

LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Memorandum

To: Andrianna Peterson, Village Manager
From: Robert Wardlaw, Deputy Chief of Police
Date: November 22, 2021
Re: Monthly Report for October 2021



Congratulations to Sgt. Patrick Fulla on 20 Years of dedicated service to the residents of La Grange.

On Thursday, October 7th, Ofc. McDermott located and apprehended an individual wanted for Violation of Order of Protection. The individual was subsequently charged by the La Grange Police Department with Aggravated Stalking and 2 Counts of Violation of an Order of Protection. Additionally, the Hodgkins' Police Department charged the offender with Vehicular Invasion and Violation of an Order of Protection. The individual is being held without bond.



General News:

Negotiations for a new trailer bill have started with the SAFE-T Act sponsors. The focus will be aspects of the law that are effective January 1, 2022, including changes in the 3-phone-call provision, the body camera law, and more.

The SAFE-T Act also requires the Board to establish statewide standards for minimum standards regarding regular mental health screenings for probationary and permanent police officers. The Board recently passed a preliminary version of these standards for public review before revisiting these at the next board meeting.

The announcement for the new School Resource Officer has been distributed by the Deputy Chief. The selected officer will start their assignment the week of January 3rd.

The Police Department has been working with GIS to develop a Traffic Crash Map for the Village of La Grange. Crashes will be added to the map at the end of each month.

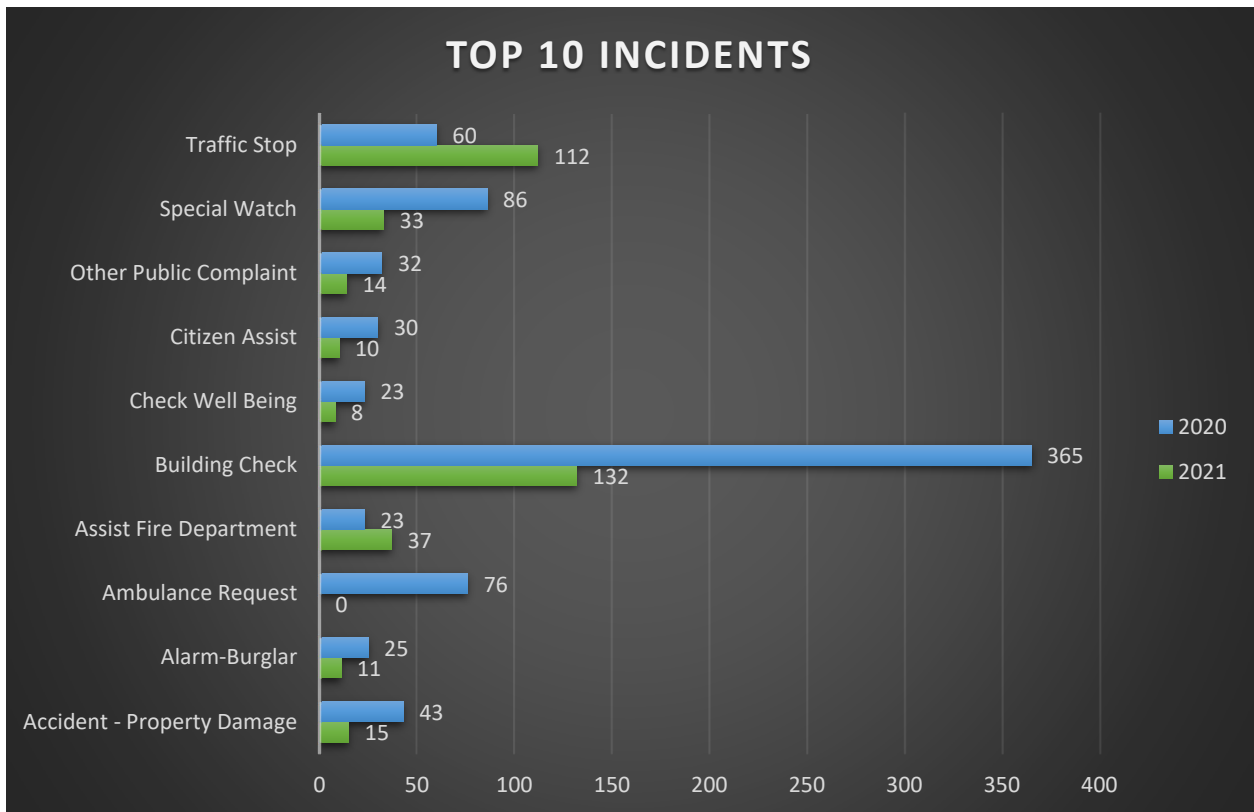
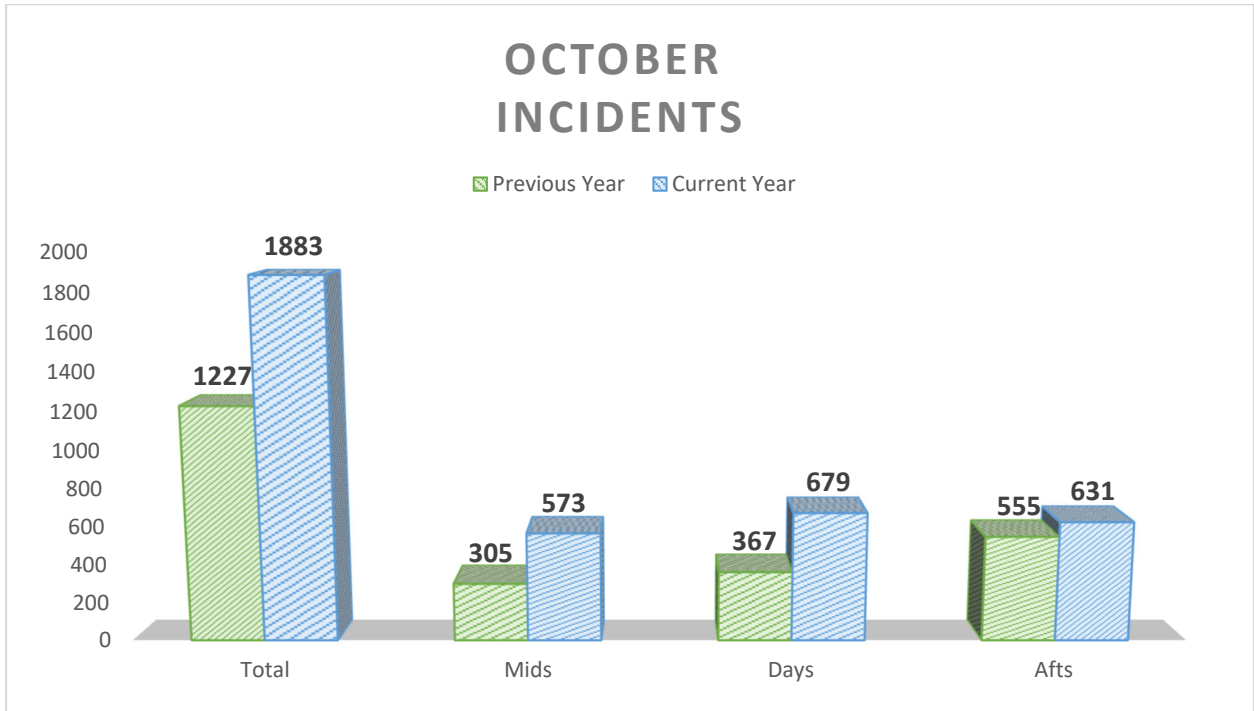
Truck Enforcement Detail (Big TED) occurred on La Grange Rd. between 47th and Burlington: Total stops – 12, Total citations – 6, Warnings issued – 11. Violations observed: No trucks on LaGrange Rd, defective headlight, hydraulic leak, unsafe tires, missing registration, failure to display cab card, defective mud flap.

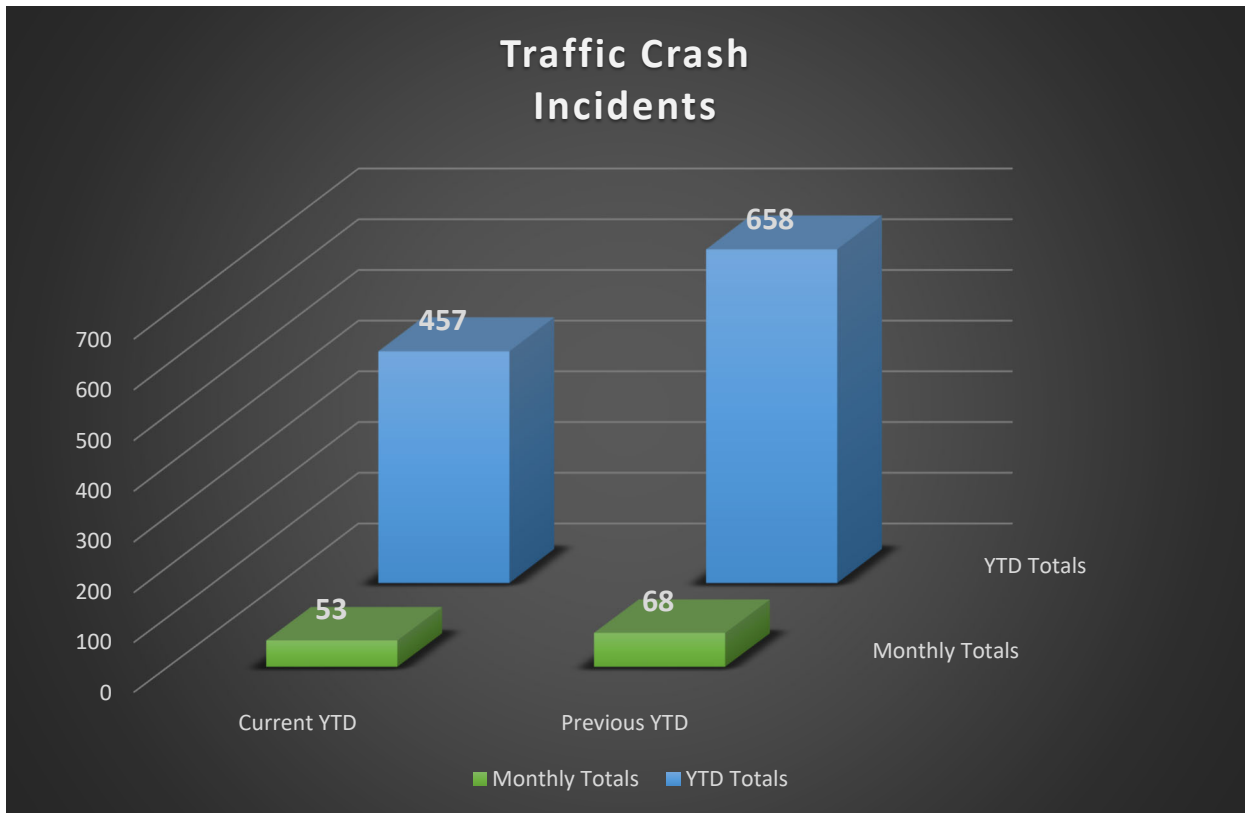
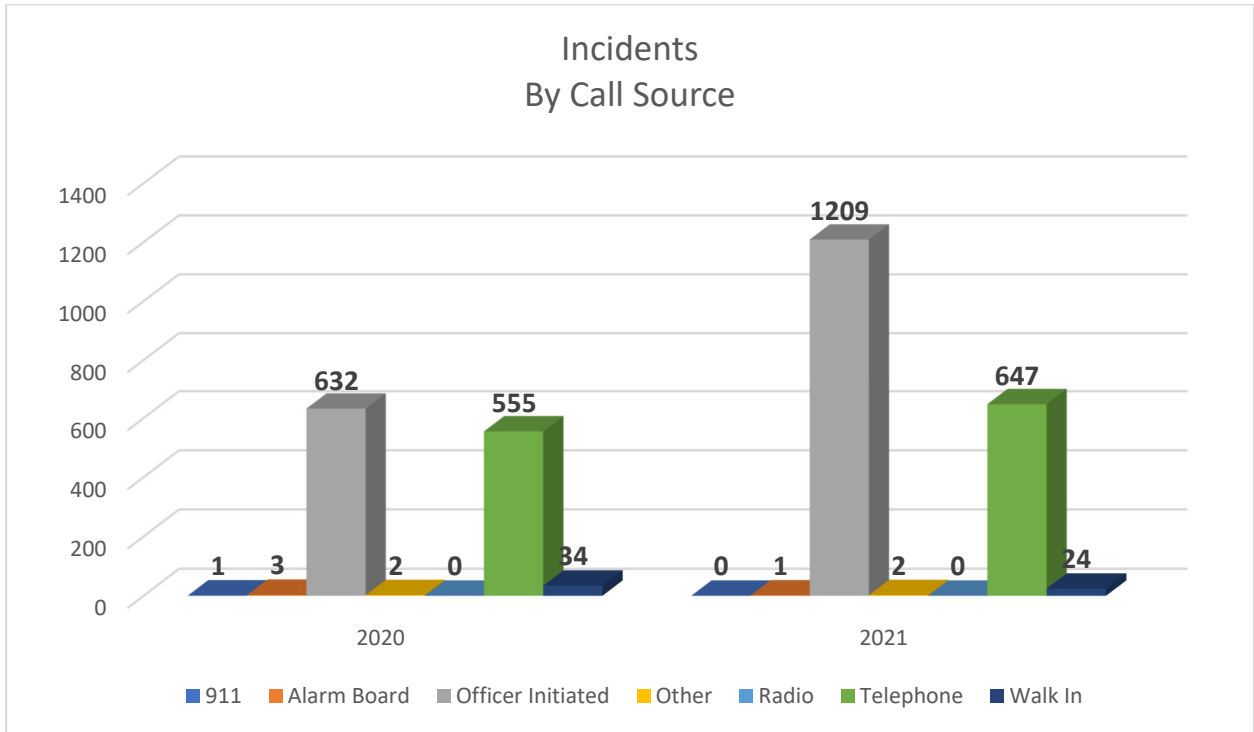
Updates:

On October 12th the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners approved a change to the Education Requirement for Probationary Police Officer applicants with prior military service.

The “Certified” Eligibility Register has been approved by the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners. Three (3) background investigations have been initiated.

The top five (5) applicants on the “Uncertified” Eligibility Register passed their interviews with the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners. Two (2) background investigations have been initiated.





OCTOBER CASE TABLE

<u>Case Date</u>	<u>Case Type</u>	<u>Case Ofc</u>	<u>Status</u>
10/1/2021 0:37	Battery	Niewold, Kyle,	Closed
10/1/2021 6:41	Sex Offenses	Andries, Tim,	Closed
10/1/2021 11:17	Drug Offenses	Andries, Tim,	Closed
10/1/2021 23:52	Criminal Damage	Kaiser, Michael,	Closed
10/2/2021 16:09	Assist Other Agency	Andries, Tim,	Closed
10/3/2021 3:39	Suspicious Person	Falls, Taylor,	Closed
10/4/2021 11:36	Criminal Defacement	Nemecek, Ryan,	Closed
10/4/2021 16:08	Information Report	Bugaj, Alec,	Closed
10/5/2021 9:06	Suspicious Activity	Falls, Taylor,	Closed
10/5/2021 14:03	Check Well Being	Reyes, Bianca,	Closed
10/5/2021 15:53	Identity Theft	Comstock, Kevin,	Closed
10/6/2021 11:13	Abandoned Vehicle	Coleman, Adam,	Open
10/6/2021 11:23	Assist Other Agency	Nemecek, Ryan,	Closed
10/7/2021 6:13	Domestic Battery	Wolf, Scott,	Closed
10/7/2021 16:06	Disturbance - Domestic	McDermott, Laura,	Closed
10/7/2021 18:39	Disorderly Conduct	Irizarry, Sabrina,	Closed
10/7/2021 22:43	Sex Offenses	Coleman, Adam,	TOT Investigations
10/8/2021 12:18	Check Well Being	Reyes, Bianca,	Closed
10/8/2021 20:47	Disturbance - Other	Kang, Jin,	Closed
10/8/2021 22:51	Criminal Damage	Nemecek, Ryan,	Closed
10/9/2021 11:14	Disturbance - Domestic	Falls, Taylor,	Closed
10/10/2021 6:07	Burglary	Gomorzak, Casey,	Closed
10/10/2021 17:24	Domestic Battery	Kaiser, Michael,	Closed
10/11/2021 14:35	Sex Offenses	Reyes, Bianca,	TOT Investigations
10/12/2021 15:58	Theft	Kaiser, Michael,	Closed
10/12/2021 23:00	Theft	Niewold, Kyle,	TOT Investigations
10/13/2021 8:57	Information Report	Reyes, Bianca,	Closed
10/13/2021 12:34	Disturbance - Other	Reyes, Bianca,	Closed
10/14/2021 14:51	Information Report	Piraino, Rocco,	Closed
10/15/2021 17:15	Theft	Bugaj, Alec,	Closed
10/15/2021 19:45	Disorderly Conduct	McDermott, Laura,	Closed
10/16/2021 10:33	Theft	Reyes, Bianca,	TOT Investigations
10/16/2021 16:19	Theft	Bugaj, Alec,	Closed
10/17/2021 2:11	Committal - Voluntary	Gomorzak, Casey,	Closed
10/17/2021 23:12	Disorderly Conduct	Gomorzak, Casey,	TOT Investigations
10/18/2021 18:39	Check Well Being	Bugaj, Alec,	Closed
10/20/2021 12:18	Traffic Stop	Kaiser, Michael,	Closed
10/20/2021 16:44	Deceptive Practice	Comstock, Kevin,	Closed
10/21/2021 0:23	Information Report	Gomorzak, Casey,	Closed

10/23/2021 2:06	Suspicious Activity	Uher, Kenneth,	Open
10/23/2021 8:04	Burglary	Rogers, Steve,	Closed
10/23/2021 10:14	Burglary	Rogers, Steve,	Closed
10/23/2021 11:42	Identity Theft	Reyes, Bianca,	Closed
10/24/2021 2:19	Suspicious Person	Niewold, Kyle,	Closed
10/25/2021 15:06	Theft	Gomorzak, Casey,	Closed
10/28/2021 11:45	Deceptive Practice	Nemecek, Ryan,	Closed

DAYSHIFT ACTIVITIES

The Day shift completed 127 traffic contacts, which included 1 Traffic Arrest for Driving While License Suspended/Revoked/No Valid D/L and investigated 16 property damage traffic accidents, 5 personal injury traffic accidents and 2 hit & run accidents. Shift Officers issued 38 parking citations and 49 compliance citations. Shift Officers conducted 112 Building/Business/Special Watch Premise Checks, Foot Patrols, and Community Contacts. Shift Officers also investigated, completed 28 case reports on various incidents to include: Burglary, Theft, Identity Theft, Deceptive Practice, Sex Offense, Domestic Disturbance, Criminal Defacement to Property, Disturbance, Check Well Being, Disorderly Conduct, Traffic Stop/Offenses, Suspicious Activity, Suspicious Person, Assist Other Agency, Information Report and Voluntary Committal.

In addition, Aux. Ofc. LaPino, Aux. Ofc. Ward, and Ofc. Falls aided with the Park District's Halloween Event held at Sedgewick Park. Ofc. Falls continued teaching the Fall semester DARE curriculum lessons to the 5th grade classes at St. Cletus Catholic School. Sgt. Nemecek participated in the Truck Enforcement Detail focusing on traffic and vehicle code violations committed by commercial trucks. Shift Officers continued to conduct patrols around the various Elementary Schools and High School focusing on traffic and parking issues. As part of the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) National Drug Take Back Initiative on October 23, 2021, Sgt. Ljubenko, 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 prescription and over the counter medications. Sgt. Ljubenko and PEO Kotrba then transported the collected medication, drug items to the DEA warehouse location for disposal/destruction.

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 her 2.5-month rotation on the Day Shift and moved to the Afternoon Shift to complete a 2-month rotation. Ofc. Rogers and Sgt. Nemecek attended the Truck Enforcement Officer Refresher training course held at the College of DuPage (C.O.D.). Sgt. Nemecek completed the 2-week Supervision of Police Personnel training course conducted by Northwestern University's Center for Public Safety.

AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES

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 Officers responded to 631 calls for service, 100 traffic stops, completed 183 building checks, 18 special watches. Afternoon shift Officers completed 29 initial case reports and 16 supplement reports and 3 arrest reports. Afternoon Shift members participated in a parking enforcement detail / study at Saint Francis Xavier School. The detail occurred at dismissal time on 10/25, 10/26, 10/28, and 10/29.

Afternoon Shift members investigated several nuisance reports of vehicles/residences being possibly damaged all over La Grange. The vehicles/residences had ranch dressing thrown at them. There were also reports of similar activity in other nearby towns.

Inv. Kang and S/L Comstock assisted LGPK PD with a domestic disturbance. Responding units assisted LGPK PD without incident.

S/L Comstock & Ofc Kaiser assisted WSPD with a person with a gun call at LTHS' Homecoming Football game. A complainant advised she saw 2 subjects who she believed had guns. SRO Andries was already detailed to the game and quickly located the 2 subjects. The 2 subjects were charged with Aggravated UDW.

Sgt. Nemecek, S/L Comstock, Inv. Kang, Ofc Cassiberry, and Ofc Piraino responded to a disturbance at a restaurant in which a patron was threatening to stab other patrons with a knife. WSPD and LGPK PD responded and assisted without incident. The offender was taken into custody and formally charged with assault, resisting/obstructing a peace officer, and disorderly conduct. The offender was also issued a no trespass notice to that restaurant.

Ofc Piraino arrested a Lyons resident for driving without a valid driver's license. Ofc Piraino stopped the driver for failure to signal a turn. The driver was released on an I-Bond after his identity was confirmed.

Sgt. Irizarry completed the Northwestern University School of Public Safety course "Supervision of Police Personnel." Sgt. Irizarry also attended a Use of Force workshop for Supervisors.

MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES

Guadalupe Perez-Gutierrez, 30 YOA, of Chicago was charged with DUI, No Valid DL, Improper Lane Usage, Driving in Wrong Lane, and Illegal Transportation of Alcohol following a traffic stop

The MIDNIGHT shift completed 77 traffic contacts during October of 2021, resulting in 14 Y-tickets. Shift Officers completed 3 Illinois Traffic Crash reports. The shift Officers issued 225 parking/compliance citations for equipment and other parking violations. The shift Officers conducted 295 Building/Business Premise Checks.

On 10/28/21, Officers (Sgt. Uher, SL Niewold, Officer Cassiberry, and Sgt. Nemecek) 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. 12 Stops were made with 6 citations and 11 warnings being issued.

CourtSmart and Illinois Police Law completed

Officers completed Resiliency Training

Ofc Niewold attended monthly NIPAS Training

Officer Gomorzak attended Truck Enforcement 1, 40-hour training class

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION ACTIVITIES & SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

Sgt. Fulla and Inv. Kang conducted follow-up investigations related to an Aggravated Stalking/Violation of Order of Protection.

Inv. Kang and Sgt. Fulla conducted a follow-up investigation regarding an Aggravated Robbery at the 7-11 located at Ogden Ave and East Ave. The case is closed as the victim is no longer responding to calls or attempts to make contact.

Sgt. Fulla continued following up on an investigation into a computer tampering matter.

Sgt. Fulla and Inv. Kang conducted follow-ups into the reported Financial Exploitation of the Elderly for a resident of a LaGrange Nursing Home. Efforts were coordinated with the Cook County Public Guardian's Office in an attempt to protect the victim from further loss. The Investigation is on-going.

SRO Andries and SRO Ficke (Western Springs PD), while assigned to a sporting event, received a dispatch for two possibly armed subjects. Both SROs worked quickly to obtain additional information and began working to locate the possible armed offenders. Both SROs would locate two individuals matching the descriptions as they were entering their vehicle. Both subjects were detained and two firearms with extended magazines were located within reach in the vehicle. The offenders were charged by the Western Springs Police Department as adults with Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon.

Inv. Kang and Sgt. Fulla worked with the Afternoon shift in order to secure an Armed Robbery and Felony Theft charges against an 18-year-old male from Oak Forest. The incident occurred next to the Elm in which the offender displayed a firearm and took the victim's work bag. The investigation remains on-going in the matter.

Inv. Kang and Sgt. Fulla obtained a warrant for the arrest of a 25-year-old male from Melrose Park. The warrant was for a violation of order of protection. The offender was identified as having been involved in a second incident in Hodgkins. Investigators from both Department's worked closely in an attempt to locate the offender. He was subsequently arrested by the afternoon shift after he made contact again with the protected party. The State's Attorney's Office approved a

Felony Aggravated Stalking charge for the LaGrange Incident. The offender was also charged by Hodgkins with Vehicular Invasion (Felony).

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

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

Inv. Kang assisted patrol in covering a patrol shift due to an illness shortage.

Inv. Kang and Sgt. Fulla began the initial steps for five initial candidates after their completion of the interview with the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners.

Inv. Kang was activated for a homicide in Markham as part of the South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force. The regional team was already working a homicide in the area and our division was called into assist in the matter.

Sgt. Fulla was activated for a homicide in Blue Island Police Department that was also linked to a shooting in Robbins. South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force activated the team as the regional team was already working another homicide.

Sgt. Fulla assisted the Western Springs Police Department as part of MCAT in their investigation into the two offenders who brought firearms to a sporting event at the Lyons Township High School South Campus.

Sgt. Fulla assisted the North Riverside Police Department as part of MCAT. The team activated to assist with a search warrant at a residence for narcotics.

Sgt. Fulla and Inv. Kang completed administrative duties including fingerprinting, evidence transfer to ISP Crime Lab, Department equipment/vehicle sales, and maintenance of vehicles/equipment.

Sgt. Fulla attended the Illinois Public Pension Fund Association Annual Training held in Oak Brook.

Sgt. Fulla and Inv. Kang attended the Illinois Homicide Investigators Association Annual three-day training.

SRO Andries worked the Homecoming Dance at LTHS which had been rescheduled due to the incident with the two subjects bringing firearms to the school.

SRO Andries participated in a radio interview at LTHS' radio station. SRO Andries spoke about his experiences while serving in Afghanistan with the US Army.

Task	#
Foot Patrols	54
Lunch Period Patrols	68
Bathroom Checks	21
Classroom Visits	2
Student Meetings	5
Security Mtgs/Huddles	6
Special Events/Details	4
CAD Events Opened (See Notes)	6
Citations Issued	Compl – 1 CL – 4 LO - 0

AUXILIARY AND PART-TIME POLICE UNITS

La Grange PD Auxiliary Officers LaPino & Ward participated in a Halloween trick-or-treat event sponsored by the Park District of La Grange. Aux Ofc LaPino & Ward assisted with traffic control for the event and interacted with members of the public. They assisted with the detail for the event. They are still on abbreviated duty due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

The part-time officers responded to 18 calls for service in the community and worked a combined 35.75 hours. The part-time officers' activity is lower than usual because they patrol the parking deck and downtown area as part of their patrol duties.

PARKING DIVISION

The parking division registered \$22,835 in parking fines through conventional payments, online payments, or collection efforts.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

PATROL ACTIVITIES	October		October		2021	2020
	2021		2020		YTD	YTD
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	1,878		1,225		14,278	11,266
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	59		42		471	387
FELONY ARRESTS	0		0		4	5
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	2		3		26	29
DUI ARRESTS	1		0		12	9
WARRANT ARRESTS	1		0		9	11
JUVENILE ARRESTS	1		2		3	11
TRAFFIC WARNINGS (verbal/written)	207		35		1,104	701
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	82		27		571	369
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	57		35		368	271
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	244	561	117	490	4,899	4,498
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	317		373			
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	4		3		72	64

INDEX CRIMES (UCR)	7
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	0

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.