

# LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Memorandum



To: Andrianna Peterson, Village Manager  
From: Dave Rohlicek, Acting Chief of Police  
Date: February 19, 2021  
Re: Monthly Report for January 2021

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The statistics for the activities that occurred on each shift are attached for January 2021. The Police Department continued to work on the hiring process for the two new officers; we continued our preparation for the 2021-2022 budget, and the transition for my position to Acting Chief of Police, including the day-to-day activities.

Casey Gomorzak successfully completed his Step 2 of the Field Training Officer Program with Officer Taylor Falls on January 6<sup>th</sup> and he began his Step 3 with Officer Mike Kaiser on January 7<sup>th</sup>.



Friday, January 9, 2021, was Chief Kurt Bluder's last full day of work at the La Grange Police Department and we did not hold a traditional retirement gathering for him due to the Covid-19 restrictions. Instead, we met in the fire department bay with the doors open and said our goodbyes. He was presented with a plaque and a speech from our Village President Mark Kuchler. Chief Bluder was given a plaque from the members of the police agency and a nice wooden flag with his name on it made by Sgt. Ken Uher. We will be seeing Kurt Bluder at the police department over the next several weeks to assist with the transition.

On January 13<sup>th</sup> Shaun O'Connor, Management Analyst for our Police Department, and Jane Coleman from Records continued training on the National Incident-Based Reporting System or NIBRS. The State of Illinois and the FBI are requiring that all Police agencies change their format in which they report crimes. This is going to be a change from the current system of our Uniform Crime Reporting and will be a challenging undertaking for our police department. This transition will continue through the first six months of this calendar year.

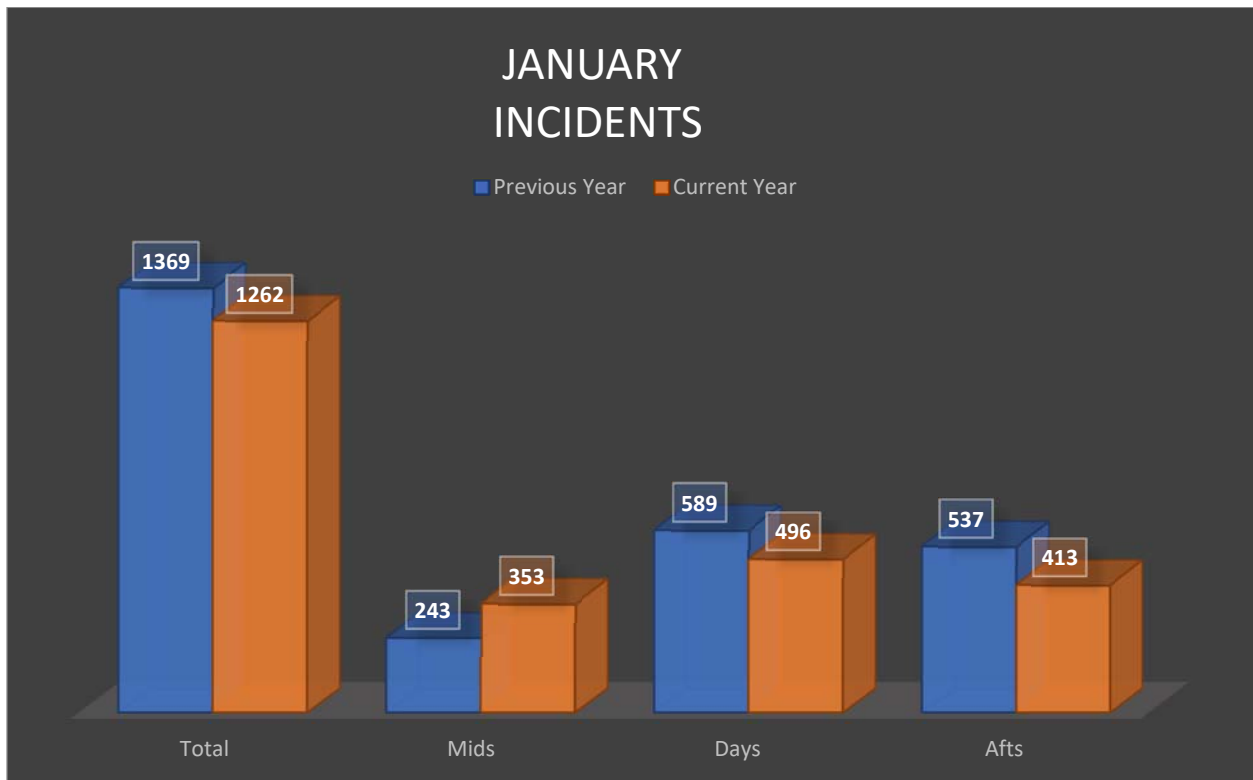
In May of 2020, the Village Board approved the purchasing of new squad cars and equipment. The transition began this month with the police department receiving its first new-outfitted squad car. A second squad is currently being transitioned and we expect this car back and in full use in the next couple of days. Each squad takes a week to two weeks to equip or build and the police department hopes to have all the new squads operational in the near future.

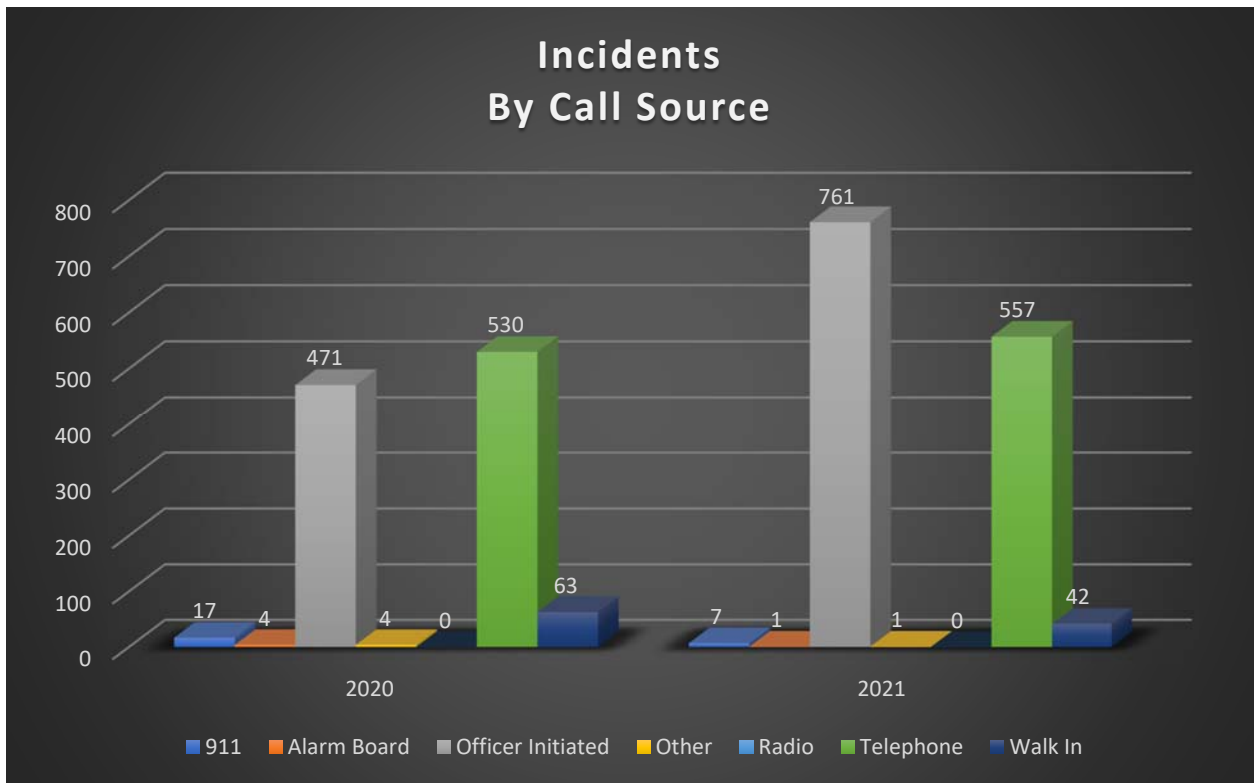
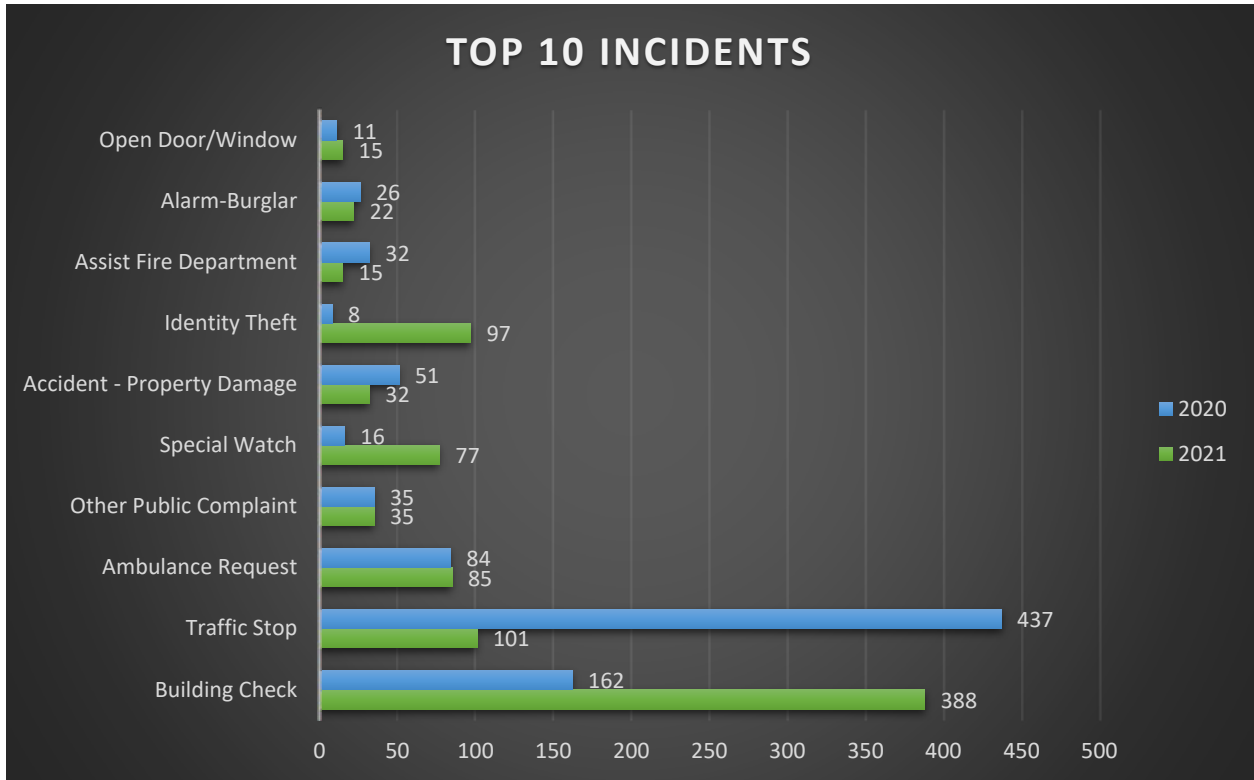
On January 14<sup>th</sup> staff members of the LaGrange Police Department met with the Village Manager and the Finance Director to go over our finances moving forward for the fiscal year 2021-2022. This meeting was done in preparation for the March 13<sup>th</sup> Budget meeting with Village Board.

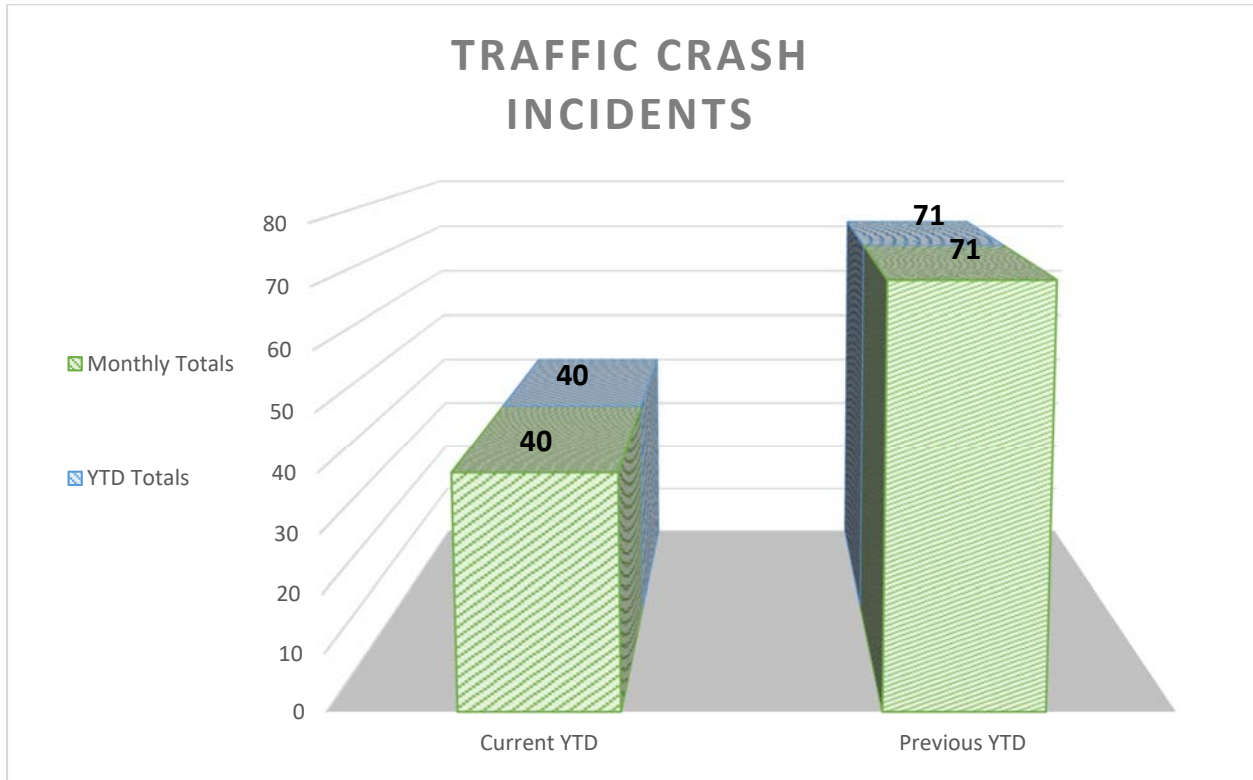
On Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup> Acting Deputy Chief Rob Wardlaw and I participated in a virtual forum on Community Partnerships in Policing with the League of Women Voters. During the meeting, we discussed the department's policies on Equity, Diversity, and Collaboration. Multiple area departments participated in this forum.



On January 18<sup>th</sup> we welcomed Bianca Reyes and Alec Bugaj, our two newest Officers, to the Police Department. After completing the rigorous hiring process both individuals began attending the Police Training Institute's academy in Champaign Urbana on Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. The training academy is 14 weeks in length.







### January Case Table

Case Date	Case Type	Case Ofc	Status
01/01/2021 14:39:29	Identity Theft	250 - Nemecek	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/01/2021 18:08:15	Accident - Injuries	242 - Comstock	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/02/2021 10:06:39	Disturbance - Domestic	235 - Rogers	Pending
01/02/2021 17:44:58	Disturbance - Domestic	255 - Piraino	Closed By Arrest
01/03/2021 03:11:33	Ambulance	251 - Niewold	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/03/2021 10:02:58	Identity Theft	250 - Nemecek	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/03/2021 12:21:32	Theft	250 - Nemecek	Closed - Low Solvability
01/04/2021 08:35:44	Identity Theft	230 - Burrell	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/04/2021 08:52:34	Identity Theft	230 - Burrell	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/04/2021 08:57:53	Identity Theft	230 - Burrell	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/04/2021 09:24:19	Identity Theft	230 - Burrell	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/04/2021 09:41:55	Identity Theft	230 - Burrell	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/04/2021 10:01:23	Identity Theft	230 - Burrell	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/04/2021 10:04:22	Identity Theft	230 - Burrell	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/04/2021 12:35:13	Identity Theft	243 - Andries	Closed - Low Solvability
01/04/2021 14:13:39	Identity Theft	235 - Rogers	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/04/2021 15:41:37	Identity Theft	245 - Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only

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01/04/2021 16:53:46	Burglary	255 - Piraino	Closed - Low Solvability
01/05/2021 08:18:39	Check Well Being	243 - Andries	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/05/2021 08:30:13	Identity Theft	235 - Rogers	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/05/2021 08:39:44	Identity Theft	235 - Rogers	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/05/2021 10:12:05	Identity Theft	243 - Andries	Closed - Low Solvability
01/05/2021 10:59:27	Identity Theft	230 - Burrell	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/05/2021 11:35:19	Identity Theft	230 - Burrell	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/05/2021 12:17:58	Theft	243 - Andries	Closed - Low Solvability
01/05/2021 12:40:14	Identity Theft	235 - Rogers	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/05/2021 13:51:09	Criminal Damage	243 - Andries	
01/05/2021 14:40:34	Criminal Damage	243 - Andries	Closed - Low Solvability
01/06/2021 09:53:19	Identity Theft	230 - Burrell	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/06/2021 10:20:49	Identity Theft	230 - Burrell	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/06/2021 10:39:32	Identity Theft	250 - Nemecek	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/06/2021 13:19:46	Criminal Damage	243 - Andries	
01/06/2021 13:21:44	Criminal Damage	243 - Andries	Closed - Low Solvability
01/07/2021 04:02:47	Death Investigation	251 - Niewold	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/07/2021 04:11:18	Disturbance - Domestic	256 - Gomorzczak	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/07/2021 10:43:00	Identity Theft	230 - Burrell	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/07/2021 12:23:37	Identity Theft	236 - Uher	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/07/2021 13:02:29	Identity Theft	230 - Burrell	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/08/2021 07:01:41	Sex Offenses	250 - Nemecek	TOT Other Agency
01/08/2021 13:55:55	Identity Theft	230 - Burrell	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/08/2021 14:44:22	Identity Theft	242 - Comstock	Closed - Low Solvability
01/09/2021 10:36:14	Identity Theft	250 - Nemecek	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/09/2021 12:50:38	Identity Theft	250 - Nemecek	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/09/2021 19:57:12	Ambulance	242 - Comstock	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/10/2021 15:15:37	Identity Theft	248 - McDermott	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/11/2021 12:59:14	Identity Theft	243 - Andries	Closed - Low Solvability
01/11/2021 13:34:14	Battery	248 - McDermott	Closed By Arrest
01/11/2021 16:16:58	Assist Other Agency	245 - Irizarry	TOT Other Agency
01/12/2021 08:41:22	Burglary	250 - Nemecek	Pending
01/12/2021 09:10:12	Identity Theft	235 - Rogers	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/12/2021 10:44:12	Identity Theft	250 - Nemecek	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/12/2021 12:11:00	Identity Theft	235 - Rogers	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/12/2021 15:22:17	Committal - Voluntary	255 - Piraino	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/12/2021 15:50:14	Identity Theft	242 - Comstock	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/13/2021 04:42:41	Sex Offenses	256 - Gomorzczak	TOT Other Agency
01/13/2021 12:16:21	Identity Theft	230 - Burrell	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/13/2021 12:35:10	Identity Theft	235 - Rogers	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/13/2021 13:42:02	Identity Theft	243 - Andries	Closed - Low Solvability

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01/13/2021 14:30:03	Identity Theft	230 - Burrell	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/13/2021 15:41:07	Property - Found Articles	255 - Piraino	Pending
01/13/2021 15:42:27	Identity Theft	252 - Falls	Closed - Low Solvability
01/14/2021 07:59:01	Death Investigation	243 - Andries	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/14/2021 08:15:14	Identity Theft	230 - Burrell	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/14/2021 10:20:37	Identity Theft	243 - Andries	Closed - Low Solvability
01/14/2021 10:47:12	Identity Theft	243 - Andries	Closed - Low Solvability
01/14/2021 14:04:38	Identity Theft	230 - Burrell	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/14/2021 14:25:32	Identity Theft	230 - Burrell	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/14/2021 15:53:58	Theft	255 - Piraino	Closed - Low Solvability
01/15/2021 02:16:58	Death Investigation	251 - Niewold	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/15/2021 12:35:56	Identity Theft	243 - Andries	Closed - Low Solvability
01/15/2021 15:12:33	Deceptive Practice	245 - Irizarry	Closed - Low Solvability
01/15/2021 19:16:48	Information Report	245 - Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/16/2021 01:08:21	Robbery	254 - Cassiberry	Pending
01/16/2021 07:58:22	Identity Theft	250 - Nemecek	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/16/2021 13:58:26	Identity Theft	248 - McDermott	Closed - Low Solvability
01/16/2021 14:48:10	Identity Theft	230 - Burrell	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/16/2021 17:57:02	Battery	255 - Piraino	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/18/2021 08:13:26	Identity Theft	230 - Burrell	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/18/2021 13:47:45	Disorderly Conduct	252 - Falls	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/18/2021 14:44:01	Identity Theft	255 - Piraino	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/19/2021 07:45:06	Assist Other Agency	235 - Rogers	TOT Other Agency
01/19/2021 09:01:23	Identity Theft	252 - Falls	Closed - Low Solvability
01/20/2021 09:56:56	Identity Theft	252 - Falls	Closed - Low Solvability
01/20/2021 12:45:44	Identity Theft	235 - Rogers	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/20/2021 12:55:55	Identity Theft	235 - Rogers	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/20/2021 14:28:12	Identity Theft	235 - Rogers	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/20/2021 15:46:44	Disorderly Conduct	255 - Piraino	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/21/2021 09:02:19	Identity Theft	252 - Falls	Closed - Low Solvability
01/21/2021 10:14:25	Identity Theft	243 - Andries	Closed - Low Solvability
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01/22/2021 16:07:52	Identity Theft	256 - Gomorzak	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/22/2021 19:18:41	Disorderly Conduct	256 - Gomorzak	Closed By Arrest
01/23/2021 07:56:15	Death Investigation	230 - Burrell	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/23/2021 12:47:37	Identity Theft	243 - Andries	Closed - Low Solvability
01/23/2021 21:06:35	Missing Person	256 - Gomorzak	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/24/2021 03:42:18	Robbery	251 - Niewold	Pending
01/24/2021 11:08:37	Theft	250 - Nemecek	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/25/2021 08:39:05	Identity Theft	252 - Falls	Closed - Low Solvability
01/25/2021 09:01:28	Identity Theft	252 - Falls	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/25/2021 10:10:10	Battery	243 - Andries	Closed - Report Purposes Only
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01/25/2021 14:30:24	Identity Theft	243 - Andries	Closed - Low Solvability
01/25/2021 15:06:06	Identity Theft	242 - Comstock	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/25/2021 19:19:49	Check Well Being	256 - Gomorzak	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/26/2021 10:53:38	Identity Theft	252 - Falls	Closed - Low Solvability
01/26/2021 10:57:32	Identity Theft	252 - Falls	Closed - Low Solvability
01/26/2021 16:23:27	Battery	248 - McDermott	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/27/2021 11:35:59	Identity Theft	230 - Burrell	Closed - Report Purposes Only
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01/27/2021 16:54:32	Disturbance - Domestic	248 - McDermott	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/28/2021 08:55:45	Identity Theft	235 - Rogers	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/28/2021 10:18:11	Identity Theft	235 - Rogers	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/28/2021 10:22:06	Retail Theft	252 - Falls	Closed By Arrest
01/28/2021 22:06:52	Disturbance - Domestic	242 - Comstock	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/29/2021 04:06:56	Suspicious Activity	239 - Wolf	
01/29/2021 08:32:44	Identity Theft	250 - Nemecek	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/29/2021 10:35:34	Identity Theft	252 - Falls	Closed - Low Solvability
01/29/2021 11:19:55	Identity Theft	252 - Falls	Closed - Low Solvability
01/29/2021 14:26:37	Identity Theft	245 - Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/29/2021 14:32:11	Identity Theft	243 - Andries	Closed - Low Solvability
01/29/2021 14:45:04	Identity Theft	245 - Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/29/2021 15:37:06	Identity Theft	255 - Piraino	Closed - Low Solvability
01/29/2021 16:30:41	Identity Theft	255 - Piraino	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/29/2021 18:40:52	Criminal Damage	256 - Gomorzak	Closed - Report Purposes Only
01/31/2021 01:46:53	Robbery	228 - Herrera	Closed By Arrest
01/31/2021 12:37:17	Identity Theft	243 - Andries	Closed - Low Solvability

## DAYSHIFT ACTIVITIES

### ARRESTS:

Ofc. Falls and Ofc. McGuire arrested a 37-year-old female subject from Berwyn for Retail Theft. The subject had removed several items from Walgreens and left the store without paying for the items. The stolen items were subsequently recovered and returned to the business. The subject was processed and released on bond with a return court date.

### OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

The Day shift completed 30 traffic contacts, which included 2 Traffic Arrests for Driving While License Suspended/Revoked/No Valid D/L and investigated 4 property damage traffic accidents, 2 personal injury traffic accidents, and 1 hit & run accident. Shift Officers issued 49 parking citations and 7 compliance citations. Shift Officers conducted 80 Building/Business/Special Watch Premise Checks and Foot Patrols and 24 Community Contacts. Shift Officers also investigated, completed 66 case reports on various incidents to include Burglary, Theft, Battery, Disorderly Conduct, and Identity Theft. In addition, Ofc. /SRO Andries maintained a liaison with LTHS-North campus while they conduct classes in a “hybrid” mode, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Shift Officers completed the annual “Fit Test” on their protective masks. Shift Officers also provided assistance for U.S. Congresswoman Marie Newman’s appearance/speech at Stone Ave. Depot.

### TRAINING:

The shift continued completing the monthly Police Law Institute online training lessons, along with the monthly Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. In addition, Ofc. Andries completed the Implementing Social Media Strategy training course and Shift Officers completed in-house training on the new “GETAC” squad tablet/computers and squad camera systems.

## AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES

### INVESTIGATIONS:

Afternoon Shift members conducted several Investigations into Identity Thefts involving the Illinois Department of Employment Security. No suspects have been identified at this time. The cases were closed.

S/L McDermott, Ofc Gomorzak, Ofc Kaiser, Ofc Comstock, and Ofc Irizarry investigated a missing infant. The infant was allegedly in the care of the child’s father who had not been seen for months. The infant was later turned over to his mother and DCFS was contacted.

Ofc Piraino, S/L McDermott, Ofc Comstock, and INV Kang investigated a missing suicidal/homicidal subject that stemmed from a domestic disturbance. The subject had threatened to shoot people at Millennium Park in Chicago, IL, and then come to La Grange to kill himself in front of his girlfriend. The subject was located at a local hospital and treated for a psychological



evaluation. Several jurisdictions assisted in locating the subject and a Clear and Present Danger form was submitted to the Illinois State Police Firearm Services Bureau in reference to the subject.

### ARREST / CITATIONS:

S/L. McDermott, Ofc. Piraino, Ofc. Comstock, and Ofc. Falls arrested a 26-year-old male for Domestic Battery. The male was subsequently placed on house arrest at another residence in Hillside, IL.

Ofc Gomorzak, Ofc Kaiser, Ofc Piraino, Ofc Comstock, and S/L McDermott arrested a 26-year-old male for Disorderly Conduct. The offender threatened to rob a UPS truck. Felony Review denied robbery charges.

Ofc Comstock, Ofc Piraino, S/L McDermott, and Ofc Falls arrested a 32-year-old female for an outstanding Failure to Appear warrant from DeKalb County. The female was later released with an I-Bond due to DeKalb's COVID protocols.

### OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

Afternoon Shift Officers responded to 413 calls for service, completed 112 building checks, 31 special watches, 45 initial case reports, 12 supplement reports, and 1 arrest report.

### TRAINING:

Probationary Ofc. Gomorzak entered into phase three of the field-training program under the guidance of Field Training Officer Kaiser.

## **MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES**

### ARRESTS:

Demetrius T Scott, 25 YOA, of Chicago, IL was charged with No Valid Driver's License, Operation of Uninsured Vehicle, and Improper Display of Registration following a traffic stop.

Wayne Mobley, 62 YOA of Maywood, IL, was charged with Armed Robbery, Fleeing/Eluding, Failure to Signal, Driving Too Fast for Conditions, and Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident following an armed robbery at 7-Eleven (9600 W Ogden Ave). Mobley is the suspect in several other armed robberies that occurred in LaGrange and other jurisdictions.

### OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

The midnight shift completed 42 traffic contacts during January of 2021. Shift Officers completed 3 Illinois Traffic Crash reports. The shift Officers issued 153 parking/compliance citations for equipment and other parking violations. The shift Officers conducted 170 Building/Business Premise Checks and Foot Patrols.

### **TRAINING:**

All shift officers completed GETAC in-house training  
Lexipol DTB's and Illinois Police Law completed

## **INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION ACTIVITIES**

### **INVESTIGATIONS:**

Inv. Kang and Inv. Fulla conducted follow on a Domestic Battery incident where the juvenile was a victim. A forensic interview was completed and the case is pending.

### **ARREST / CITATIONS:**

Inv. Fulla and Inv. Kang assisted the Midnight Shift with the arrest of a subject identified in committing an armed robbery at the 7-11 located at 9600 W. Ogden Ave. The subject Wayne Mobley being 62 years of age of Maywood, IL was charged with one Class X felony for Armed Robbery with a Firearm, Fleeing/Attempted Eluding a peace Officer, and various traffic offenses. Mobley is being held at the Cook County Department of Corrections.

### **OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:**

Inv. Kang assisted Stickney PD on an MCAT callout reference an aggravated battery involving a firearm.

Inv. Kang and Inv. Fulla attended an MCAT meeting.

Inv. Kang completed several backgrounds for Village Liquor License Applicants.

Inv. Full and Inv. Kang completed the department's new squad table/software (GETAC) Training.

Inv. Kang completed a sex offender registration.

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

### **AUXILIARY AND PART-TIME POLICE UNITS**

The Auxiliary Unit was inactive during the month of January 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 36 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.

**PARKING DIVISION**

The parking division registered \$12,755 in parking fines through conventional payments, online payments, or collection efforts.

**SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES**

PATROL ACTIVITIES	January		January		2021	2020
	2021		2020		YTD	YTD
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	1,262		1,369		1,262	1,369
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	32		61		32	61
FELONY ARRESTS	2		0		2	0
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	3		3		3	3
DUI ARRESTS	0		1		0	1
WARRANT ARRESTS	2		7		2	7
TRAFFIC VERBAL WARNINGS	77		304		77	304
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	16		95		16	95
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	31		68		31	68
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	330	513	134	1,086	513	1,086
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	183		952			
JUVENILE ARRESTS	0		0		0	0
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	8		11		8	11

Some 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.

INDEX CRIMES (UCR)	79
INDEX CLEARED # (3 THRU 8)	2
NON-INDEX CRIMES	5
NON-INDEX CLEARED # (3 THRU 8) Non-index report. Arrest, refusal, death of the offender	1

76 are Identity Theft