

LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Memorandum



To: Robert J. Pilipiszyn, Village Manager

From: Michael A. Holub, Chief of Police

Date: June 7, 2013

Re: Monthly Report for May 2013

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

In May we began two specific enforcement initiatives to address problems with (1) driving while distracted and (2) teens congregating and vandalizing in the parking garage area. In response to the number of people our officers observe texting, reading, or otherwise driving a vehicle while distracted, we created a special assignment to identify and cite drivers. With funding from our Judicial Advisory Grant, two officers at a time patrol looking for motorists who are driving poorly, or who are obviously not focused on traffic. In just 2 weeks nearly 50 drivers were stopped for driving while distracted. Also with grant funds, we have hired back an officer to monitor the public plaza area around the parking deck. On 8 separate occasions an officer worked successfully to monitor those areas and concerns. Both special details will continue throughout the summer.

DAY SHIFT ACTIVITIES

Cases investigated on the Day Shift for May 2013 include:

- A domestic battery reported in the 300 block of Bluff
- A dog bite that occurred in the 600 block of S. Catherine
- Fraud cases that occurred in the 500 block of S. Ashland and in the 200 block of E. Maple
- Criminal damage to a vehicle case which was reported in the 900 block of 8th Avenue. Police did make an arrest of a 37-year-old La Grange man in this case.
- A criminal damage to a vehicle reported in the 900 block of S. La Grange
- Hit and Run (Village Property) at La Grange and Burlington
- An identity theft investigation from a resident in the 1100 block of S. Spring
- An investigation involving a juvenile matter in 1000 block of S. Spring
- A stalking case at Lyons Township High School
- A report of a suspicious person and vehicle in 500 block of 10th
- A theft valued at more than \$500 at La Grange and Goodman.

Special assignments conducted by the Day Shift consisted of a "Stranger Danger" talk at St. Cletus conducted by Ofc. Andries and Sgt. Cimbalista, a police department tour from students at 7th Avenue School; a bicycle rodeo at the Spring Avenue School; participation in a "Fun Lunch" at the Spring Avenue School and attended by Ofc. Rohlicek, Ofc. Pacana and Sgt. Cimbalista. The Day Shift and several of our Auxiliary Officers also participated in three separate railroad safety events along the BNSF railroad.

AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES

Some of the more significant activities on the Afternoon Shift are listed below:

- A 13-year-old girl reported being called to a car with the offer of candy. She immediately left the area and contacted police. Using our community alert system called CodeRED, a message was sent to our entire community. As a result of the message, two other adults called the police department and reported being approached by what appears to be the same subject.
- Twenty-five accidents were reported in May on the shift, one of which was an accident with injuries and three of which were hit and run accidents
- The shift continued with traffic enforcement when time permitted and cited 7 drivers for driving with suspended drivers licenses, and one for driving with suspended license plates.
- One of our 9-1-1 dispatchers received a call from a juvenile claiming to be locked out of his apartment. The dispatcher learned he was inside the apartment but his father had locked the cell phone. The teen asked the dispatcher to help him unlock the cell phone. When it was explained the police did not do this, he made comments that led to his arrest for disorderly conduct.
- The shift received reports over several days that teenagers were running around shooting at each other with BB guns. In one instance they ran into a backyard and shot at some friends and this was witnessed by a parent who called the police. Several teens were detained while the incident was investigated. One BB gun was recovered and one teen was arrested one for disorderly conduct and another for damage to property.
- Police were called to the hospital after a call was made reporting child abduction. Officers helped explain the protocol for the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to a mother and grandmother. An infant was at the hospital for treatment and the staff reported suspicious injuries and, as required by law, they were mandated to make a report to DCFS. When the parent attempted to leave with the child they were stopped by the hospital staff to insure the child's safety. When the police explained the procedures, they complied.
- Officers on the shift responded to 3 separate calls for domestic disturbances, one of which resulted in an arrest.
- Officers on the shift responded to a residence to investigate two unknown subjects trying to get into a home. With the description provided by the children in the house, the people and their van were located around the corner. The investigation disclosed that the subjects were there to fix the garage door but they had transposed the house numbers and went to the wrong house.
- A possible child abduction was reported after a motorist reported seeing two men grab a 6-year-old girl and put her into the rear of a van. The caller was able to get the license number of the vehicle and officers immediately started emergency procedures. The vehicle was located shortly after the initial call confirmed that this was a father and daughter leaving a social gathering and the daughter did not want to go home. Thus she was not cooperating with her father and he picked her up and put her inside the family van.
- A 19-year-old suffering from depression walked away from his home and was reported missing. As police were searching for him he posted on Facebook that he was OK and just needed some time to think. That was confirmed when he returned home later in the evening.

MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES

Activities on the Midnight Shift are listed below:

- Squad Leader Wardlaw initiated a traffic stop at La Grange and Shawmut. The driver was a man from Franklin Park and he was found to be driving while his license was suspended. Two citations were issued.
- Ofc. Wolf initiated a traffic stop at La Grange and Goodman for exceeding the posted speed limit. Upon further investigation, the driver, a woman from Brookfield, IL, was found to be in possession of 4.00 grams of cannabis, 46 new empty plastic baggies, a glass pipe and a scale. She arrested for possession of cannabis with the intent to deliver, possession of drug paraphernalia, speeding and no proof of insurance.
- Sgt. Berg and K9 Dak assisted the Oak Lawn PD with a school sniff in their jurisdiction. K9 teams from Alsip, Bolingbrook, Bridgeview, Burbank, Evergreen Park, Lemont and ISP performed a school locker and premise sniff at Oak Lawn High School. The assist was successful with several arrests as a result.
- Ofc's Wolf and Gill responded to 8th and Plainfield for a cab driver reporting his fare ran from the cab without paying. The cab driver reported that he picked up the fare in Chicago and upon arriving in the area of 8th and Plainfield the fare, man in his mid 20's blond hair, ran from the cab into the Villa Venice apartments. The balance due was \$44.85 and a search of the area proved negative.
- Ofc Gill performed a traffic stop on a vehicle for numerous traffic violations in the area of 6th Avenue and 47th Street. The driver, a man from Morris, IL, was found to be driving under the influence and he was arrested for DUI.
- Ofc. Herrera investigated a stolen auto case from the 400 block of W. Burlington Avenue. The owner last saw his vehicle in one of the metered spaces along Burlington Avenue. A few days later, the vehicle was located by Ofc Herrera in the lot at 34 N. La Grange Road. Vehicle was 100% intact, undamaged and secure. It was returned to owner, who later stated he may have simply misplaced his car.
- Ofc's Gill and Wolf investigated a report of a "man down" in the parkway near Maple and Waiola. The officers were unable to locate any such person at that time, however later Ofc. Gill located two subjects in a vehicle near Kensington and Maple. Two underage males were cited for being in possession of alcohol.
- Ofc. Andries, Ofc Rogers and Lt Trzeciak responded to a fight complaint at 127 Bluff Avenue. Ofc Andries learned that two adult men were involved in a physical dispute and it was witnessed by a third man. Both combatants admitted to different versions of the altercation and both refused any police assistance. All involved agreed to separate for the night.
- Ofc. Andries was assigned to respond to a trespassing complaint at 42 S. La Grange Road, which is DiNico's Pizza. Employees reported that a man from La Grange refused to leave the restaurant when requested. The man was previously issued a *no trespass notice* and so he was now in violation of the notice. Officers arrested and processed the man for criminal trespass to property.
- Officers responded to a report of homeless subjects fighting at the La Grange Road train station. A woman and a man were issued citations for their conduct and the woman was subsequently transported to the hospital at her request for suicidal feelings and tendencies.

TRAINING

- Ofc. Cozen attended the N.A.P.D. driving class
- Sgt. Berg and K9 Dak remained current with their bi-monthly K9 maintenance training.
- All three shifts completed the Lexipol and Illinois Law Update training.

RECOGNITION

The police department received the Pillars Community Collaborator Award for 2013 for our support and assistance to area residents, in particular the clients at Constance Morris House. Chief Holub, Lt. Strasser, Inv. Fulla, and Inv. Uher were honored to accept the award at the Pillars Annual Recognition Banquet.



We were also recognized with a certificate from the Secretary of Defense for being nominated for the Freedom Award for our support of our employees who serve in the National

Guard or Reserve Forces. The Freedom Award is the highest award given by the Department of Defense and it is an honor to have been nominated.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

As always, our Auxiliary and Part-time Police Units were a great asset to us in providing core services to the Village. The members of our Auxiliary Unit contributed 144 hours of service to the Village this month. Their time included conducting House Checks, Light Lists and assisting with other miscellaneous Patrol duties as needed. Other activity levels remain consistent with prior months.

PATROL ACTIVITIES	May		May		2013	2012
	2013		2012		YTD	YTD
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	1,559		1,387		6,982	6,612
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	66		67		246	241
FELONY ARRESTS	0		0		2	11
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	8		10		39	137
DUI ARRESTS	0		1		5	16
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	155		140		418	482
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	134		127		496	712
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	145	673	137	506	3,124	2,737
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	528		369			
JUVENILE ARRESTS	4		1		8	9
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	10		6		37	59