

LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Memorandum



To: Andrianna Peterson, Village Manager
From: Robert Wardlaw, Deputy Chief of Police
Date: May 24, 2021
Re: Monthly Report for April 2021

On April 12th, Jason Cates was sworn in as the Interim Chief of Police. Interim Chief Cates has over 28 years of experience in policing, working his way through the ranks including nearly 9 years as Deputy Chief with the Oak Brook Police Department. The Interim Chief's term will expire at the end of the year.

National Drug Prescription Take Back Day was on Saturday, April 24, 2021, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The La Grange Police Department served as a regional drop-off facility.

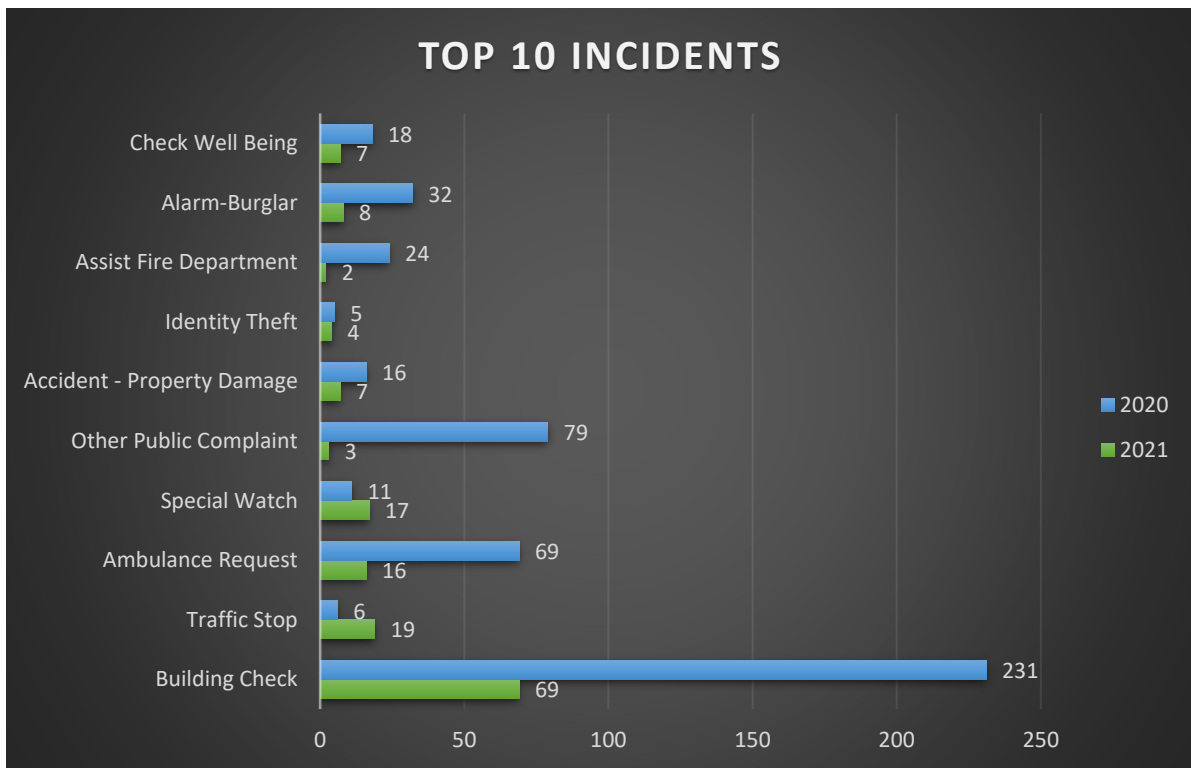
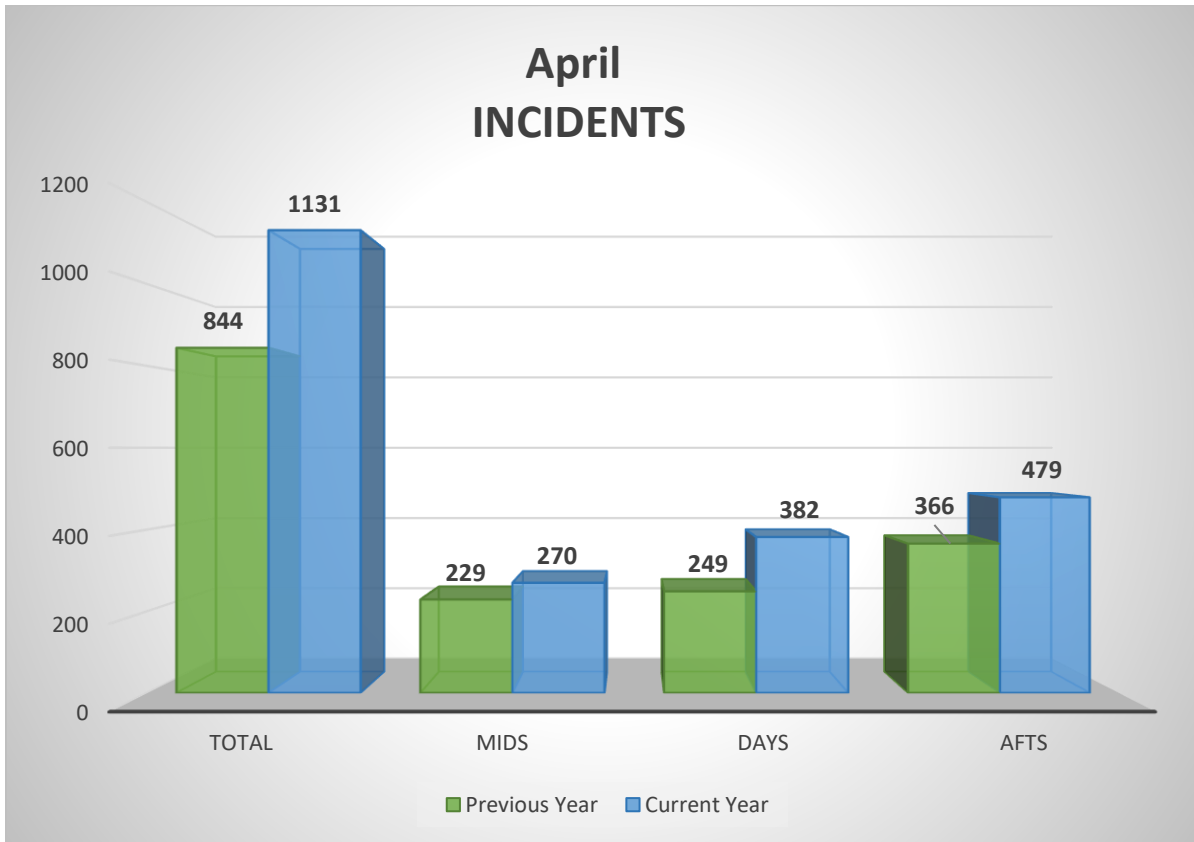
On April 28th the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners interviewed four candidates for the position of Probationary Patrol Officer. Two of those candidates successfully completed the Oral Interview and advanced in the application process.

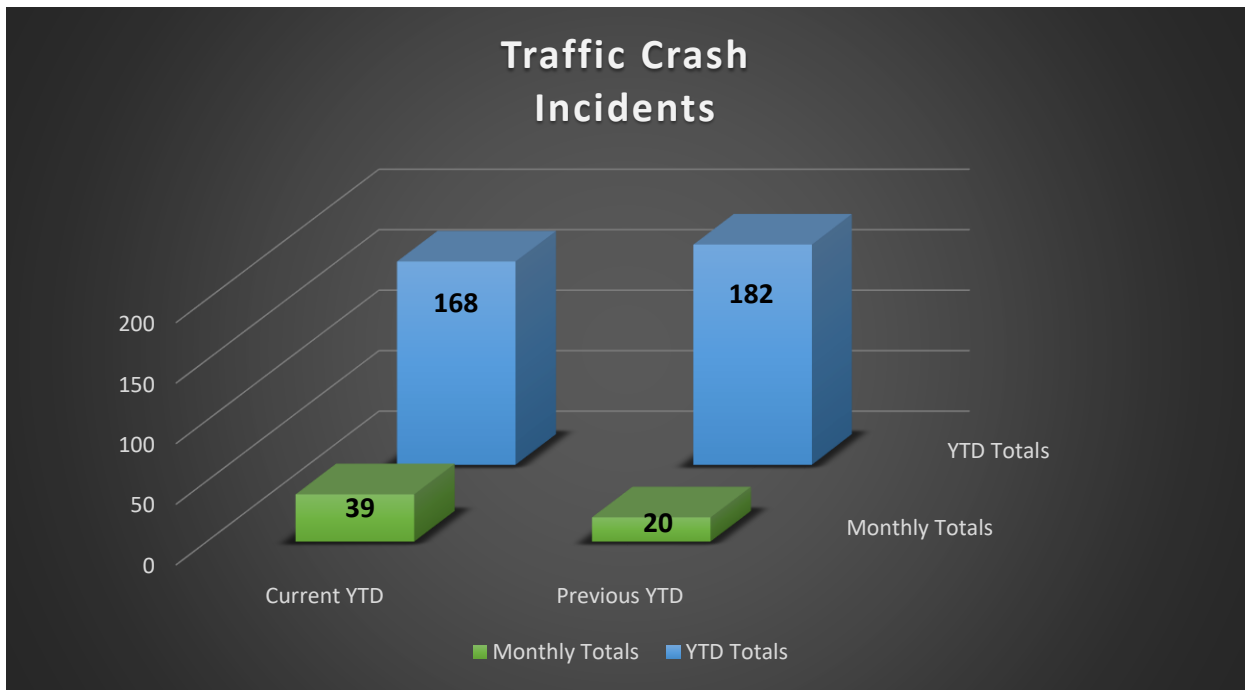
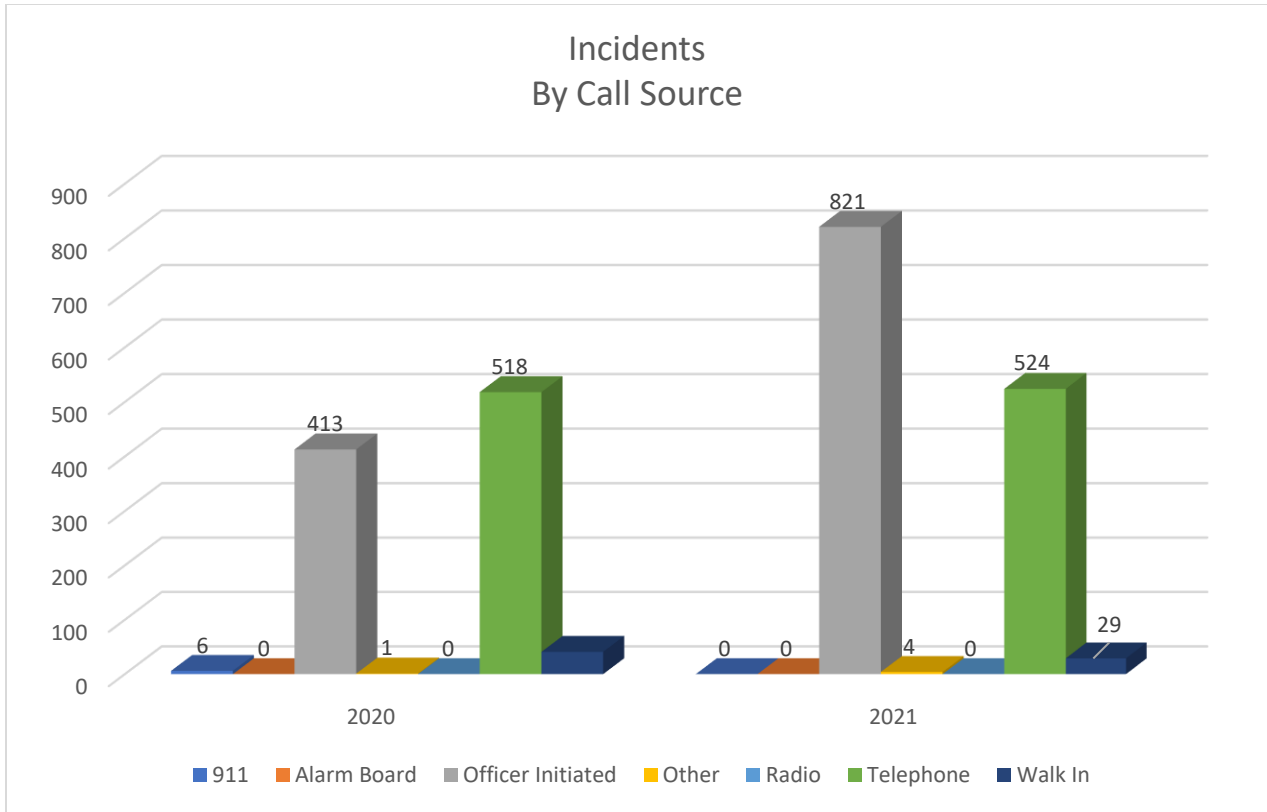
Bianca Reyes #258 and Alec Bugaj #259 graduated from PTI on Thursday, April 30th. They will start their Field Training on Monday, April 3rd.

Accessing Law Enforcement Resources continues to be a priority. To that end, the Police Department has joined the Illinois Police Accreditation Coalition (I-PAC). I-PAC's primary functions are to provide a network for member agencies that will encourage communication, cooperation, support, and the sharing of valuable resources. We are not pursuing accreditation at this time, but we are taking advantage of the access to information that membership provides.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) retired the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program's Summary Reporting System (SRS). Moving forward the FBI will only collect crime statistics through the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). The Police Department has started the process of training all personnel in the use of the reporting system. Our goal is to complete the training by May 31, 2021.

Attached you will find the statistics for the month of May as well as the activity reports for each unit within the department.





April Case Table

<u>Case Date</u>	<u>Case Type</u>	<u>Case Ofc</u>	<u>Status</u>
04/01/2021 12:33:16	Information Report	243 - Andries	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/01/2021 13:36:57	Identity Theft	243 - Andries	Closed - Low Solvability
04/01/2021 15:17:14	Information Report	255 - Piraino	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/01/2021 16:46:17	Disorderly Conduct	246 - Kang	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/02/2021 12:42:30	Identity Theft	230 - Burrell	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/03/2021 08:24:36	Theft	235 - Rogers	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/03/2021 21:32:25	Disorderly Conduct	245 - Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/03/2021 23:39:25	Mutual Aid Police	228 - Herrera	TOT Other Agency
04/04/2021 22:22:50	Disturbance - Other	245 - Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/04/2021 22:31:42	Ambulance	255 - Piraino	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/05/2021 04:31:14	Battery	254 - Cassiberry	Closed - Low Solvability
04/05/2021 12:49:00	Suspicious Activity	243 - Andries	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/05/2021 16:08:57	Property - All Other	245 - Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/05/2021 20:10:27	Battery	255 - Piraino	Closed - Low Solvability
04/06/2021 09:03:39	Identity Theft	230 - Burrell	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/06/2021 16:17:01	Identity Theft	245 - Irizarry	Pending
04/06/2021 17:01:45	Theft	253 - Kaiser	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/06/2021 20:18:01	Disturbance - Domestic	242 - Comstock	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/07/2021 14:19:48	Assist Other Agency	233 - Fulla	TOT Other Agency
04/09/2021 17:04:24	Battery	256 - Gomorzak	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/10/2021 03:08:50	DUI	254 - Cassiberry	Closed By Arrest
04/10/2021 21:18:01	Burglary	245 - Irizarry	Exceptional Clearance
04/11/2021 00:15:06	Domestic Battery	239 - Wolf	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/11/2021 21:31:36	Battery	256 - Gomorzak	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/12/2021 17:42:32	Suspicious Activity	256 - Gomorzak	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/12/2021 19:34:50	Assist Fire Department	255 - Piraino	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/13/2021 18:39:03	Theft	245 - Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/14/2021 05:30:48	Disorderly Conduct	254 - Cassiberry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/14/2021 07:33:22	Juvenile Nuisance	243 - Andries	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/14/2021 12:15:22	Disturbance - Other	257 - West	TOT Other Agency
04/14/2021 21:58:01	Disorderly Conduct	245 - Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/15/2021 12:01:04	Suspicious Activity	243 - Andries	Pending
04/16/2021 14:50:16	Disturbance - Domestic	242 - Comstock	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/16/2021 19:43:22	Disturbance - Domestic	256 - Gomorzak	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/16/2021 23:49:14	Battery	251 - Niewold	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/18/2021 19:29:57	Committal - Voluntary	256 - Gomorzak	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/19/2021 10:05:40	Identity Theft	235 - Rogers	Closed - Report Purposes Only

04/19/2021 15:57:56	Sex Offenses	246 - Kang	Pending
04/19/2021 18:19:57	Domestic Battery	246 - Kang	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/20/2021 09:16:25	Committal - Voluntary	257 - West	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/20/2021 14:02:58	Identity Theft	257 - West	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/20/2021 18:26:29	Theft	255 - Piraino	Closed - Low Solvability
04/20/2021 21:46:06	DUI	242 - Comstock	Closed By Arrest
04/21/2021 13:19:31	Theft	257 - West	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/21/2021 16:37:18	Accident - Hit & Run - PD	242 - Comstock	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/21/2021 16:41:01	Accident - Hit & Run - PD	255 - Piraino	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/21/2021 17:13:20	Deceptive Practice	244 - Coleman	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/21/2021 17:34:39	Deceptive Practice	246 - Kang	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/21/2021 19:02:49	Traffic Stop	253 - Kaiser	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/22/2021 12:45:34	Criminal Damage	235 - Rogers	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/23/2021 11:48:57	Deceptive Practice	257 - West	TOT Other Agency
04/23/2021 12:34:23	Suspicious Activity	243 - Andries	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/23/2021 13:52:36	Criminal Damage	257 - West	Closed - Low Solvability
04/24/2021 19:40:44	Theft	256 - Gomorzak	Closed - Low Solvability
04/26/2021 07:21:55	Committal - Voluntary	257 - West	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/26/2021 13:07:08	Missing Person	257 - West	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/27/2021 16:36:50	Information Report	256 - Gomorzak	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/27/2021 16:50:32	Information Report	245 - Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/28/2021 08:58:17	Identity Theft	257 - West	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/28/2021 09:55:26	Domestic Battery	257 - West	Closed By Arrest
04/29/2021 13:25:25	Property - All Other	257 - West	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/29/2021 18:44:37	Juvenile Nuisance	242 - Comstock	Closed - Report Purposes Only
04/29/2021 19:55:15	Information Report	245 - Irizarry	Closed - Report Purposes Only

DAYSHIFT ACTIVITIES

ARRESTS:

P.O. West and FTO Nemecek responded to a disturbance involving a landlord/tenant dispute. One of the subjects was found to have an arrest warrant. They arrested a 38-year-old male subject from LaGrange who had an active Warrant out of McCook for D.U.I. The subject was turned over to McCook P.D.

P.O. West and FTO Falls arrested a 53-year-old male subject from LaGrange for Domestic Battery. The subject was processed and transported to the Cook County Bridgeview Courthouse for a bond hearing.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

The Day shift completed 44 traffic contacts, which included 1 Traffic Arrest for Driving While License Suspended/Revoked/No Valid D/L and investigated 12 property damage traffic accidents, 1 personal injury traffic accident, and 2 hit & run accidents. Shift Officers issued 30 parking citations and 12 compliance citations. Shift Officers conducted 79 Building/Business/Special Watch Premise Checks, Foot Patrols and Community Contacts. Shift Officers also investigated, completed 31 case reports on various incidents to include Theft, Battery, Criminal Sexual Assault, Domestic Disturbance, Deceptive Practice, Identity Theft, Credit Card Fraud, Criminal Damage, Criminal Defacement, Missing Persons, Voluntary/Involuntary Committals and Suspicious Incidents. In addition, Ofc. /SRO Andries continued to maintain a liaison with LTHS-North campus while they conduct classes in a "hybrid" mode, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Ofc. Falls continued teaching the DARE program to the 5th-grade classes at St. John's Lutheran and St. Cletus Catholic Schools. As part of the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) National Drug Take-Back Initiative on April 24, 2021, Sgt. Ljubenko, Ofc. Rogers, along with volunteers from the Lyons Township Drug-Free Coalition, conducted the Drug Take Back Event at the LaGrange P.D. The Take Back Event allows citizens to dispose of unused/unwanted/expired prescriptions and over-the-counter medications. Sgt. Ljubenko, PEO Hannon, and PEO Kotrba then transported the collected medication, drug items to the DEA warehouse location for disposal/destruction.

TRAINING:

The shift continued completing the monthly Police Law Institute online training lessons, along with the monthly Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. In addition, P.O. West continued on the Day Watch with Step/Phase (2) of the Field Training Program with FTO Nemecek and then FTO Falls. Shift members completed in-house training on the NIBRS reporting system.

AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS:

Afternoon Shift personnel 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.

Afternoon Shift personnel investigated several related forgeries in which the same suspect passed counterfeit \$20.00 USC notes. A suspect was identified and later taken into custody by New Lenox PD. Inv Kang responded to New Lenox PD to interview the suspect. Charges were not approved by the State's Attorney's Office.

Ofc. Irizarry investigated a Burglary in which the suspect was an ex-spouse of the victim. The suspect had an arrest warrant at the time of the Burglary and was later taken into custody on the warrant in a nearby jurisdiction. Shortly after the suspect's release, the suspect was found deceased at the suspect's residence in a nearby jurisdiction. The case was closed.

ARREST / CITATIONS:

S/L Comstock made an arrest for DUI and Unlawful Use of Weapon, resulting from a road rage incident on I-55. The incident began in Chicago and continued along I-55 to La Grange. The suspect was following the complainant on the complainant's way back to La Grange. While the complainant was reporting the incident to S/L Comstock, the suspect drove past La Grange PD. S/L Comstock and Ofc Gomorzak conducted a traffic stop on the suspect. The suspect was in possession of a handgun and found to be DUI, invalidating his Concealed Carry License. The suspect was charged with DUI and UUW.

Ofc Gomorzak and Ofc Piriano arrested a subject for Battery following a civil landlord/tenant dispute. The suspect battered the victim in the presence of LGPD Officers and was subsequently arrested/charged with one count of Battery.

Ofc Kaiser arrested a subject for a DUI crash that occurred in February 2021. The suspect was charged with DUI, illegal transportation of alcohol, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, and damage to Village Property.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

Afternoon Shift Officers responded to 479 calls for service, 50 traffic stops, completed 139 building checks, 11 special watches. Afternoon shift Officers completed 28 initial case reports, 16 supplement reports, and 4 arrest reports.

TRAINING:

Several Afternoon Shift personnel completed other online mandated training. S/L McDermott attended the 40 Hour FTO training class. S/L Comstock attended a Less than Lethal Force Executive Forum. Ofc Gomorzak attended a Police Bicycle Repair / Maintenance class. PPO Reyes and PPO Bugaj began Field Training on Afternoon Shift with FTO McDermott and FTO Kaiser respectively.

MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES

ARRESTS:

Adrian Comacho-Patricio, 34 YOA of Chicago, IL, was charged with DUI, Improper Turn, Improper Use of Turn Signal, Unlawful Number of Passengers, and Failure to Wear a Properly Adjusted Seatbelt following a traffic stop.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

The MIDNIGHT shift completed 50 traffic contacts during April of 2021. Shift Officers completed 0 Illinois Traffic Crash reports. The shift Officers issued 18 parking/compliance

citations for equipment and other parking violations. The shift Officers conducted 132 Building/Business Premise Checks and Foot Patrols.

TRAINING:

Lexipol DTB's and Illinois Police Law completed

Officer Niewold attended NIPAS Training

Officer Cassiberry attended the 16 hours Sexual Assault Investigator Course

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS:

Inv. Fulla conducted a follow-up investigation in reference to armed robbery investigations that occurred in January of 2021. This P.D. received electronic files containing a forensic audit of the arrestee's (Mobley, Wayne) cellphone from Lisle P.D. Additional Charges are pending.

Inv. Fulla coordinated a K9 search with ATF and US Marshall's Office for a missing firearm related to an armed robbery investigation from January of 2021.

Inv. Kang and Inv. Fulla conducted a follow-up investigation in reference to forgery (Counterfeit USC) and an Aggravated Fleeing and Eluding.

Inv. Kang and Inv. Fulla assisted Patrol Division with a criminal sexual assault investigation involving a third-party complainant.

Inv. Kang investigated a transfer case of possible criminal sexual assault involving a Juvenile Victim from DuPage County Sheriff's Office.

ARREST / CITATIONS:

None

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:

Inv. Fulla, Chief Cates, and Deputy Chief Wardlaw attended the annual MCAT meeting.

Inv. Kang and Inv. Fulla completed monthly Police Law Institute and Lexipol Training.

Inv. Kang and Inv. Fulla attended an online training class (Enforcing Illinois Tobacco Laws)

Inv. Kang had an MCAT Activation to assist Western Springs P.D.

Inv. Kang and Inv. Fulla had MCAT Activation to assist Countryside P.D.

Inv. Fulla attend the 5th District Cook County Court Detective's Meeting at Tinley Park P.D.

Inv. Fulla and Inv. Kang completed administrative duties including liquor license backgrounds, fingerprinting, picking up NARCAN for the department, evidence transfer to ISP Crime Lab, and Tobacco Grant Application.

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 26 calls for service in the community and worked a combined 57.75 hours. 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 \$8,620 in parking fines through conventional payments, online payments, or collection efforts.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

PATROL ACTIVITIES	April		April		2021	2020
	2021		2020		YTD	YTD
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	1,131		843		4,903	4,313
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	35		17		144	153
FELONY ARRESTS	0		0		4	3
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	1		1		7	9
DUI ARRESTS	2		1		4	8
WARRANT ARRESTS	1		0		4	10
TRAFFIC VERBAL WARNINGS	65		6		248	511
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	38		1		120	227
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	23		10		90	139
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	97	440	37	41	1,543	2,475
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	343		4			
JUVENILE ARRESTS	0		0		1	5
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	9		3		25	36

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.

4 are Identity Theft

INDEX CRIMES (UCR)	10
INDEX CLEARED # (3 THRU 8)	0
NON-INDEX CRIMES	9
NON-INDEX CLEARED # (3 THRU 8) Non-index report. Arrest, refusal, death of the offender	1