

LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Memorandum



To: Andrianna Peterson, Village Manager
From: Kurt Bluder, Chief of Police
Date: October 22, 2020
Re: Monthly Report for September 2020

Even though the country is still living through a pandemic, September seemed to be more of a standard month for the Police Department. Staff was able to attend a number of in-person trainings and moved forward with hiring processes. Officers continued to focus on building checks and being visible. Below is a summary of the Police Department's activity for the month of September.



On Tuesday, September 1st, Police Officer Candidate Tom West participated in the Power Test and attended the police academy orientation for the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy in Glen Ellyn (College of DuPage). Tom passed the Power Test and began academy training on Monday, September 14th. His first day with the La Grange Police Department was Wednesday, September 2nd. He spent the first week and a half completing the onboarding process and ensuring he had all the necessary equipment/uniforms for the academy.

On Friday, September 11th, Village President Mark Kuchler, Fire Chief Vavra, members of the Fire Department, as well as you and I, attended a Patriot Day ceremony hosted by the Robert E. Coulter, Jr. American Legion Post 1941. The event was held at the new Countryside Municipal Complex. The ceremony was an opportunity to reflect upon the events of September 11, 2001, and to honor the almost 3,000 victims that died that day. La Grange Village President Mark Kuchler and Countryside Mayor Sean McDermott presented a ceremonial wreath in remembrance of all those lost their lives.



Village of La Grange Race Unity Proclamation



Mark Kuchler, President, Village of La Grange

"Now, therefore, I, Mark A. Kuchler, President of the Village of La Grange, and we the Board of Trustees of the Village of La Grange do hereby proclaim that Sunday, September 13, 2020 is 'RACE UNITY DAY.'"

On Sunday, September 13th, President Kuchler, Trustee Beth Augustine, you, and I participated virtually in the 29th Annual Race Unity Rally held by the CommUNITY Diversity Group of La Grange. This annual event was held via Zoom due to the pandemic. The featured speaker this year was Traci D. Ellis, JD, Chief Human

Resource Officer, and Chief Equity Officer, Illinois Math and Science Academy. The event was well attended and very informative. The CommUNITY Diversity Groups' website can be found at <https://www.communitydiversity.org/>

"Each year, the La Grange Village Board passes a [Proclamation \(PDF\)](#) affirming these tenets and supporting the annual Race Unity Rally which is held each September at the La Grange Village Hall."



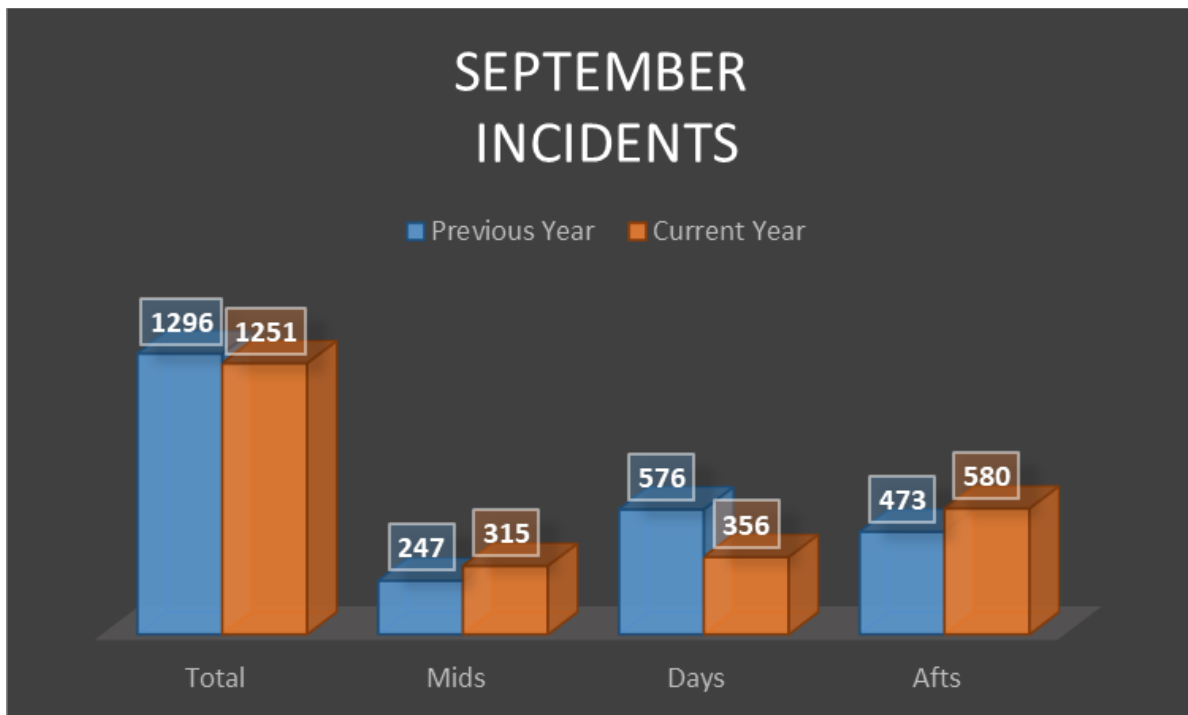
More info: [Village of La Grange "Commitment to Community"](#)

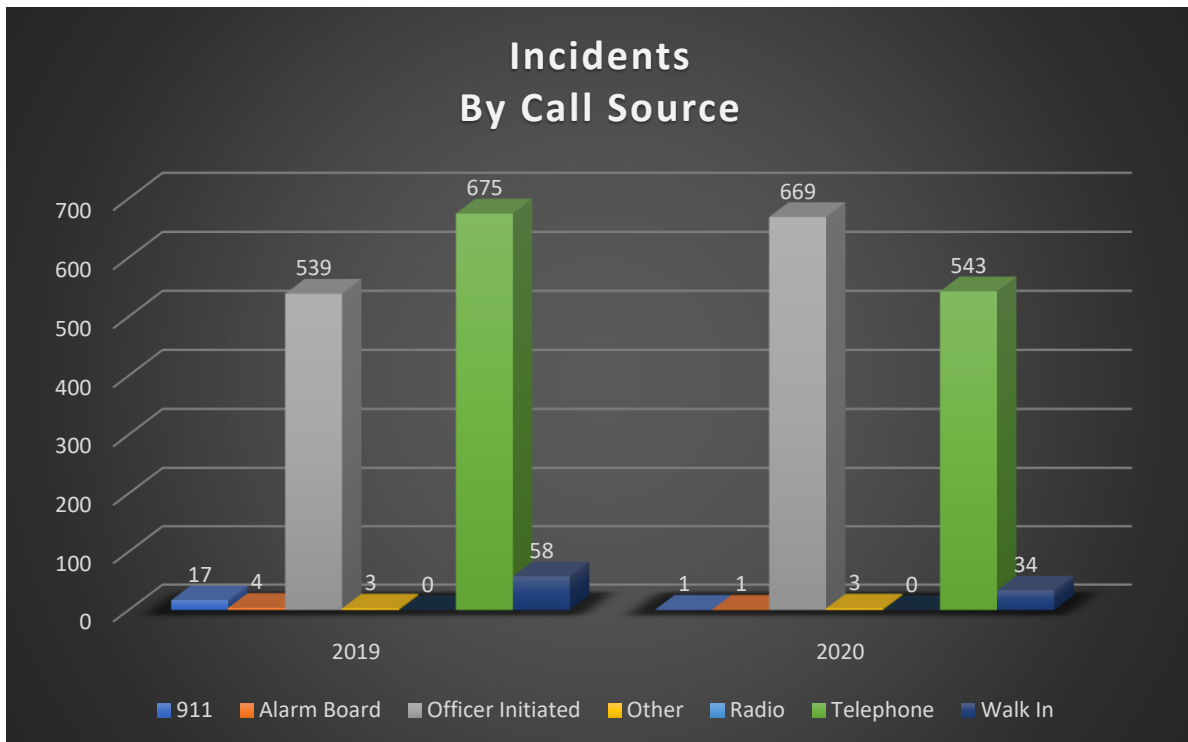
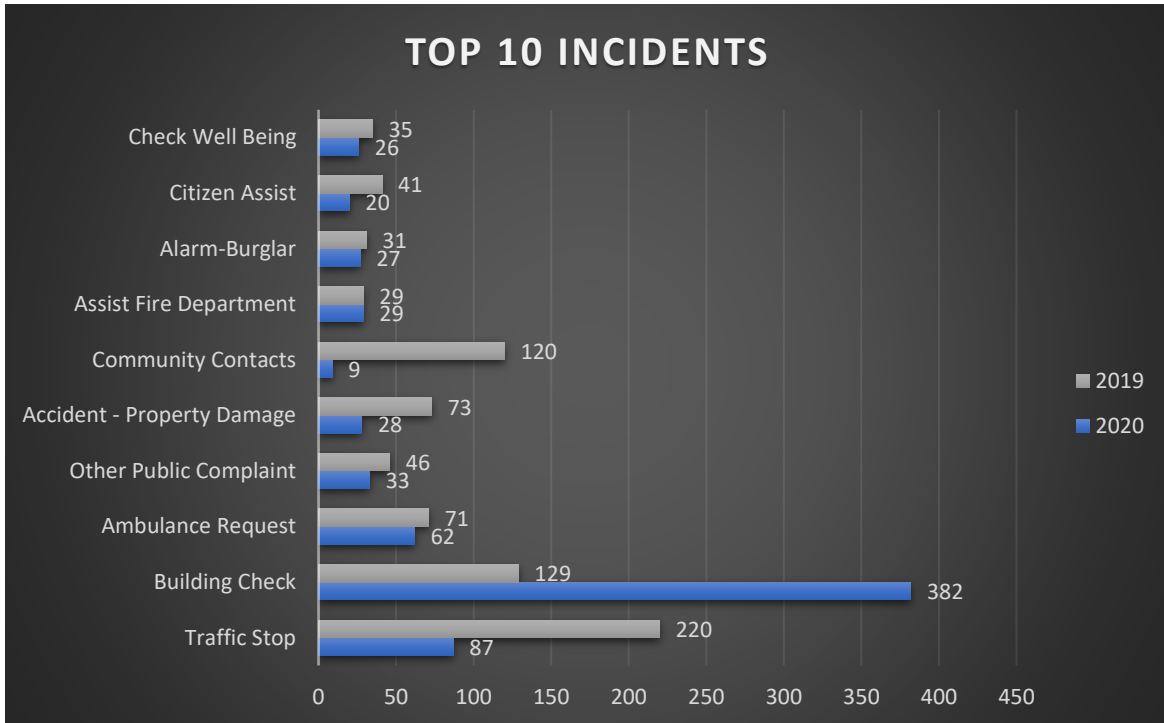
On Monday, September 14th, the application process for the position of Police Officer closed. The vendor administering the test, IO Solutions out of Oak Brook, received eighty-five (85) applications, which exceeded the number of applicants for the two previous hiring processes. The written exam took place on Saturday, October 10th at the LT North campus. Two different rooms were reserved in order to practice social distancing.

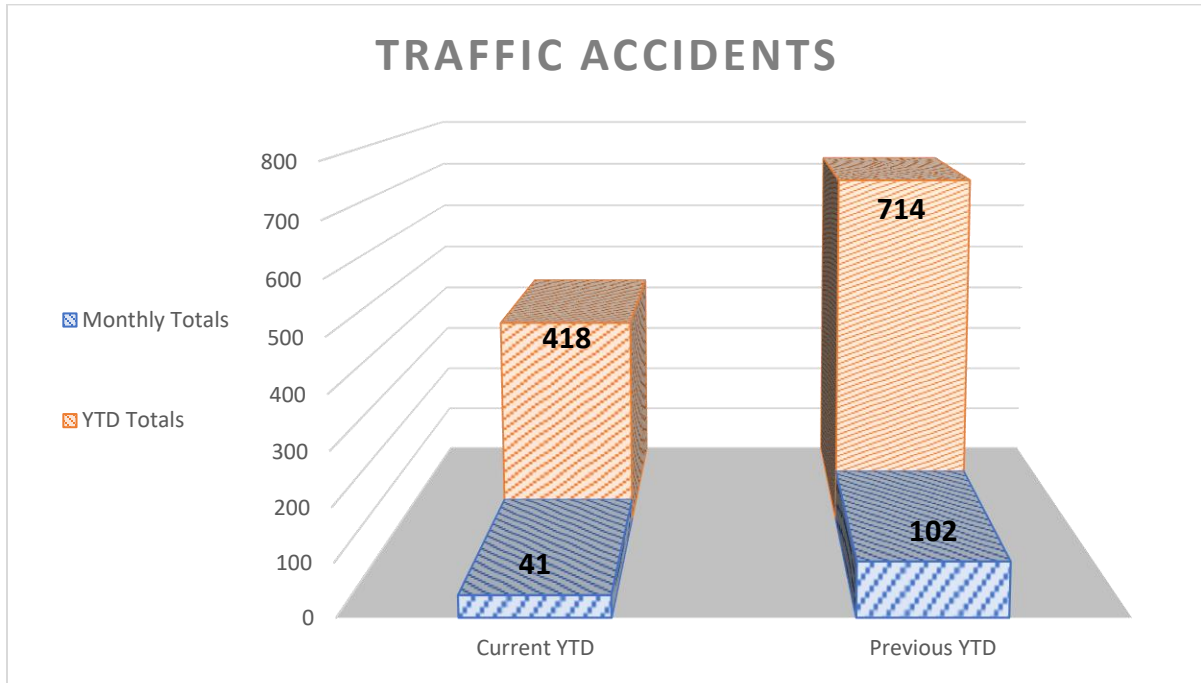


On Monday, September 21st, Sergeant Dave Rohlicek resumed attending Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command. The class is a total of ten (10) weeks in length with Dave attending class every two out of four weeks. The class was supposed to conclude in May but due to COVID-19, it was suspended. He has weeks seven/eight and nine/ten remaining. 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 Monday, September 28, Sergeant Ken Uher and Officer Ryan Nemecek conducted a Truck Enforcement Detail. The detail resulted in thirteen (13) stops with three (3) citations being issues and sixteen (16) warnings.







September Training

On Monday, August 31st, Officer Kyle Niewold attended the 32 hour Police Cyclist Course. This course is nationally certified through the International Police Mountain Bike Association and has been developed for officers. Participants learn to safely maneuver their bikes while in traffic and how to use the bicycle when making traffic stops, citizen contacts, and suspect contacts. The class was sponsored by Northeast Multi-Regional Training or NEMRT and was held at the Algonquin Police Department.

On Thursday, September 10th and Friday, September 11th, Squad Leader Laura McDermott attended a 16-hour course titled, Patrol Response to Internet Crime. The class provides information related to internet-based crimes, including fraud, sexting, cyberbullying, sexual predators, and stalking. It also covers issues related to social media, searching hard drives, obtaining IP addresses, and legal issues pertaining to internet crimes. The class was sponsored by NEMRT and held at the Naperville Police Department.

On Wednesday, September 15th, Officer Steve Rogers and Officer Kevin Comstock attended a one-day class titled, Enhanced Traffic Enforcement for Patrol. The class provides enhanced skills and increased efficiency for those officers who already conduct traffic enforcement measures and covered topics such as how traffic activity reduces overall crime rates in a community, common traffic violations contributing to traffic crashes/accident, distracted driving/drowsy driving, and recent case law. The class was sponsored by NEMRT and was held at the Bloomingdale Police Department.

On Friday, September 18th, Officer Taylor Falls attended a one-day “Implementing a Social Media Strategy” class. The class is designed to meet the practical needs of police personnel in order to implement and manage a social media strategy for a law enforcement agency. Topics included an overview of law enforcement use of social media, Illinois government records law and model policies, updates in the legal landscape concerning civil rights and social media, and navigating the negativity on social media. The class was sponsored by NEMRT and was held at the Countryside Police Department.

On Wednesday, September 23rd and Thursday, September 24th, Officer Scott Wolf and Squad Leader Laura McDermott 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 have a broader knowledge of drug impairment indicators upon completing the course. With the legalization of recreational marijuana, this class has become highly sought after. The training was held at the Skokie Police Department.

On Thursday, September 24th and Friday, September 25th, Officer Sabrina Irizarry attended the 16 Hour Sexual Assault Investigator course. The class is designed to meet the needs of law enforcement personnel tasked with conducting sex crime investigations and includes topics such as trauma and the neurobiology of the brain, what it means to be victim-centered and trauma-informed, and how to conduct trauma-informed interviews with victims as well as social media and evidence gathering from the internet are discussed. The class was sponsored by NEMRT and was held at the Roselle Police Department.

On Friday, September 25th, Sergeant Ken Uher attended a one-day Police Supervisor Liability Training class. The class helps supervisors understand today's complex civil rights legal landscape, which is critical to ensuring the safe and efficient administration of any police department. Topics covered include failure to train liability, failure to supervise liability, policy issues with respect to search and seizure, hot pursuit and chase, discipline and hiring, use of force issues related to arrest and detention, qualified immunity, and recent Illinois legislation and court decisions.

On Monday, September 28th and Tuesday, September 29th, Investigator Fulla attended Major Case Assistance Team tactical training. The training, titled High-Risk Urban Tactics, Search Warrant, and Arrest Team Tactics, was taught by the Illinois Tactical Officers Association and was held at the Countryside Police Department.

On Monday, September 28th, Investigator Jin Kang attended the 40-hour Basic Narcotics Investigator certification course. The class covers new generations of street drugs, basic drug measurements and relative street prices, drug law, case development, and investigative techniques, developing and managing informants, undercover operations, report writing, asset forfeiture, and testifying in court, surveillance operations and equipment and troubleshooting current cases. The class was sponsored by NEMRT and was held in Carpentersville.

September Case Table

Case Date	Case Type	Case Officer	Status
09/02/2020 09:12:29	Criminal Damage	255 - Piraino	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/03/2020 07:57:30	Theft	235 - Rogers	Closed - Low Solvability
09/03/2020 09:47:17	Disorderly Conduct	200 - Rohlicek	Closed By Arrest
09/04/2020 11:44:44	Deceptive Practice	233 - Fulla	Closed - Low Solvability
09/05/2020 16:31:06	Disturbance - Other	245 - Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/05/2020 17:37:00	Mutual Aid Police	252 - Falls	TOT Other Agency
09/05/2020 18:24:16	Battery	248 - McDermott	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/07/2020 00:35:36	Burglary-unlocked vehicle	251 - Niewold	Closed - Low Solvability
09/07/2020 19:17:25	Disturbance - Domestic	252 - Falls	Pending
09/07/2020 21:56:10	Disturbance - Domestic	242 - Comstock	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/08/2020 00:56:28	Disturbance - Domestic	239 - Wolf	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/08/2020 09:41:27	Criminal Damage	236 - Uher	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/08/2020 11:03:59	Death Investigation	250 - Nemecek	
09/08/2020 13:43:59	Identity Theft	200 - Rohlicek	Closed - Low Solvability
09/08/2020 18:22:04	Death Investigation	242 - Comstock	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/08/2020 21:10:31	DUI	253 - Kaiser	Closed By Arrest
09/09/2020 11:21:46	Identity Theft	250 - Nemecek	
09/09/2020 15:30:10	Theft	248 - McDermott	Pending
09/09/2020 20:58:13	Theft	248 - McDermott	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/10/2020 10:09:59	Suspicious Activity	235 - Rogers	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/10/2020 12:01:01	Juvenile Problems	255 - Piraino	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/10/2020 19:45:52	Missing Person	242 - Comstock	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/10/2020 23:33:31	Death Investigation	254 - Cassiberry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/13/2020 17:50:06	Accident - Hit & Run - PD	245 - Irizarry	Closed - Low Solvability
09/13/2020 21:34:01	Theft	245 - Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/14/2020 19:40:17	Criminal Damage	248 - McDermott	Closed - Low Solvability
09/15/2020 09:39:03	Identity Theft	255 - Piraino	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/15/2020 15:38:56	Theft	252 - Falls	Closed - Low Solvability
09/15/2020 16:29:24	Theft	245 - Irizarry	Closed - Low Solvability
09/15/2020 17:22:33	Burglary (ruse entry)	252 - Falls	Pending
09/16/2020 13:55:14	Suspicious Activity	250 - Nemecek	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/16/2020 16:52:57	Theft	253 - Kaiser	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/17/2020 16:40:49	Theft	242 - Comstock	Closed - Low Solvability
09/18/2020 08:59:50	Disturbance - Domestic	255 - Piraino	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/18/2020 09:34:02	Identity Theft	232 - Moncivais	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/18/2020 14:33:34	Theft	250 - Nemecek	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/18/2020 14:32:15	Criminal Damage	253 - Kaiser	Closed - Report Purposes Only

09/18/2020 15:47:41	Disturbance - Domestic	242 - Comstock	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/19/2020 14:31:06	Battery	230 - Burrell	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/20/2020 00:34:57	Battery	254 - Cassiberry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/21/2020 08:54:47	Theft	230 - Burrell	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/21/2020 13:10:09	Disorderly Conduct	255 - Piraino	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/21/2020 17:16:59	Burglary to Garage	253 - Kaiser	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/21/2020 18:05:29	Death Investigation	252 - Falls	TOT Other Agency
09/22/2020 08:26:45	Criminal Damage	250 - Nemecek	Closed - Low Solvability
09/22/2020 09:37:28	Deceptive Practice	250 - Nemecek	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/22/2020 22:43:09	Criminal Damage	243 - Andries	Suspension
09/23/2020 10:07:41	Disorderly Conduct	230 - Burrell	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/23/2020 22:35:19	Retail Theft	252 - Falls	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/24/2020 09:02:12	Ambulance	250 - Nemecek	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/24/2020 17:29:35	Theft	252 - Falls	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/25/2020 09:51:05	Identity Theft	251 - Niewold	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/25/2020 21:44:30	Juvenile Problems	252 - Falls	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/26/2020 20:01:19	Juvenile Problems	245 - Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/27/2020 13:52:08	Criminal Damage	248 - McDermott	Closed - Low Solvability
09/27/2020 14:05:09	Criminal Damage	248 - McDermott	Closed - Low Solvability
09/27/2020 15:51:54	Disturbance - Domestic	245 - Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/27/2020 17:29:58	Accident - Hit & Run - PD	253 - Kaiser	Closed By Arrest
09/27/2020 22:21:59	Disturbance - Domestic	242 - Comstock	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/28/2020 07:48:34	Other	255 - Piraino	Closed By Arrest
09/28/2020 08:10:13	Other	255 - Piraino	Closed - Low Solvability
09/28/2020 11:22:54	Other	255 - Piraino	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/28/2020 16:10:05	Property - All Other	253 - Kaiser	Pending
09/29/2020 16:07:08	Identity Theft	245 - Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/29/2020 22:34:13	Battery	245 - Irizarry	Closed By Arrest
09/30/2020 12:42:04	Information Report	250 - Nemecek	Closed - Report Purposes Only
09/30/2020 13:03:30	Check Well Being	236 - Uher	Closed - Report Purposes Only

DAYSHIFT ACTIVITIES

ARRESTS:

Dzmitry Kurau, 21 years old, of Chicago Ridge, IL was charged with Criminal Defacement after he was caught on camera spray-painting words on a pillar of the parking garage at 80 S 6th.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

The Dayshift shift completed 43 traffic contacts during September of 2020. Shift Officers completed 20 Illinois Traffic Crash reports. The Officers also issued 84 parking/compliance citations for equipment/other parking violations and conducted 58 Building/Business Premise Checks as well as Foot Patrols.

TRAINING:

Ofc. Rogers attended Advanced Traffic Enforcement for Patrol training
Sgt. Uher attended Police Supervisory Liability training
Ofc. Burrell attended Range Training
Lexipol DTB's and Illinois Police Law completed

AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS:

Ofc. Irizarry, assisted by Sgt. Coleman, investigated a reported theft of a vehicle. It was learned the vehicle was in the possession of a known party to the victim and involved in a crash in Wisconsin. The victim was provided with contact information in order to recover the vehicle and follow-up information for the Wisconsin authorities. Case closed.

S/L McDermott, assisted by Inv. Kang and Ofc. Falls investigated a Disorderly Conduct where subjects deposited liquid soap into the Village Fountain. Evidence was collected from the scene and the case has been turned over to the Investigations Unit.

ARREST / CITATIONS:

Ofc. Kaiser, assisted by Ofc. Falls, and Ofc. Comstock, arrested a 55-year-old Lisle, IL male for Driving Under the Influence and related traffic offenses. The offender was charged and released with a pending court date.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

Afternoon Shift Officers responded to 580 calls for service, completed 154 building checks, 118 special watches, 35 initial case reports, 9 supplement reports and 1 arrest report.

TRAINING:

Ofc. Irizarry attended the 16 Hour Sexual Assault Investigator course.

S/L Laura McDermott attended training related to Internet crimes.

Ofc. Comstock attended training related to traffic enforcement

S/L McDermott attended impaired driving training

Ofc. Falls attended training related to social media strategies for law enforcement

MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES

ARRESTS:

None

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

The Midnight shift completed 13 traffic contacts and investigated 1 property damage traffic accident. Shift Officers issued 111 parking citations for overnight parking and other violations.

The Officers conducted 212 Building/Business/Special Watch Premise Checks and Foot Patrols. In addition, Ofc. Wolf served as an instructor for the firearms training exercise with patrol rifle and pistol, conducted for Department Officers at the Lemont P.D. outdoor firearms range.

TRAINING:

The shift continued completing the monthly Police Law Institute online training lessons, along with the monthly Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. In addition, Ofc. Niewold completed the 4-day Police Cyclist training course, NIPAS Mobile Field Force (MFF) team training as well as firearms training with patrol rifle and pistol at the outdoor range in Lemont. Ofc. Cassiberry also participated in and completed firearms training with the patrol rifle and pistol at the outdoor range in Lemont. Ofc. Wolf completed the 2-day Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) training course.

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS:

Inv. Fulla and Inv. Kang assisted the Afternoon Shift and Midnight Shift with two separate Investigations related to Disorderly Conduct (soaping) incidents at the Village Fountain. Surveillance video has been obtained and reviewed. Investigations are pending.

ARREST / CITATIONS:

Inv. Fulla completed an investigation into a theft of a license plate, which lead to the arrest of a 23-year-old North Riverside male. The offender was charged with one count of Theft Under \$500 and Criminal Damage to Property. The offender was released with a pending court date.

Inv. Kang completed an investigation into a forgery at a local bank where the subject attempted to use a fraudulent ID of another to cash a check. A 50 year old Dolton male was arrested and charged with one count of Forgery-Possession with Intent to Issue or Delivery knowingly, Aggravated Identity Theft and Unlawful Possession of a Fraudulent Identification Card. The offender was transported to the Cook County Jail for a bond hearing.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

Inv. Fulla attended a two-day Major Case Assistance Team training presented by the Illinois Tactical Officers Association.

Inv. Kang attended a two-day training on Serious and Fatal Crash Investigations.

Inv. Kang attended a 40-hour training on Basic Narcotics Investigations.

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

Inv. Kang and Inv. Fulla attended the monthly Major Case Assistance Team training hosted by the La Grange Park PD.

AUXILIARY AND PART-TIME POLICE UNITS

The Auxiliary Unit was inactive during the month of September 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 35 calls for service in the community. The part-time officers' continue to spend their time patrolling the parking deck and downtown area.

PARKING DIVISION

The parking division registered \$6,190 in parking fines through conventional payments, online payments, or collection efforts.

TRUCK ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS: September 2020

Location	Date	Time	Result			Equipment	Moving	License/Reg	Weight	Insurance	
CBD	09/28/20	9:08	W				1				
	09/28/20	9:17	W				1				
	09/18/20	8:24	W				1				
	09/23/20	10:02	C	W	W						
			W			3	1				
	09/28/20	10:27	W				1				
	09/28/20	10:56	C	W	W	1	1	1			
	6	Sub-total by Area				4	6	1			
	Cossitt thru 47th	09/28/20	8:36	W				1			
09/28/20		9:47	W	W		1	1				
09/28/20		10:06	W				1				
09/28/20		10:36	W	W							
			C	C		2	2				
09/28/20		10:55	W				1				
09/28/20		11:02	W				1				
09/28/20		10:06	W	W		1	1				
7	Sub-total by Area				4	8					
East – La Grange	09/10/20	9:35	W	W	W		3				
1	Sub-total by Area					3					
La Grange & West	09/01/20	9:58	C	C	C						
			W			2	1	1			
	1	Sub-total by Area				2	1	1			
	09/17/20	11:44	C	W	W	2	1				
1	Sub-total by Area				2	1					
47th Street	09/09/20	9:48	Y	Y	W		2	1			
	1	Sub-total by Area					2	1			
Other	09/14/20	14:42	C	C			1	1			
1	Sub-total by Area				12	22	4	0	0		

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

PATROL ACTIVITIES	September		September		2020	2019
	2020		2019		YTD	YTD
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	1,251		1,296		10,044	10,662
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	31		80		345	546
FELONY ARRESTS	0		0		5	8
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	8		4		26	29
DUI ARRESTS	1		0		10	9
WARRANT ARRESTS	0		1		11	14
TRAFFIC VERBAL WARNINGS	43		176		666	1,743
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	27		34		342	467
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	17		55		236	473
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	178	433	128	797	4,008	7,832
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	255		669			
JUVENILE ARRESTS	2		1		9	6
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	6		5		61	74

The 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 public.