

LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Memorandum



To: Robert J. Pilipiszyn, Village Manager

From: Michael A. Holub, Chief of Police

Date: August 6, 2013

Re: Monthly Report for July 2013

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

MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES

The Midnight Shift operated the entire month of July at minimum staffing levels due to vacations and other voids. The texting detail was frequently being conducted at the beginning of the shift with great success. Below is a summary incidents handled on the Shift in July:

- A report of criminal damage to property was filed after a woman found the driver's side window of her car while parked in lot #2. No suspects or evidence located.
- A Village ordinance violation citation was issued to a youth for riding his bike in the middle of the La Grange Road. Although others were involved, they left prior to officers arriving.
- Ofc. Wolf assisted Brookfield PD. with a report of an aggravated battery with a gun. Three male suspects fled Brookfield on bikes toward East and Ogden. Unable to locate offenders.
- Ofc. Wardlaw stopped and arrested a driver in the area of 200 Washington for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended drivers' license.
- Officers responded to a call from a man who reported his son was intoxicated and acting disorderly in the back yard. Ofc's Rogers, Andries and Wardlaw assisted and the son was taken for treatment to La Grange Memorial Hospital by the La Grange FD.
- An armed robbery report was prepared by Ofc. Rogers after speaking with a victim who was walking eastbound on Cossitt Avenue near the IHB tracks. At that location she was stopped by two males who took her backpack, ear buds and cell phone by force. The victim was unable to provide a detailed description of offenders beyond their gender and the call was delayed by approximately 20 minutes as victim returned home to Brookfield prior to calling police. Responding Officers were unable to locate and suspects in the area.
- A citizen called the police to report that someone was sleeping in a dark Honda in the lot at 150 S. Ashland. Officers spoke with the person who said she received permission to sleep in the lot but she could not remember the name of the person who gave her permission. She moved from the area.
- Ofc. Herrera made a traffic stop on Ogden Avenue and East Avenue and discovered that the driver was operating with a suspended drivers license.
- A caller from the 800 block of S. La Grange Road reported her juvenile daughter had not returned home since an argument earlier in the day. An area dispatch and national computer alert were entered immediately. The daughter was located and returned home shortly thereafter. The alerts were cancelled.

MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES *(continued)*

- A citizen reported that a group of teens were throwing bagels at each other near the fountain by the Village Hall. Officers were not able to locate group but no damage was observed at scene.
- Ofc. Herrera responded to two reports of criminal damage to property at 151 N. Malden and 87 Bassford. In both cases a car at each address had a window broken by a brick. Officers canvassed the area but were unable to locate any offenders.
- Ofc. Rogers assisted the Brookfield PD with a foot pursuit in the area of 4133 Elm. Assist was rendered without incident.
- A reckless driver was reported near 22 Calendar. In this case the driver was doing circles and driving wrong direction. Ofc. Andries located the suspect and issued 3 citations to the offending driver.
- Ofc. Andries responded to a disturbance call in the zero hundred block of S. Madison. Upon his arrival he observed an on-going domestic dispute between two intoxicated residents. Neither of the two was injured and both parties refused any further assistance, in fact one of the two left for the evening.

DAY SHIFT ACTIVITIES

Beyond the routine calls normally received, several cases requiring more in-depth reports were handled by the Day Shift and they are listed below:

- A report of an attempted suicide in 00 block of Elder
- Misdemeanor battery reports that occurred in the 100 block of Dover and in the 100 block of Sawyer
- Criminal damage to property that was reported in the 600 block of La Grange Road
- A criminal sexual assault report (which turned out to be unfounded) in the 00 block of W. Cossitt
- A forgery investigation in the 00 block of E. Burlington
- Harassment by electronic means incident from the 700 block of 11th
- An identity theft case from the 00 block of S. La Grange Road
- A report of a missing juvenile from the 700 block of 6th Avenue
- A residential burglary case from the 200 block of N. Waiola
- An investigation of a robbery in the 200 block Washington
- Suspicious activity reported in La Grange that also involved the Westmont PD
- Four separate and unrelated theft cases from the 00 block of Hayes, the 00 block of W. Cossitt, the 100 block of W. Calendar, and the 200 block Washington
- Parking Enforcement Officer Dave Kotrba noticed a subject park in the reserved handicapped parking spot of lot #5 and appeared to be able bodied as he walked to the train. Checking further, Kotrba found the handicap placard was issued to a female who was not in the car, as required by its use. The driver was arrested at a later time for unlawful use of a handicapped placard (which is a felony) and the placard confiscated.
- A well being check on a citizen in the 600 block W. Burlington Avenue
- A traffic stop which led to the arrest of a Des Plaines man who was wanted on a warrant

OTHER DAY SHIFT ACTIVITY

Showing their patriotic side, Sgt. Peters, Sgt. Cimbalista, Squad Leader Ljubenko, Inv. Wardlaw, and Parking Officer Hannon volunteered during their off time for duties associated with the “Operation Support Our Troops - America” Concert held at Cantigny Park.

AFTERNOON SHIFT

Significant arrests, events and incidents on the Afternoon Shift are listed below:

- Sgt Odom and Sgt Kielczynski arrested two brothers for possession of cannabis and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- A woman was arrested for resisting arrest and traffic violations, as officers were investigating a disturbance.
- A juvenile was identified as the offender in graffiti case involving damage to property. Restitution was made for the damage.
- The shift completed 15 accident reports involving property damage only, 2 accidents with injuries, and one hit and run accident.
- Ofc. Comstock arrested a male driver for driving while intoxicated.
- Ofc .Fulla arrested a woman for driving with a suspended registration plate.
- Ofc. Gill arrested a man for driving with a suspended license.
- Sgt. Odom arrested a man for driving with no driver’s license.
- Ofc. Comstock arrested a woman for driving with a revoked license and driving while intoxicated (DUI). Paperwork to seize her vehicle has been submitted.
- The shift completed 88 traffic stop cards, issued 71 compliance citations and issued 35 state traffic citations.
- Inv. Uher recovered a phony \$20 currency bill at a local restaurant.
- A company reported their 5 trucks had their catalytic converters stolen.
- A pistol was located by juveniles near the 7th Ave School playground. Our Investigators are continuing to track the gun, the owner, and how it came to be in La Grange.
- Department of Children and Family Service reported they were looking into a child abuse case in La Grange.
- The owners of a house undergoing remodeling reported a burglary where it appears that the offenders were very familiar with the house. They used a ladder to reach the second floor and take electronics.
- A report of gunfire near the Community Center was investigated; no offender was located but several other incidents of disturbances and fighting involving the same participants continued near the area during the month.
- There were two investigations of involving identity theft.
- A person reported a stalking incident. It turns out both parties involved were heading to the same court regarding separate issues; case unfounded.
- A domestic disturbance was reported with a juvenile as the offender.
- A resident reported a man came to her door to check her water. While she was checking her water the man entered her house. When she told him to leave he did and police were called.
- Two juveniles were reported as missing or runaway. One was found later the same evening and the other returned home the next day.

AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES *(continued)*

- A resident reported she received a call advising that she had won money and to send fees to process the winning. She knew it was a ruse but wanted to let police know.
- Two bikes were stolen from the train stations, one at Stone Avenue and one at the La Grange Road station.
- Two cell phones were reported stolen, one from the library and one from a restaurant.
- La Grange Police assisted the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway with a death investigation on their railroad property and tracks.
- La Grange Police assisted Western Springs with a DUI arrest.
- Citizen Police Academy Alumni and the Auxiliary Unit assisted with traffic control near Waiola Park during the fireworks show.
- The Auxiliary Unit assisted with the La Grange Craft Show.
- Ofc. Egan represented La Grange Police at Congressman Dan Lipinski's Patriot Parade.

INVESTIGATIONS

The Investigators conduct follow-up on all cases and matters requiring more in-depth review and inquiry. This includes identifying possible suspects on cases or developing leads. In some cases it is after-the-fact, although they do conduct some proactive investigation. As an example, the Investigators noticed a slight increase in bicycle thefts. Therefore Inv. Uher identified a time and location he felt may produce some visits from potential thieves. One morning at about 8:45 AM Inv. Uher arrested a 43-year-old Broadview man after he caught him in the act of stealing a bicycle at the Stone Avenue Station. We charged that person with felony theft and possession of burglary tools (also a felony).

Investigators also arrested a juvenile for criminal defacement of property after he was seen on video spray painting the property and building owned by DMJ Auto. Restitution and repair is being made in this case.

GRANT ACTIVITIES

During this Month the Judicial Advisory grant provided the following additional services to La Grange that concentrated on two areas of special concern:

1. Extra patrol in the garage and fountain area to maintain a safe and friendly environment;
2. A detail to enforce the No Texting while Driving Law.

The garage detail provided an additional 30 hours of patrol on the weekends as well as sporadic coverage during the week. The grant provided for \$4,410 in salary to the officers who were working on their off duty time.

The Anti-Texting Detail provided for 14 separate details, which consisted of 2 officers for 2 hours at a time. This detail resulted in 6 state citations, 35 Compliance citations and 41 traffic stop cards (warnings). The grant provided over \$3,800 in overtime to the officers.

This month the Judicial Advisory grant provided over \$8,500 in additional salary to members of the department and significant high visibility in our parking deck, fountain and public plaza area

TRAINING

- All three Shifts completed monthly Illinois Law Update and Lexipol Policy updates.
- Investigator Uher and Wardlaw attended the 2-day Cook County Retail Organized Crime Annual Conference at McDonald's University.
- Chief Holub attended a training seminar at Triton College co-sponsored by the Federal Drug Enforcement Agency and the Chicago Crime Commission.
- Ofc. Gill completed training to become a certified School Resource Officer.

AUXILIARY AND PART-TIME UNITS

Once again the members of our Auxiliary unit provide us with great support in our policing efforts. In July the Auxiliary Officers provided 163 hours of extra patrol time, including coverage for the July 3rd fireworks displays, and in and around the Central Business District.

Our Part-time Officers with busy with directed traffic patrols and assisting the full-time officers where necessary. We are grateful for both units and their contributions to the Village.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

July was a real challenge from the perspective of staffing. It is one of the highest months for vacation requests and consequently we are faced with staffing our shifts are the minimum levels, and often with people hired back on overtime. This impacts dispatch as well and the uniformed patrol shifts. We are fortunate to have dedicated Part-time Officers who are able to assist us with core service delivery, and the Auxiliary Officers to assist with things like crowd and traffic control issues. We realized a slight increase in parking citations, due to the added enforcement on Friday and Saturday evenings. Compliance tickets were also up slightly due to the anti-texting enforcement program. When time permitted, Officers were able to conduct a few foot patrols and self directed traffic enforcement. In July the officers conducted 276 traffic stops.

| PATROL ACTIVITIES | July | | July | | 2013 | 2012 |
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| | 2013 | | 2012 | | YTD | YTD |
| NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN | 1,336 | | 1,390 | | 9,755 | 9,337 |
| ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN | 43 | | 49 | | 342 | 341 |
| FELONY ARRESTS | 3 | | 4 | | 7 | 18 |
| MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS | 3 | | 31 | | 46 | 195 |
| DUI ARRESTS | 1 | | 0 | | 8 | 17 |
| COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED | 148 | | 86 | | 705 | 624 |
| TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED | 91 | | 127 | | 699 | 960 |
| PARKING TICKETS - by Officers | 115 | 599 | 167 | 537 | 4,207 | 3,786 |
| PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div. | 484 | | 370 | | | |
| JUVENILE ARRESTS | 2 | | 6 | | 12 | 15 |
| PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP | 6 | | 6 | | 45 | 73 |