Inv. Kang is in the process of locating the suspect. Case pending.

ARREST / CITATIONS:

Inv. Fulla and Inv. Kang, assisted by the South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force, charged a 25-year-old La Grange, IL male, Deangelo Q. Hughes with 1st Degree Murder. The offender reported a domestic situation where he shot the victim multiple times, which was later determined to be premeditated. The offender was taken into custody by Day Shift Officers without incident. Hughes is currently being held at the Cook County Department of Corrections on no bond.

Inv. Kang arrested a 17-year-old juvenile from La Grange, IL for Burglary to a garage. The juvenile was processed, charged, and turned over to his parent. The juvenile will be petitioned to Cook County Juvenile Court on the felony charge of Burglary.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

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

Inv. Fulla and Inv. Kang assisted Worth PD during a South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force activation in relation to a Homicide. Assistance was given without incident.

Inv. Kang and Inv. Fulla assisted the Western Springs PD during a Major Case Assistance Team activation in relation to garage burglaries.

Inv. Full and Inv. Kang started backgrounds on 4 new police applicants.

Inv. Kang and Inv. Fulla passed their annual physical fitness tests.

AUXILIARY AND PART-TIME POLICE UNITS

Due to COVID-19, the Auxiliary Officers did not work in July. The part-time officers responded to 14 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 \$8,615.00 in parking fines through conventional payments, online payments, or collection efforts.

TRUCK ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS: JULY 2020

Location	Date	Time	Result			Equipment	Moving	License/Reg	Weight	Insurance
La Grange RD	CBD	07/23/20	0:00	W	C		1	1		
		07/23/20	10:05	C	C	W	1	2	1	
	2	Sub-total by Area								
	Cossitt thru 47th	07/23/20	6:30	C	C		2			
		07/23/20	7:14	W	W	W	2	1		
		07/23/20	6:56	C					1	
	3	Sub-total by Area								
	Other	07/28/20	12:55	C	C	W	1	1	1	
1		Sub-total by Area								
Ogden Ave	East - La Grange RD	07/23/20	5:50	C	C		2			
		07/23/20	6:27	C				1		
	2	Sub-total by Area								
	La Grange & West									
0	Sub-total by Area									
Other	East Ave	07/23/20	6:05	C	W		2			
		07/23/20	5:37	C	W	C	2		2	
		07/23/20	6:42	C	W	C	3			
		07/23/20	8:23	W			1			
		07/23/20	5:26	W			1			
		07/23/20	6:12	W					1	
		07/23/20	6:43	C	C				2	
	7	Sub-total by Area								
	47th Street	07/23/20	9:00	W				1		
		07/23/20	5:51	C	W	W	1		1	1
		07/18/20	17:15	C	C	W	2	1	1	
3	Sub-total by Area									
Other										
0	Sub-total by Area				21	8	10	1	0	

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

PATROL ACTIVITIES	July		July		2020	2019
	2020		2019		YTD	YTD
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	1,183		1,254		7,391	8,047
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	50		57		266	404
FELONY ARRESTS	1		2		5	8
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	1		2		18	24
DUI ARRESTS	0		1		9	7
WARRANT ARRESTS	0		4		11	12
TRAFFIC VERBAL WARNINGS	19		201		582	1,390
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	37		45		275	375
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	14		58		180	363
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	89	419	192	676	3,265	6,081
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	330		484			
JUVENILE ARRESTS	2		1		7	5
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	3		10		54	62