

LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Memorandum



To: Robert J. Pilipiszyn, Village Manager

From: Michael A. Holub, Chief of Police

Date: May 8, 2013

Re: Monthly Report April for 2013

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

DAY SHIFT ACTIVITIES

Sadly the Day Shift had to deal with the tragedy of a death investigation on the BNSF Railroad property near Kensington Avenue. The incident took place on April 11th just after 1:00 PM and was handled with efficiency and sensitivity by the members of the La Grange Police Day Shift, BNSF Officers, and METRA.

Case files taken on the Day Shift included:

- An aggravated assault at La Grange Memorial Hospital
- Burglary to a garage in the 200 block of S. 6th
- Criminal damage to a vehicle in the 900 block S. 8th
- Two civil matters; one that was reported by a walk-in complainant and the other from the 700 block of W. 55th
- Death investigation in zero hundred block of S Ashland
- Domestic disturbances in the 700 block of E, Maple, the 100 block if N. La Grange, and in the 900 block of S. La Grange. The latter resulted in the arrest of a 20-year-old man who resides at that address for aggravated assault.
- Disorderly conduct reports from the zero hundred block of S. 6th, from the 800 block of S. 11th, and in the zero hundred block of S 6th
- A hate crime incident involving anti-semitic graffiti in the 1100 block of S. Waiola
- Possession of cannabis at Lyons Township High School (LTHS) resulting in a juvenile arrest
- Suspicious activity reports from the 1000 block of S. 6th and a suspicious person in the 1100 block of S. Brainard
- Theft report from the 400 block of Shawmut
- Three cases involving the theft of property over \$500 in zero hundred block of N Gilbert, the 1000 block of S. Spring, and in zero hundred block of N. La Grange
- A case of theft of property under \$500 in zero hundred block of Washington

Special details on the Day Shift included a health fair at St Cletus, attended by Officers Rohlicek and Kang, and the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) National Drug Take Back. We took in 426 pounds of medications to be destroyed by DEA that will not find their way into the water system, or somehow wind up being sold illegally on the street. By comparison, at the turn in day in 2012 we took in 130 pounds of medication.

AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES

Investigative case reports from the Afternoon Shift included:

- There were two reports of identify theft.
- A parent reported her teenage son was threatened by another teen.
- A parent reported her son was the victim of a battery in front of their residence.
- A 6-year-old was reported missing, but was found with a neighbor nearby.
- A teen left LTHS without parents' permission. Ofc. Joseph helped locate her and she was picked up by Chicago PD and turned over to her parents.
- Ofc. Joseph investigated a theft of a motorcycle from the rear of a truck. He was able to locate surveillance cameras in the neighborhood which did not show a pick up truck with a motorcycle. He also found the owner was selling similar motorcycles parts on Craig's List. Investigation continues.
- A report of child abuse was received and turned over to investigators
- A catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle parked in one of the Village lots.
- A wallet and cell phone were stolen
- An X-BOX 360 was stolen from a residence and the suspects are other family members.
- An ex-employee of one of our businesses stole \$250 from his employer and did not return to work.
- Garbage cans were taken from the street as well as one inside the garage.
- Comic books, tools and other property were reported missing from a garage as one subject was moving out.

Some significant arrests included:

- A person was arrested for driving with suspended registration
- A person was arrested for driving with a suspended license and no insurance
- Three subjects were arrested for driving without a drivers' license.
- The Afternoon Shift also handled 25 auto accidents, 21 of which were property damage and only 2 involved injuries. Two of these accidents were hit and run accidents.

Other activity on the Afternoon Shift included:

- Officers responded to a domestic disturbance at a residence. Once Officers arrived and sorted out the confusion, a man who resides at the residence was arrested for possession of cannabis. His father was arrested for domestic battery to third subject.
- The shift responded to 3 different domestic disturbance situations, one had minor injuries.
- A report of a former employee harassing her employer via text messaging was taken.
- A man advised he was on a webcam conversation with another person who recorded it and is now sending it to his friends.
- A dog bite was reported but no enforcement action was taken since the parties are close friends.
- Police units assisted with traffic control at Stone and Goodman for a house struck by lightning.
- Due to the extensive area flooding, Ofc. Balon assisted Lisle Police Department with an ILEAS call out. Numerous agencies responded with extra manpower to assist.

MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES

Numerous weather related calls were received on April 17 between 1:00 PM and 7:00 AM due to the excessive rain. The rain never stopped throughout the entire shift and many callers reported flooding, power outages and disabled vehicles. All of the calls were handled without incident by dispatch and patrol. The Village streets had standing water but only 47th and East needed barricades to prevent vehicle travel. Our neighboring communities seemed to be affected much worse than La Grange during this time.

Significant arrests in the Midnight Shift included:

- Ofc Herrera stopped a vehicle at Ogden and Brainard leading to the arrest of the driver for driving without a valid Illinois license. Two other citations were issued as well.
- Ofc. Gill performed a traffic stop at La Grange and Homestead and noted a strong odor of burnt cannabis coming from the interior of the vehicle upon his approach. The driver admitted having smoked prior to the stop and gave Ofc. Gill permission to search his vehicle. A clear plastic baggie containing approximately 3 grams cannabis and a capsule were found in the vehicle. The capsule tested positive for heroin and hence the driver was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.
- Ofc. Gill performed a traffic stop at 47th and 9th after observing the driver make several traffic violations. The female driver failed the field sobriety tests and was arrested for driving under the influence.

D.A.R.E.® classes continue with the assistance of Ofc. Gill at St. Johns and Spring Ave schools. Fifteen children graduated from the D.A.R.E.® program at Spring Avenue school in April.

TRAINING

- All three shifts were re-certified in CPR/AED
- All sworn personnel qualified with their weapons
- All three shifts completed the monthly Lexipol and Illinois Law Update training
- Inv. Uher attended the LEVA Video/Photo Comparison Course in Indianapolis
- Inv. Uher attended APB Net Training (Critical Reach)
- Chief Holub attended training from the FBI on Cyber Attacks- Protecting your Police Department
- Sgt. Berg / K9 Dak completed bi-monthly K9 training. A scheduled school locker sniff to assist Illinois State Police was cancelled due to the rain and will be rescheduled.

AUXILIARY AND PART-TIME POLICE UNITS

The Auxiliary Unit volunteered 188 hours during the month of April and their time was spent conducting house checks, street lights out lists and various patrol duties. Part-time officers were active during the month with directed traffic patrols and assisting the full-time officers where necessary. We reluctantly accepted the resignation of Part-time Officer Angie Cardenas who stepped down for personal reasons.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY

We welcomed back Ofc. Scott Wolf, who has been off recovering from surgery to repair his shoulder. His injuries came as a result of the arrest of a combative and resistive defendant. He joined his shift and wasted no time returning to the high level of productivity he exhibited prior to his injury.

April 14-20, 2013 was National Telecommunicators Week and Fire Chief Bryzgalski and Police Chief Holub presented the Dispatch Center with a Proclamation in recognition of the work performed around-the-clock by our employees in dispatch. This is a small token to thank our dispatchers for answering telephone calls for police, fire and emergency medical services and dispatching the proper assistance as quickly as possible. The critical functions they perform are often taken for granted but they directly affect the lives and property of the public and assist in the safety of the police officers, firefighters and paramedics as they respond to the emergency situations. They handle countless non-emergency inquires and parking transactions, prepare minor complaints, maintain records and provide a multitude of referrals. Our present list of telecommunicators includes Holly Seymour, Kathy Lockwood, Therese Biesek, Patty Donovan, Patty Borowitz, Sue Drake and Part-time Telecommunicator Amanda Hope.



The month of April was relatively quiet with the exception of the excessive rains and related matters. Calls received have been up slightly as compared to last year and we continue to focus on core police services. The breakdown of activities is listed below.

PATROL ACTIVITIES	April		2013		2012	
	2013		2012		YTD	
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	1,495		1,164		5,423	
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	52		40		180	
FELONY ARRESTS	0		4		2	
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	4		35		31	
DUI ARRESTS	1		2		5	
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	91		56		263	
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	109		128		362	
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	187	684	120	497	2,451	
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	497		377			
JUVENILE ARRESTS	1		0		4	
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	6		7		27	
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