

LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Memorandum



To: Robert J. Pilipiszyn, Village Manager

From: Michael A. Holub, Chief of Police

Date: September 9, 2013

Re: Monthly Report for August 2013

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

MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES

Activities on the Midnight Shift in August include the following:

- A caller reported some type of explosion and an unknown type of car in front of a house in the 600 block of S. 6th Avenue. Investigating Ofc. Herrera responded and discovered a property damage accident involving a car versus a tree. The driver was found to be driving while his license was suspended and was cited for that as well as for 4 other citations related to the crash.
- A juvenile caller reported being jumped by 3 unknown men at Bluff and Calendar and that his skateboard was stolen. An investigative case report was prepared by Ofc. Herrera and area checked by shift with negative results. The victim said he is unable to identify the offenders.
- A fight was reported in front of 328 East Avenue. Responding officers reported that several intoxicated residents of that address were involved in a verbal dispute and not a physical altercation.
- Ofc. Wolf performed a traffic stop at La Grange Road and Cossitt Avenue resulting in the arrest of the driver for Driving with a suspended driver's license.
- Ofc. Wolf performed a traffic stop at La Grange Road and 52nd resulting in the arrest of the driver for with license plates that were suspended by the Secretary of State (SOS). The driver stated she owed \$5800.00 in toll fees and was aware of the suspended registration. Two citations were issued.
- Squad Leader Fulla located 3 juveniles, who were out past curfew in the area of 300 S. La Grange Road. Youth contact cards were completed and the, juveniles were released to their parents.
- A caller from the 100 block of N. Spring reported an unknown male sleeping on their front porch. The intoxicated male was assisted to his residence on N. Park Avenue.
- A caller reported that her mother and the mother's boyfriend were intoxicated and arguing about a gun; the caller was not aware of the existence of a gun. Ofc Herrera interviewed all parties involved and they agreed to turn over a gun stored in the house for safe keeping. No threat of violence existed and the gun was stored in a box without ammunition at time of call.
- Ofc. Rogers advised that during a check of the parking garage, Derrick Moore was found sleeping in a stairwell. When told to move along Derrick refused and hence he was arrested for criminal trespass to property.

MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES *(continued)*

- Sgt. Berg assisted the Cook County Sheriff's Police on a traffic stop in the 700 block of S. La Grange Road. Two subjects were taken into custody on the Cook County arrest without incident.

AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES

The Afternoon Shift had a variety of activities in August. They are summarized below:

- An arrest was made for possession of cannabis, illegal sound system and no rear registration light as required.
- A warrant was served for Lake County for illegal possession of a license plate.
- A subject was arrested on a warrant for DuPage County, an armed robbery in La Grange and for an investigation in Brookfield, IL for other armed robberies.
- A subject was arrested for reckless conduct as a result of him climbing to the top of the fountain. He was also charged with resisting arrest, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of cannabis.
- A felony arrest of two adults was made for 66 grams of cannabis and drug paraphernalia. The vehicle used in this crime was seized by the department. These two same subjects were arrested last month by this department.
- A subject was arrested for delivering alcohol to a minor in the park. Two other adults were arrested for alcohol in the park, and the teen with them was turned over to parents.
- Chicago Police located a subject wanted for homicide investigation, after La Grange police responded to a suspicious vehicle report.
- An investigation of an identity theft from January 2013 was re-opened after we received information showing activity on the victim's credit cards.
- A resident reported he was contacted about accounts opened in his name, which led to an identity theft investigation.
- A burglary to motor vehicle was reported where power tools were taken from the car while it was parked on the street.
- A teen's mother reported he was the victim of an aggravated battery. The teen started having trouble with others in Brookfield and ran into the same subjects in La Grange. He was unable or unwilling to cooperate and he reported to police that he had a lot to drink and could not remember anything.
- One of our churchess reported an unruly belligerent member of the BEDS program. When the offender was identified it was resolved without further police involvement.
- Ofc. Gill located a subject who was wanted for investigation of theft by the Brookfield Police after a flyer with photos from a video surveillance camera was distributed.
- The afternoon shift responded to 3 different suicide attempt calls and all were resolved safely.
 - The first was a woman who took pills and alcohol and left home. She was located and transported to the hospital.
 - The second involved a subject who climbed the railroad signal tower and obeyed officer's commands to climb down.
 - The third told the officer he was sorry and said he would pull a knife so the officer would shoot him. The officer was able to request help and the subject was disarmed and transported to the hospital.

These investigations demonstrate the dangers officers can face when trying to assist others.

AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES *(continued)*

- As a result of social media, a parent contacted the Afternoon Shift watch commander to report there would be a “Flash Parade” (similar to a flash mob) in downtown La Grange during rush hour to celebrate two championship softball teams from La Grange. The coach was contacted and with the assistance of Police Auxiliary Gonzalez, the impromptu parade was diverted and safely carried out without impacting the CBD and rush hour traffic.
- The Afternoon Shift attended a block party in the 500 block of Waiola and explained police work to younger children and also assisted with LeaderShop (formerly the CEP Youth Leadership) with a “back to school party”.
- A program we call **“Lunch in the Lock Up”** was provided to a group of young people from the LeaderShop. The participants learned about police work and were able to try their hand at some of things officers do, such as handcuffing and developing fingerprints at crime scenes. Officer Kevin Comstock is shown here assisting with the tour and visit. The participants were instructed on fingerprinting and then tried fingerprinting one another. They also checked out the equipment in a squad car, toured the station, and learned about the nature of police work.



DAY SHIFT ACTIVITIES

With all of our schools going back into session, the Day Shift focused a great deal of their time to monitoring traffic and pedestrian patterns for the first few days, and then they returned to their normal vigilance in and around the schools. The Day Shift personnel also worked with our returning crossing guards to assure they were fully trained and prepared for their jobs. In addition to the routine police functions, the Day Shift handled the following cases:

- 2 attempted suicides, one in the 100 block of N. Waiola and the second in the zero hundred block of S. Ashland
- Reports of criminal damage to property at Cossitt/Washington and at Sawyer Park
- Criminal damage to vehicles that occurred in the 100 block of N. La Grange and in the 100 block of N. La Grange
- A civil matter from the 600 block of E. 47th
- A disturbance that was reported at East Avenue and Cossitt Avenue
- Identity thefts from the 200 block of E. Plainfield and from the zero hundred block of S. Spring Avenue
- A missing juvenile from the 700 block of S. 6th Avenue
- Theft reports from the 1100 block of S. Waiola, the zero hundred block of Hayes and the zero hundred block of S. La Grange Road
- A vandalism case from Tilden and Burlington

DAY SHIFT ACTIVITIES *(continued)*

During the month Investigator Ken Uher continued his role as the Lyons Township High School (LTHS) North Campus Police Liaison. In that role he gave several introductory presentations at LTHS for all the students.

Our Investigators also recorded the following arrests:

- A woman was charged with 2 counts of Felony ID Theft after using a La Grange Resident's Social Security Number to obtain credit and employment for the past 7 years
- An occasional visitor to the area was charged with robbery after the Afternoon Shift took him into custody following an investigation in which the offender took a cell phone from a victim using force
- A man was charged with Felony Title/Registration Offenses following a traffic stop
- A man was charged with Felony Theft after he pawned an iPad, which was rented from the La Grange Public Library

AUXILIARY AND PART-TIME OFFICERS

The Auxiliary Unit volunteered 168 hours during the month of August which included time spent conducting House Checks, Light Lists and Patrol duties. For the entire summer we have tasked the Auxiliary with foot patrols in the Central Business District in addition to their normal routine.

The Part-Time Officers were busy assisting us with directed patrols and with special focus on the Central Business District patrols. This has been extremely helpful during the times when we have been short staffed, which was most of the summer months.

GRANT UPDATES

The two programs we have been providing were for presence at the public plaza / fountain area and the anti-texting enforcement program. Both programs concluded in August and we are no longer conducting either enhanced enforcement program. But here is a summary of the activity that occurred in August as a result of the grant funding:

- An additional 97 hours of patrol in the parking garage and fountain area occurred in August and that included an arrest for felony drug possession as well as 3 misdemeanor violations.
- The anti-texting enforcement program provided 68.5 hours of traffic monitoring for distracted driving. During these patrols 19 State citations were issued along with 38 compliance tickets and 40 stop cards (verbal warnings). There was also a warrant arrest and the arrest of two individuals who were driving with suspended driver's licenses.

TRAINING

- All three shifts completed their Lexipol and Illinois Law Updates in August.
- Sgt Berg / Dak attended bi-monthly K9 maintenance training in Bolingbrook and Lemont.
- Chief Holub attended the FBI National Academy training conference in Tinley Park
- Several department members participated in seminars held at the IL Police and Security EXPO held at the Tinley Park Convention Center.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY

Parking Officers John Hannon and Dave Kotrba participated in the Lyons Township training session for crossing guards. Each year the crossing guards in the township receive instruction from various police departments and PEO’s Hannon and Kotrba represented us as presenters. We are grateful for the service we receive from of crossing guards each year.

In August calls for service continued on a slightly higher level than in the previous year. With the increased traffic enforcement details through the various grants, all members of the police department combined were able to conduct 339 traffic stops.

Parking tickets are also up slightly and this is the result of the additional enforcement hours added to Friday and Saturday evening hours. Since we began the enhanced enforcement hours at the end of June we issued more than 500 tickets for an average of about 40 tickets per weekend. At the same time we have been utilizing our new parking ticket management program. Compared to our previous DOS program the new system is better at following-up on unpaid violations. Consequently, many notices on unpaid violations were mailed out.

Our system also includes an “on-line” payment option and in August alone we saw \$4,000 of payments come in via that process. Parking ticket revenue for August included 599 separate payments totaling more than \$26,000.

PATROL ACTIVITIES	August		August		2013	2012
	2013		2012		YTD	YTD
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	1,476		1,184		11,231	10,521
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	45		65		387	406
FELONY ARRESTS	6		13		13	31
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	9		17		55	212
DUI ARRESTS	0		2		8	19
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	112		74		817	698
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	173		100		872	1,060
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	66	615	127	492	4,822	4,278
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	549		365			
JUVENILE ARRESTS	4		0		16	15
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	11		14		56	87