

LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Memorandum

To: Andrianna Peterson, Village Manager
From: Jason Cates, Chief of Police
Date: September 16, 2021
Re: Monthly Report for August 2021



The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners approved the creation of a Lateral Hiring Program for the rank of Probationary Police Officer. A Lateral Program provides law enforcement agencies with the ability to hire certified police officers having a minimum of two (2) years law enforcement experience. These officers have successfully completed a Police Academy as well as their agencies field training program and probationary period. The application process will be posted in September and will remain posted for 30-days.

The promotion of Officer Irizarry, Officer Nemecek and Detective Fulla to the rank of Sergeant became effective on August 2nd. Sergeant Irizarry, Sergeant Nemecek and Sergeant Fulla were subsequently recognized at the August 23rd Village Board Meeting where they each ceremoniously recited the Oath of Office for Police Sergeant.

On August 23rd the Village Board recognized Sgt. Irizarry, Ofc. Comstock, Ofc. McDermott, Ofc. Kaiser, and Ofc. Gomorzczak for their actions in response to an armed suicidal subject. See attached Board Report.

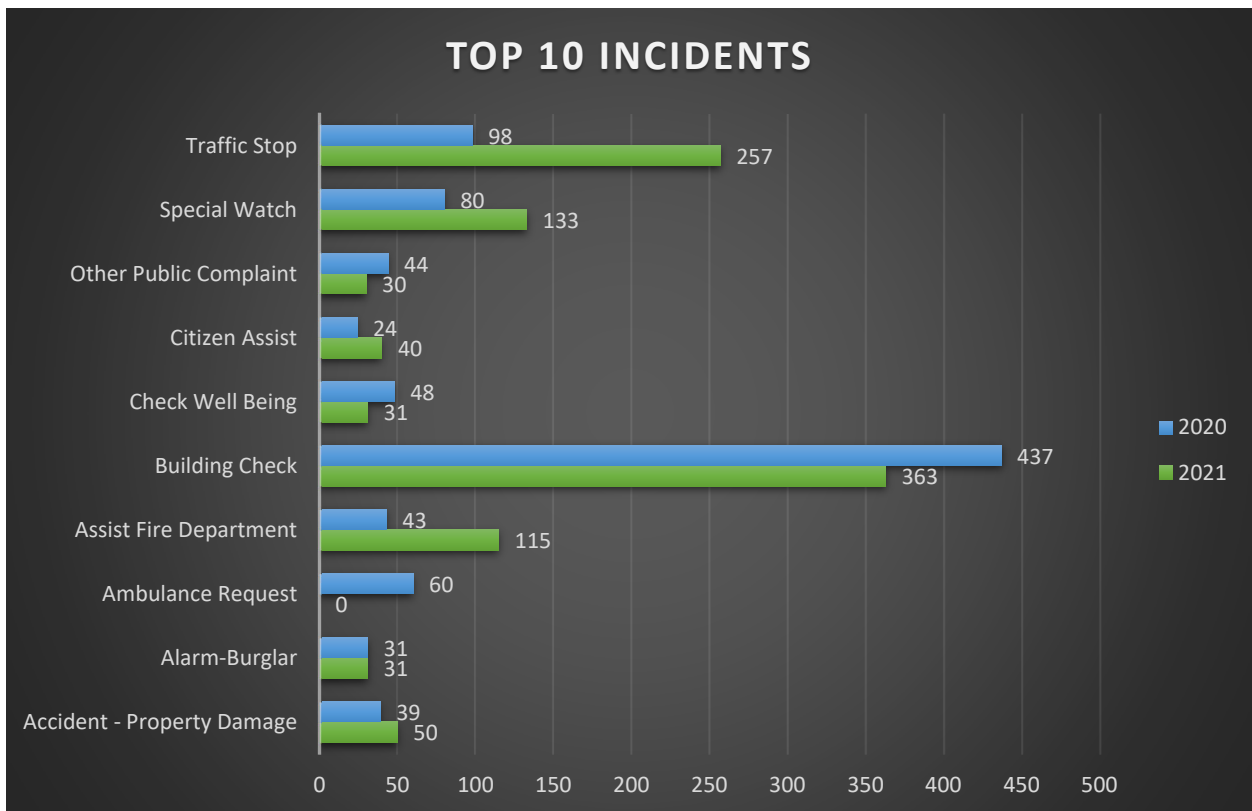
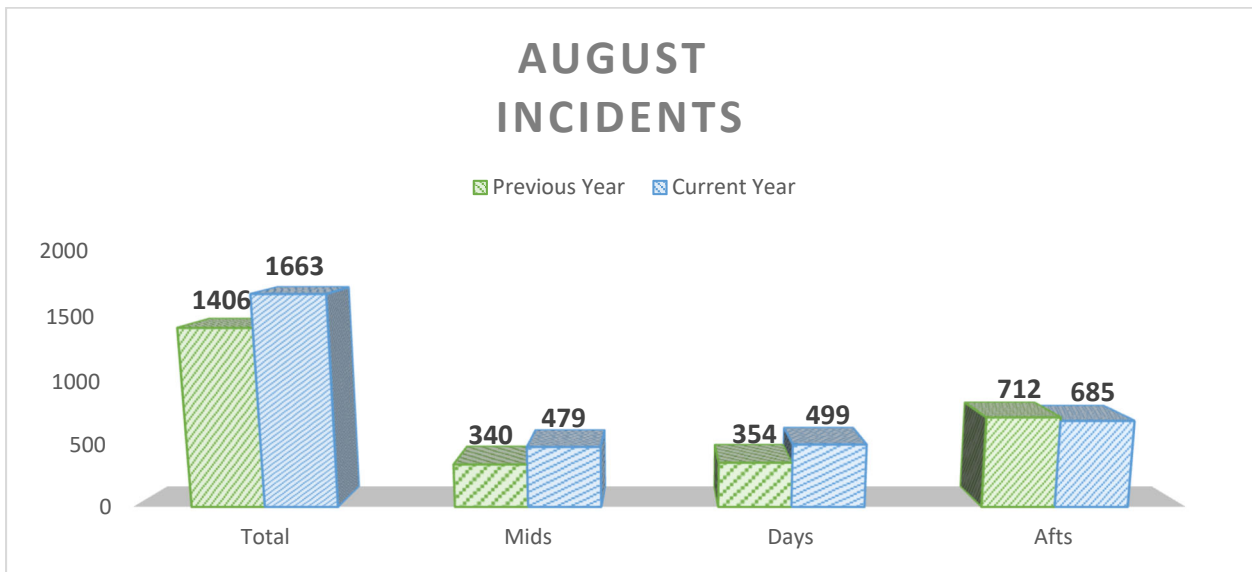
On August 9th, Deputy Chief Wardlaw started Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command (SPSC). SPSC is an intensive police management and leadership program that helps prepare mid- and upper-level personnel for senior command positions. The class convenes for two weeks each month over a five month period. Deputy Chief Wardlaw will graduate on December 10th.

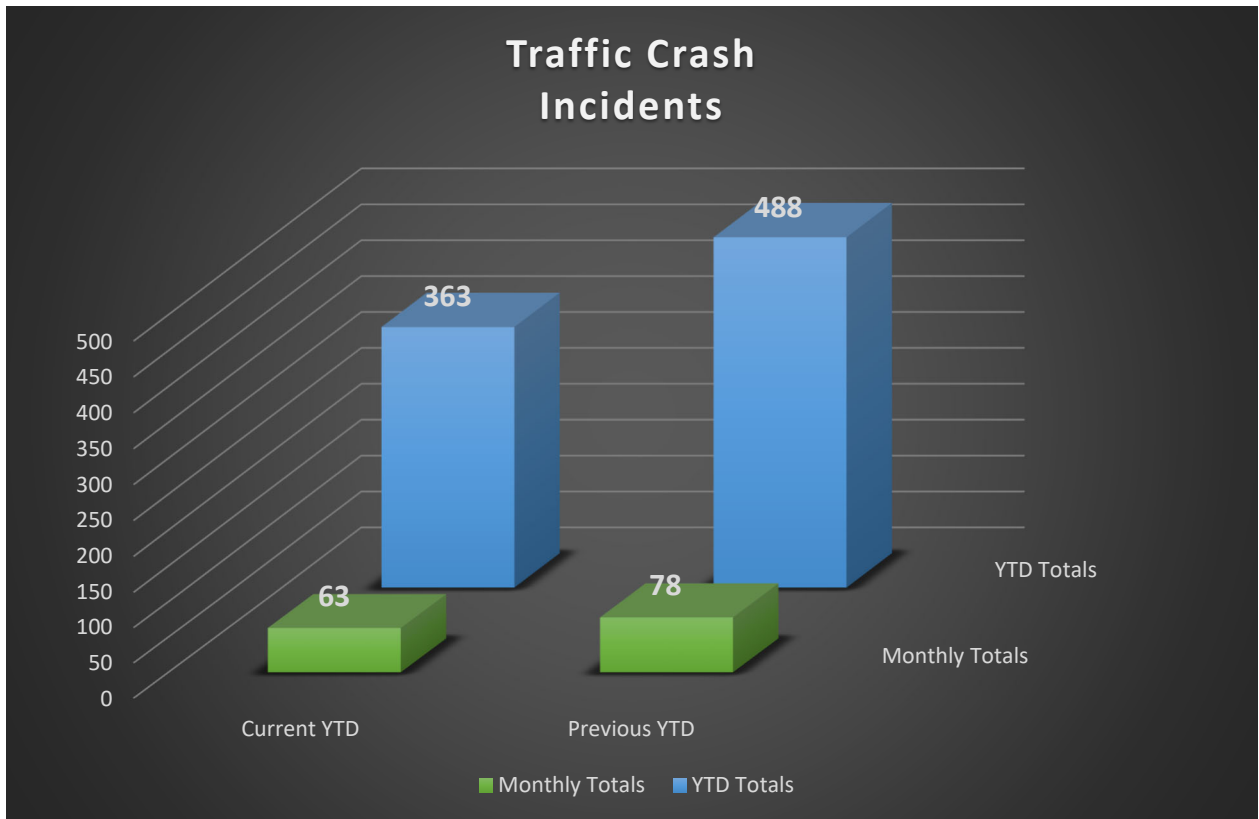
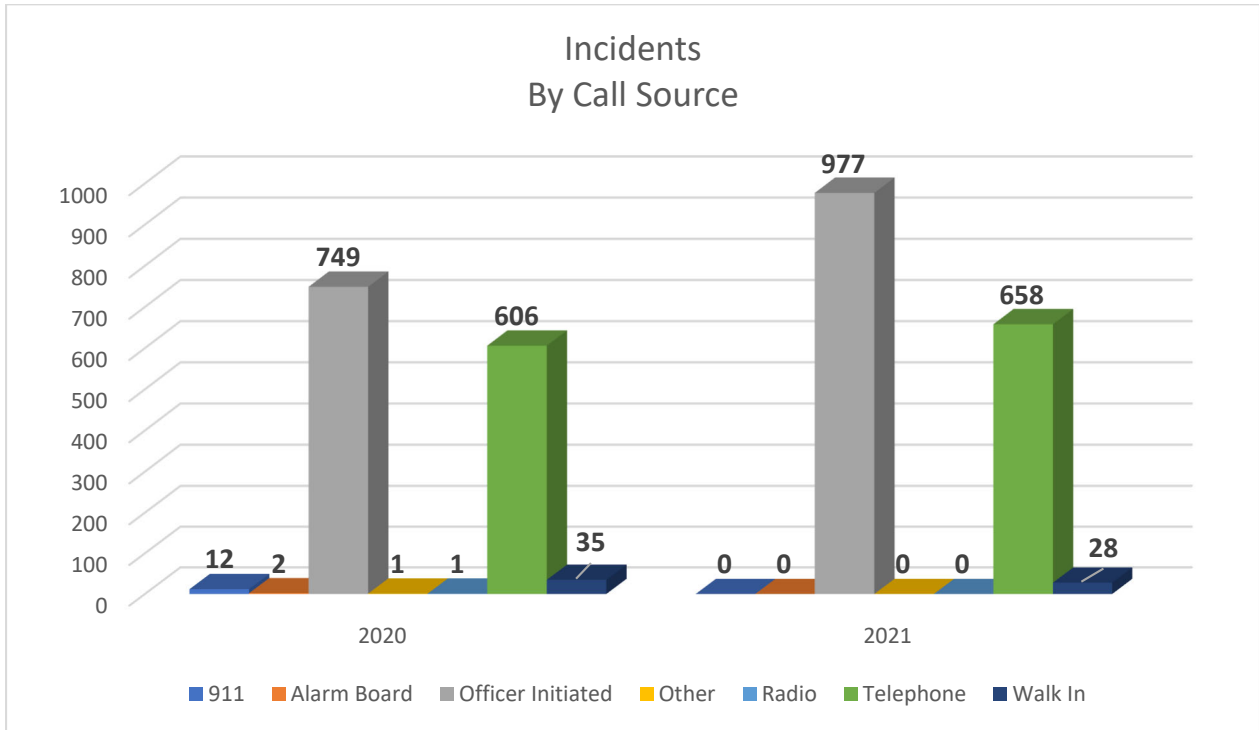
Codification of the Code of Village Ordinances – Shaun O'Connor will begin the process of codifying the Code of Village Ordinances (in its entirety). Codification includes a comprehensive review of the existing ordinances and culminates in the listing of our ordinances online. The project is expected to take a year to complete.

With the start of in-person learning at District 105, Ofc. Andries has returned to his School Resource Officer assignment at Lyons Township High School North Campus.

We have started the process of configuring a new software application to assist us in providing our officers and staff with timely and accurate feedback on their performance. The implementation date is yet to be determined.

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





AUGUST CASE TABLE

<u>Case Date</u>	<u>Case Type</u>	<u>Case Ofc</u>	<u>Status</u>
8/2/2021 12:34	Check Well Being	Rogers, Steve,	Closed
8/2/2021 19:23	Animal Complaint	Bugaj, Alec,	Closed
8/3/2021 9:02	Identity Theft	Rogers, Steve,	Closed
8/3/2021 11:54	Property - Lost Articles	Rogers, Steve,	Closed
8/3/2021 13:41	Assist Fire Department	Rogers, Steve,	Closed
8/3/2021 21:29	Disorderly Conduct	Irizarry, Sabrina,	Closed
8/4/2021 15:32	Identity Theft	Gomorzczak, Casey,	Closed
8/4/2021 15:48	Identity Theft	Comstock, Kevin,	Closed
8/4/2021 16:46	Disorderly Conduct	Irizarry, Sabrina,	Closed
8/5/2021 17:21	Death Investigation	Bugaj, Alec,	Closed
8/5/2021 23:21	Criminal Trespass	Falls, Taylor,	Closed
8/6/2021 0:16	Battery	Cassiberry, Candice,	Closed
8/6/2021 9:28	Juvenile Problems	Andries, Tim,	Closed
8/6/2021 22:30	Disorderly Conduct	Bugaj, Alec,	Open
8/6/2021 22:38	Criminal Damage	Bugaj, Alec,	Closed
8/7/2021 0:27	Battery	Niewold, Kyle,	Closed
8/7/2021 12:50	Disturbance - Other	Andries, Tim,	Closed
8/7/2021 20:05	Battery	Gomorzczak, Casey,	Closed
8/7/2021 22:13	Theft	Bugaj, Alec,	Closed
8/8/2021 3:09	Domestic Battery	Cassiberry, Candice,	Closed
8/8/2021 21:05	Battery	Comstock, Kevin,	Open
8/8/2021 22:02	Disturbance - Other	Bugaj, Alec,	Closed
8/9/2021 13:33	Committal - Voluntary	Andries, Tim,	Closed
8/9/2021 15:17	Theft	Gomorzczak, Casey,	Closed
8/11/2021 12:09	Theft	Reyes, Bianca,	Closed
8/12/2021 8:34	Theft	Piraino, Rocco,	Closed
8/12/2021 12:06	Retail Theft	Reyes, Bianca,	Closed
8/13/2021 18:06	Identity Theft	Bugaj, Alec,	Closed
8/13/2021 18:31	Information Report	Bugaj, Alec,	Closed
8/15/2021 13:13	Theft	Andries, Tim,	Closed
8/16/2021 14:29	Theft	Andries, Tim,	Closed
8/16/2021 18:40	Accident - Hit & Run - PD	Kaiser, Michael,	Open
8/17/2021 8:32	Identity Theft	Nemecek, Ryan,	Closed
8/17/2021 11:57	Criminal Damage	Andries, Tim,	Closed
8/17/2021 12:57	Check Well Being	Nemecek, Ryan,	Closed
8/18/2021 11:43	Identity Theft	Reyes, Bianca,	Closed
8/19/2021 15:01	Theft	Bugaj, Alec,	Closed
8/22/2021 13:15	Identity Theft	Reyes, Bianca,	Closed

8/23/2021 11:38	Identity Theft	Piraino, Rocco,	Closed
8/23/2021 14:27	Identity Theft	Nemecek, Ryan,	Closed
8/24/2021 11:23	Death Investigation	Irizarry, Sabrina,	Referred
8/24/2021 11:35	Retail Theft	Piraino, Rocco,	Closed
8/25/2021 9:12	Identity Theft	Reyes, Bianca,	Closed
8/25/2021 13:24	Identity Theft	Nemecek, Ryan,	Closed
8/25/2021 17:00	Deceptive Practice	Gomorzczak, Casey,	Open
8/27/2021 16:40	Identity Theft	Bugaj, Alec,	Closed
8/27/2021 16:46	Identity Theft	Bugaj, Alec,	Closed
8/28/2021 13:54	Sex Offenses	Coleman, Adam,	TOT Investigations
8/30/2021 9:26	Domestic Battery	Wolf, Scott,	Failed To Prosecute

DAYSHIFT ACTIVITIES

Ofc. Piraino arrested a 48-year-old female subject from El Paso, IL. for Leaving the Scene of a Property Damage-Vehicle Accident, Driving While Driver's License Suspended, and other Traffic Offenses. Subject was processed and released on bond with a return court date.

The Day shift completed 93 traffic contacts, which included 1 Traffic Arrest for Driving While License Suspended/Revoked/No Valid D/L and investigated 20 property damage traffic accidents, 5 personal injury traffic accidents, and 4 hit & run accidents. Shift Officers issued 10 parking citations and 28 compliance citations. Shift Officers conducted 96 Building/Business/Special Watch Premise Checks, Foot Patrols and Community Contacts. Shift Officers also investigated, completed 30 case reports on various incidents to include: Theft, Retail Theft, Identity Theft, Domestic Battery, Criminal Damage to Property, Criminal Defacement to Property, Check Well Being, Death Investigation, Disorderly Conduct, Disturbance, Traffic Accident/Offenses, Assist Fire Department, Voluntary Committal, Juvenile Problems and Lost Property.

In addition, Shift Officers monitored and provided traffic control and other assistance to the Endless Summer Fest. Shift Officers provided a Ride-Along experience for three students from Lyons Township High School-North Campus. Ofc. Andries participated in and represented the Department at the Brookfield Zoo's Gold Star Family Day. Sgt. Ljubenko participated in and represented the Department at Brookfield Zoo's First Responder Day Meet and Greet event. S/L Moncivais and Auxiliary Officer Zachwieja attended and represented the Department at the funeral services for Chicago Police Officer Ella French. School Resource Officer (SRO) Andries returned to duties at Lyons Township High School-North Campus as students returned for the new school year and in-person classes. Shift Officers conducted patrols around the various Elementary Schools and High School as the new school year began.

The shift continued completing the monthly Police Law Institute online training lessons, along with the monthly Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins, and the monthly Court Smart Legal Review lesson and exam. In addition, P.O. Reyes completed the Shadow Phase of the Field Training Program on Afternoon Shift and moved to Day Shift to begin her Solo Patrol duties. SRO Andries

attended the Enforcing Illinois Cannabis Laws training course and Shift Officers completed the online Alco- Sensor FST/PBT training course.

AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES

Ofc Bugaj cited a resident with a local ordinance violation in reference to a dog at large. The dog in question was later seen by a veterinarian and relocated out of La Grange.

Ofc Reyes arrested a subject for driving on a suspended license. The arrest occurred after Ofc Reyes observed a vehicle with an equipment violation.

Afternoon Shift senior Officer Irizarry was sworn in to the rank of Sergeant on August 23, 2021.

S/L Comstock, Ofc Irizarry, S/L McDermott, Ofc Kaiser, and Ofc Gomorzak responded to a check well-being call. During the course of the call, the subject in question held several different knives to their neck. The subject refused verbal commands as they continued to make statements such as “just shoot me.” The subject eventually complied with verbal commands and was transported to an area Hospital for a psychological evaluation. Neither the subject, nor any LGPD personnel were injured during this incident. All Afternoon Personnel were awarded the Unit Citation for this call. This was S/L Comstock’s & S/L McDermott’s second Unit Citation.

Afternoon Shift Officers responded to 685 calls for service, 67 traffic stops, completed 115 building checks, 50 special watches. Afternoon shift Officers completed 30 initial case reports and 9 supplement reports and 1 arrest report. Ofc Bugaj began his rotation with Afternoon shift on August 17, 2021.

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.

Sgt. Irizarry, S/L Comstock, S/L McDermott, Ofc Kaiser, Ofc Cassiberry, and Ofc Gomorzak are members of the newly formed Recruiting Committee. Recruiting Committee members are tasked with getting a larger, more diversified pool of applicants. Officers participated in several recruiting events including the La Grange Farmer’s Market and visited an XSport gym. Thanks to the efforts of the recruiting team, 63 individuals applied for the next Entry Level Police Officer examination process. The last time the Department solicited applications, approximately 40 were turned in.

MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES

Jacob B Hochgraver, age 30 of LaGrange, IL, was charged with 3 counts of battery and 4 counts of assault following a disturbance at 23 E Harris.

The MIDNIGHT shift completed 44 traffic contacts during August of 2021. Shift Officers completed 2 Illinois Traffic Crash reports. The shift Officers issued 198 parking/compliance citations for equipment and other parking violations. The shift Officers conducted 100 Building/Business Premise Checks and Foot Patrols.

On 08/16/21, Officers (Sgt. Uher, Officer Cassiberry, SL Niewold, SL Nemecek, and SL Comstock) conducted a Truck Enforcement Detail in which commercial motor vehicle drivers were provided information on alternative routes to use instead of LaGrange Rd between 47th and Cermack Rd. 18 Stops were made with 12 citations and 12 warnings being issued.

Lexipol DTB's, CourtSmart, and Illinois Police Law completed.

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION ACTIVITIES

Inv. Kang and Sgt. Fulla conducted a follow-up investigation in reference to a sex assault report. Several witnesses were interviewed and photo line-ups were conducted.

Inv. Kang assisted patrol with interviewing and charging a hit and run offender currently being housed at the Cook County Department of Corrections.

Inv. Kang assisted in the arrest of a local juvenile on the charge of battery.

Inv. Kang continued his investigation for a criminal sexual assault and is attempting to determine jurisdiction.

Inv. Kang is coordinating a possible sexual assault investigation, which occurred at a local business with DCFS for additional follow-up.

Inv. Kang continued a follow-up investigation in reference to bicycle thefts coordinating with other area jurisdictions looking for the same offender.

Inv. Kang assisted patrol in compiling a photo line-up for a juvenile matter which resulted in a juvenile being charged.

Sgt. Fulla assisted patrol with follow-up regarding the direct indictment of an offender for Aggravated Battery.

Sgt. Fulla conducted follow-up for a child neglect case.

Sgt. Fulla conducted follow-up in reference to a residential burglary.

Inv. Kang conducted additional follow-up into two death investigations.

Sgt. Fulla conducted a follow-up interview in reference to a disorderly conduct.

Sgt. Fulla assisted patrol in a theft investigation.

Inv. Kang and Sgt. Fulla had a SSMCTF Activation to assist Summit P.D in a homicide investigations over the course of three days.

Sgt. Fulla completed LEADS changeover to LEADS 3.0. Due to delays from the state, the program became fully operational several weeks after its launch date. All users have been given access to LEADS as it is now fully functional.

The command trailer was deployed to Gordon Park to assist with operations for the Endless Summer Fest.

Sgt. Fulla and Inv. Kang completed administrative duties including fingerprinting, evidence transfer to ISP Crime Lab, Department equipment/vehicle sales, maintenance of vehicles/equipment, review of line-up policy and procedure, and NARCAN use reporting to DuPage County Health Department.

Inv. Kang and Sgt. Fulla attended monthly MCAT meeting.

Sgt. Fulla completed a two week training for Supervision of Police Personnel through Northwestern University Center for Public Safety.

Inv. Kang participated in a webinar on wellness within the Law Enforcement profession.

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

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO)

August 19th, 2021 marked the start of the school year. SRO Andries returned to his role as the School resource Officer for North Campus.

Task	#
Foot Patrols	21
Lunch Period Patrols	30
Bathroom Checks	6
Class Room Visits	1
Student Meetings	2
Security Mtgs/Huddles	1
Special Events/Details	1

With LTHS re-opening to all students for the first time in over a year, much of the SRO's time was spent assisting students in locating their class rooms, lockers, and various other locations around North Campus. He is also assisting the new south campus SRO from Western Springs with his questions and concerns.

The SRO spoke with 1 class of students so far to introduce himself and explain his roll at the school. The goal is to speak to more classes as teachers and students become more settled in their schedules.

SRO Andries assisted SRO Ficke and Western Springs PD at this year’s first Varsity Football Game at south campus.

AUXILIARY AND PART-TIME POLICE UNITS

The Auxiliary Unit worked during the Endless Summer Fest. They assisted on the detail for the event along with responding to calls of a missing child and a theft report. They are still on abbreviated duty due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

The part-time officers responded to 28 calls for service in the community and worked a combined 51 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 \$12,305 in parking fines through conventional payments, online payments, or collection efforts.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

PATROL ACTIVITIES	August		2021	2020
	2021	2020	YTD	YTD
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	1,663	1,406	10,644	8,793
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	60	48	370	314
FELONY ARRESTS	0	0	4	5
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	1	0	22	18
DUI ARRESTS	0	0	8	9
WARRANT ARRESTS	0	0	8	11
JUVENILE ARRESTS	1	0	2	7
TRAFFIC VERBAL WARNINGS	153	41	680	623
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	90	38	397	315
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	27	19	250	217
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	204	633	26	310
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	429		284	
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	2	1	60	55

Activity is starting to return to pre pandemic levels but is still lower in some areas due to the Delta Variant. 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)	20*
INDEX CLEARED # (3 THRU 8)	0
NON-INDEX CRIMES	7
NON-INDEX CLEARED # (3 THRU 8) Non-index report. Arrest, refusal, death of the offender	1

*12 Cases of Identity Theft