

# LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Memorandum



To: Robert J. Pilipiszyn, Village Manager

From: Michael A. Holub, Chief of Police

Date: April 10, 2013

Re: Monthly Report for March 2013

Attached for your review are the general statistics for the Shift activities for the month of March 2013. Besides the activities, I have included a summary of other noteworthy events.

### **MIDNIGHT SHIFT SUMMARY**

- A car crashed into the guard rail on southbound Kensington Avenue at 52nd Street and the driver left the scene in another vehicle. During follow up investigation Ofc. Herrera made contact with parent of vehicle owner and advised same to return for report and citations. The driver was eventually cited for leaving scene of an accident and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.
- An anonymous caller reported a disturbance and crash involving youths on Stone at Bell. Responding Ofc. Gill determined that a crash had taken place and the 18-year-old Western Springs driver was in custody for a zero tolerance (alcohol) violation.
- Two teens were observed by Lt. Trzeciak throwing snowballs at the streetlight in front of 517 S. Kensington. The teens fled from the scene but were found at a residence in the 500 block of S. Kensington. The parent at the residence was advised that her boys were observed breaking the street light. The following day the Mother returned to the police department with the boys for processing and to arrange for restitution.
- Ofc. Wardlaw observed a subject dumping garbage in the parking garage. The 20-year-old man was cited for illegal dumping, after throwing bags full of empty beer cans and bottles onto the floor of the parking garage after cleaning up at a nearby house party.
- Ofc. Herrera initiated a traffic stop at La Grange Road and Harris Avenue and he discovered the driver to be unlicensed. The 30-year-old driver was cited for that violation.
- A citizen called the police to report a woman in the area of 39 Washington yelling for help. Our responding officers learned that a domestic battery had taken place at 34 Washington between a woman and man at the location. The woman was not seriously injured and the man was arrested for domestic battery.
- An early morning vehicle crash occurred at Ogden Avenue and Washington involving air bag deployment. Icy conditions and driver error resulted in a crash. Assisting with the crash was Ofc. McGuire, Squad Leader Wardlaw, Lt. Trzeciak and Chief Holub. Three citations were issued to a 47-year-old driver.
- A woman from the 1000 block of S. 7th Avenue called for assistance stating that her boyfriend had threatened her. After an investigation by Ofc. Herrera, the 43-year-old boyfriend was arrested for domestic battery, simple assault and interfering with report of domestic violence.

### **MIDNIGHT SHIFT SUMMARY** *(continued)*

- La Grange Memorial Hospital emergency room reported a patient in room #15 fighting with personnel. Squad Leader Wardlaw and Sgt. Berg responded and located the 31-year-old man who had been taken to the hospital by Hodgkins PD for intoxication. Attending doctor and nurse reported that the offender became aggressive, swinging his closed fists at the doctor and shoving the nurse before police arrived. The offender was secured by hospital security and a battery complaint was signed against the man.
- A resident reported finding drugs and paraphernalia in her son's room at a home in the 900 block of S. La Grange Road. Ofc. Herrera met with the woman and learned that she believes her son has a drug problem. She requested that we remove, test and destroy the narcotics. The case was turned over to investigations for follow up and destruction.
- Officers responded to a disturbance call and found a homeless person (Derrick Moore) was causing a disturbance inside a business after receiving previous warnings not to return. Ofc. Gill found Derrick threatening to batter the complainant and other passersby, as well as acting aggressively. The 51-year-old man was arrested for assault and criminal trespass to land.
- Ofc. Gill made a traffic stop at La Grange Road and Homestead resulting in a DUI arrest. The 51-year-old male driver was arrested and issued four citations.

### **DAY SHIFT SUMMARY**

Calls that were handled on the Day Shift include:

- An unwanted subject in the 100 block of W. Cossitt
- A neighbor dispute in the 300 block of Franklin
- Three criminal damage to property reports, 2 in zero hundred block of S. 6th, and 1 in the 300 block of Franklin
- A missing person investigation – subject was located
- A person fell down on Village Property in zero hundred block of 6th Avenue
- A report of suspicious circumstances at Lyons Township High School (LTHS)
- Two incidents of disorderly conduct, one at Spring Avenue and 49th and the other on the 500 block of W. Hillgrove
- Identity thefts reported in the 400 block of 7th, the 500 block of S. La Grange, and in the 800 block of S. Kensington
- A report of child neglect in the 900 block of S. La Grange Road
- A theft by deception investigation in the 100 block of N. La Grange Road
- A battery that occurred in the 300 block of Bluff
- A juvenile case at LTHS
- A La Grange man was arrested in the 300 block of Franklin and charged with 2 counts of assault and 1 count of resisting a peace officer after Officers responded to a disturbance call.

The Day Shift also conducted several visits of the police station with pre-schoolers from the La Grange Park District. They also coordinated with Cossitt School to conduct a "Lock Down" drill.

## **AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES**

### Traffic Related Activity

- During the month the shift handled 16 vehicle accidents, 10 were property damage only, two had injuries, and four were hit and run accidents.
- Two drivers were arrested for driving without a valid license (Ofc Comstock) and one driver was arrested for driving on a suspended license (Ofc Kneifel)
- The afternoon shift completed 155 Traffic Stop Cards, with 55 Traffic Citations and 7 parking citations issued.
- Another vehicle stalled on the Burlington railroad tracks after the driver made an illegal turn onto railroad property. Police and tow services were able to remove the vehicle, after stopping all railroad traffic.

### Criminal Arrests

- Officers Comstock and Burrell arrested a 62-year-old La Grange man for domestic battery
- Sgt. Odom, along with Officer Balon and Squad Leader Moncivais, arrested a 20-year-old Chicago man for assault and resisting a peace officer.
- Officer Comstock completed Warrant Service on a 33-year-old Justice man wanted for traffic related offenses.
- Officer Balon and Sgt. Odom completed warrant service on a 34-year-old Chicago man wanted for traffic related offenses.
- Officer Comstock cited a female juvenile for being a minor in possession of alcohol.

### Investigations Conducted

- This month the shift investigated two battery cases (one involving an L.T.H.S. student).
- Two residential burglaries and one garage burglary.
- Three responses for domestic battery.
- Five theft cases (including a stolen wallet and credit card used to make illegal purchases in another jurisdiction).
- Two disorderly conduct cases (one involving a man who exposed himself in a public place of business).
- One aggravated battery involving an elderly citizen.
- One missing adult (with disabilities) was located by Officer Comstock.

### Other Miscellaneous Activity

- Officers checked on a subject who left text messages to a family member that caused them to worry about his safety. He was located and after some discussion with the officers went to the hospital for assistance.
- The afternoon shift assisted with St Patrick Day celebrations at Palmer's Place and St. Cletus. Both events did not have any problems with their large crowds.
- Police units assisted with a fire on the 500 block of S Waiola. Multiple Fire agencies responded and police units assisted with redirecting traffic and crowd control while still responding to calls for police service.

## TRAINING

The police department, in collaboration with Lyons Township High School, hosted Rapid Deployment Training over a 3-day period last week. Rapid Deployment Training is described as the swift and immediate deployment of law enforcement resources to ongoing life threatening situations where delayed deployment could otherwise result in death or great bodily harm to innocent persons.

Police officers and supervisors from thirteen different agencies participated in the training. They recognized that common preparation is vital to an aggressive and coordinated response to these types of deadly force actions. This is especially true for our particular area where most of the participating communities do not have adequate resources to mitigate the incident effectively without help.

Three 4-hour blocks of instruction were provided each day and members of the LTHS staff and other community volunteers participated in the scenarios and role playing. The morning sessions consisted of two separate blocks of training; one devoted to practical exercises and demonstration, and the other devoted to classroom instruction. The afternoon sessions consisted of practical exercises and demonstrations only.

Instruction included review of the program needs based on increased active shooter incidents, relevant Law governing the application of force, analysis of best practice tactics and techniques, and overview of law enforcement theory regarding deployment during such a volatile, rapidly evolving event. The scenarios were developed to promote critical thinking skills, effective communication during deployment, and to enhance capabilities of officers when rapid deployment is necessary.

Four of our officers were responsible for the planning, coordination, and delivery of the instruction. Sgt. Tom Cimbalista, Sgt. Andy Peters, Squad Leader Rob Wardlaw and Ofc. Dave Rohlicek were recognized by Chief Holub with Letters of Commendation for their efforts in providing this valuable training. The four have firmly established themselves as leaders in this area and they have brought great distinction to the La Grange Police Department.



Other training included:

- All shift members completed their monthly Lexipol and Illinois Law Updates.
- The shifts also successfully completed the March Police Law Institute online training which focused on the investigation of: Sex crimes that occur inside residences, Kidnappings that result in the death of the victim, and weapons in public-supported buildings and land.
- Most of the department members took part in the 3-day Rapid Deployment training conducted at L.T.H.S. north campus.
- Sgt. Berg/K9 Dak completed bi- monthly K9 maintenance training.
- Sgt. Andy Peters and Squad Leader Wardlaw attended the 3-day ILEAS Conference in Springfield, Illinois.
- Sgt. Peters, and Squad Leader Ljubenko attended the FBI's TLOC training
- Probationary Officer Andries entered his 4<sup>th</sup> Step in the La Grange PD Field Training Officer program where he will be monitored and evaluated by FTO's Kneifel (afternoon shift) and Wardlaw (midnight shift).
- Sgt. Kielczynski and Sgt. Odom trained 4 new auxiliary officers together in a class covering basic patrol and their duties. They are almost complete with the training program of the auxiliary field training program.
- Chief Holub attended NEMRT's annual business meeting and training in Glen Ellyn, IL.
- Chief Holub attended a 3-day Leadership Course hosted by the U.S. Department of Defense in Atlanta, GA.

**OTHER ACTIVITIES FOR MARCH 2013**

Chief Holub attended the West Suburban Chamber of Commerce Legislative Action Committee luncheon in Countryside, IL and the IL Chiefs of Police Association Legislative Action Day in Springfield, IL. Patrol shift continue to focus on primary call response and our parking officers have been busy locating and immobilizing vehicles owned by people who are delinquent in paying for 5 or more parking citations.

PATROL ACTIVITIES	March		March		2013	2012
	2013		2012		YTD	YTD
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	1,448		1,315		3,928	4,061
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	36		55		128	134
FELONY ARRESTS	0		4		2	7
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	14		34		27	92
DUI ARRESTS	2		4		4	13
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	65		119		172	286
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	78		205		253	457
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	161	645	242	579	1,767	1,734
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	484		337			
JUVENILE ARRESTS	0		2		3	8
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	9		19		21	46