

LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Memorandum



To: Robert J. Pilipiszyn, Village Manager

From: Michael A. Holub, Chief of Police

Date: November 12, 2013

Re: Monthly Report for October 2013

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

AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES

The most prominent event in October took place on the Afternoon shift when Afternoon Shift members responded to Lyons Township High School (North Campus) to investigate a suspicious noise, which the caller suspected were possible gun shots. The call elicited a Rapid Deployment Response from the La Grange Police department, as well as first responders from many local departments. Subsequently, the buildings on campus were searched room by room and it was determined that shots had not been fired. The noises heard by the complainant were attributed to several students within the building. Debriefing sessions with first responders as well as school administrators have resulted in an even greater emphasis on maintaining student safety. Positive feedback was received from all who were involved.

Investigative Case Reports taken this month on the Afternoon Shift included:

- Deceptive practice;
- An identity theft;
- Unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia;
- Garage burglary;
- Three domestic trouble events;
- Missing adult located;
- Three thefts involving losses of more than \$500;
- Three thefts involving losses of less than \$500;
- Two fraud cases;
- Two unlawful possessions of a controlled substances;
- A misdemeanor battery;
- A report of animal cruelty;
- Two criminal damage to property reports;
- A home invasion (unfounded);
- Two warrant services;
- Three incidents of disorderly conduct;
- A trespassing case.

Other noteworthy events on the Afternoon shift include:

- Ofc. Joseph responded to Radio Shack, 535 S La Grange Rd, and took a theft report of several stolen electronics items, by an ex-employee. Three days later, the offender was taken into custody by the Investigations division and charged with felony theft.
- Ofc. Kneifel and Squad Leader Fulla investigated a home invasion involving two brothers at 4 W. Burlington. One of the brothers was taken into custody after he entered a former residence by deception and the threat of force. The case was eventually closed due to the lack of cooperation from the residents of the apartment.

AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES *(continued)*

- Ofc. Burrell took a missing person report from a woman who reported her son to have made harmful threats against himself. Ofc. Burrell eventually located the man at his residence and was able to close the case after speaking with the family collectively.
- Ofc. Andries responded to La Grange Memorial Hospital for a report of a male juvenile who was showing signs of drug impairment. During the course of the interview with the male, it was determined that the male ingested a controlled substance at a home in a nearby jurisdiction. The male's family was referred to the corresponding police department for further investigation.
- Sgt. Odom responded to Casa Margarita Restaurant, 32 S La Grange Rd in reference to a man who was attempting to leave without paying the bill for his food. The man was taken into custody for a short time, but he was able to make restitution to the restaurant prior to charges being filed.
- Ofc. Herrera took a theft report from Alixandra Collections, who reported a female had taken an expensive item of jewelry from the store. The woman returned the property after being contacted by the Investigations division and advised of the police department's current investigation.
- Squad Leader Fulla arrested a 51-year old La Grange man on an outstanding Kane County warrant for Contempt of Court, after conducting a traffic stop in the vicinity of 47th St and Blackstone.
- Squad Leader Fulla arrested a 26-year old Westmont man for domestic battery after the man admitted to making physical contact with an ex-girlfriend at the Citgo/7-11 9600 W. Ogden Ave. The man was taken into custody without incident.
- Ofc. Joseph cited a La Grange man for dog-at-large after responding to an animal complaint in the 1000 block of 7th Ave.
- Squad Leader Fulla arrested a 23-year old homeless woman for possession of a controlled substance and unlawful possession of a hypodermic needle/syringe after the woman turned over the items of contraband to Squad Leader Fulla as officers investigated a report of two subjects doing drugs at the La Grange Public Library, 10 W. Cossitt Ave.
- Squad Leader Fulla arrested a 60-year old homeless man for theft after he was found to have property that had been reported stolen, on his immediate person. At the time of the arrest, officers were investigating a call of possible drug activity at the La Grange Public Library, 10 W. Cossitt Ave.
- The Afternoon Shift conducted several traffic stops which resulted in 5 misdemeanor traffic arrests to include driving while license suspended/revoked, and driving with a suspended vehicle registration.

MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES

A summary of the significant events of the Midnight Shift is included below:

- Sgt. Berg – K-9 Dak assisted the Evergreen Park PD with school drug sniffs. Evergreen Park High School and Central Jr. High locker sniffs performed along with 10 other K-9 teams. The assist was performed without incident.

MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES *(continued)*

- Ofc. Herrera observed a bicyclist who fell at 55th and Madison. The person was bleeding from the face and was also intoxicated. The incident was turned over to Countryside PD. and the subject was transported to the hospital by Pleasantview FPD.
- Officers responded to 11 S. La Grange Road for a domestic dispute with an injury reported. A married couple was in the middle of a heated discussion when the man cut his hand by striking his television with same. La Grange paramedics assisted with the injury. A police report made as matter of record and domestic violence reports were prepared for both.
- A domestic battery report was made in the 900 block of S. 7th Avenue. It was a verbal domestic only and no evidence of a battery to either party was present. Domestic violence reports prepared for both.
- A traffic stop at Harris and Madison by Ofc. McGuire resulted in the arrest of a man for no valid driver's license.
- A traffic stop at 47th and 6th by Ofc. Wolf resulted in the arrest of a man for having suspended registration.
- Ofc. Wolf located a subject wanted by Countryside Police as a suspect for vehicle burglaries in the Harry's parking lot 9901 W. 55th Street. The suspect was turned over to Countryside.
- A report of domestic trouble was called in at 4 W. Burlington Avenue. Two men were involved in a verbal altercation; friends separated the two to prevent physical violence. - Several days later Ofc. Wolf was assigned to a report of domestic trouble at the same residence. These are brothers who are involved in an on-going dispute. Officers advised no threats were transmitted but some text messages were sent regarding finances owed. The complaint is civil and not criminal in nature.
- A burglary was attempted with forcible entry report in the 1000 block of S. Spring Avenue, Gurrie Middle School. Tyco security reported numerous alarm activations on the second floor. School exterior perimeter secured by responding officers, Western Springs, Countryside and LaGrange Park police departments. FD provided access to roof and school interior searched with assistance of K-9 Dak. Officers were unable to locate offender, who apparently entered the school through an open window.
- Domestic trouble was reported in the 500 block of S. 10th Avenue. A caller heard some type of argument in Sedgwick Park behind his residence. Officers responded and found a father and son in the parking lot off of 10th and 48th in a loud discussion.
- Fireworks were reported at 7th Avenue and Plainfield. Ofc. Wolf advised that a birthday party in the 1000 block of S. 7th was the source. The residents were advised of fireworks laws and party was done for the night.
- A traffic stop in the 1000 block of W. Hillgrove resulted in an arrest for driving while license suspended.
- A traffic stop at 57th and La Grange Road resulted in an arrest for no valid driver's license.
- A domestic disturbance at 27 S. Madison was reported. This was a verbal dispute but domestic violence forms were prepared for all involved.
- A traffic stop at Tilden and Lincoln resulted in an arrest for driving with suspended registration.

DAY SHIFT ACTIVITIES

Investigative Case Files that were generated on the Day Shift in October included:

- Three separate cases of criminal damage to property which were reported at 80 S 6th, in the 100 block of Washington, and in the 1000 block of S. Edgewood;
- A report of criminal damage to a vehicle in the 100 block of W. Hillgrove;
- Disorderly conduct which occurred in the 500 block of Shawmut;
- Two fraud cases that were reported in the 600 block of W. Burlington and in the zero hundred block of S. Spring;
- Four identity theft cases from the 400 block of S. Madison, the 800 block of S. 7th, the 200 block of S. Catherine, and the zero hundred block of S. Ashland;
- A juvenile case in the 5100 block of S. Willow Springs;
- A reported missing juvenile from the 100 block of East Avenue;
- A case involving possession of cannabis at Lyons Township High School (LTHS);
- Two reports of retail theft from the zero hundred block of N. La Grange Road and the 500 block of S. La Grange Road;
- A suspicious incident at LTHS;
- A theft from a motor vehicle was reported at 80 S. 6th; and
- A theft of property was reported at LTHS

Arrests made from these investigative cases include:

- A Chicago woman for retail theft;
- A Chicago man for driving with a suspended driver's license;
- A Wheaton man for retail theft; and
- A La Grange juvenile for possession of cannabis.

As part of their regular duties, members of the Day Shift also participated in the LTHS Homecoming Parade, three group tours of the police department, a filming detail at LTHS, the Halloween Walk, and the 7th Avenue School Red Ribbon event. Pictured on the right are Ofc. Dave Rohlicek, McGruff, and Brookfield Lt. Ed Petrak who went to 7th Avenue School during Red Ribbon week. They walked around the school with McGruff and visited the classes. Ofc. Rohlicek led the Pledge of Allegiance with the students and faculty.



In October we participated in the D.E.A. National Drug Take-Back effort. During the D.E.A. Drug Take-Back Initiative, we took in 286 lbs of prescription/non-prescription medications for safe disposal. We have also placed a permanent drug disposal box (pictured at right) in the lobby of the police department available to the public 24 hours/day.



Our Investigators arrested Bruce Morris and Michael Anderson for 2 counts each of robbery. They also charged Tabitha Allen with felony theft involving an investigation mentioned previously in the Afternoon Shift summary and which occurred at the Radio Shack.

TRAINING/MEETINGS

- Ofc. Pacana attended the B.E.D.S. meeting
- Inv. Wardlaw and Squad Leader Ljubenko attended the Monthly Police Pension meeting
- Ofc. Gill attended the Northwestern University Evidence Tech School
- All three shifts successfully completed the October 2013 Police Law Institute online training on new laws, including: Private Detectives/Unlawful Acts, Procuring Methamphetamine, Domestic Animals Running at Large, False Statements, Health Care Fraud, Unauthorized Use of Medical Assistance, Failure to Report Hazing, Prostitution, Aggravated DUI, Possessing Oscillating/Rotating Flashing Lights, Seat Belt Enforcement, Hunting with Shotguns, Reporting Lost/Stolen Firearms, and Vehicle Searches.
- Ofc. Wolf attended NIPAS training in Grayslake.
- Sgt Berg / K-9 Dak completed bi-monthly maintenance training.
- Sgt Berg / K-9 Dak successfully completed annual Dual Purpose K-9 Team Certification.
- Our Investigators attended the IL Homicide Investigators Association Conference in Lisle
- Investigators gave Drug Presentations at Gurrie Middle School to 8th Graders
- Chief Holub attended the NEMRT Personnel Committee meeting in Oak Brook and the FBI Monthly Training meeting in Elk Grove Village

AUXILIARY AND PART-TIME POLICE UNITS

The Auxiliary Unit volunteered 148 hours during the month of October and their time was spent conducting house checks, street lights out lists and various patrol duties. Part-time officers were active in October with directed traffic patrols and assisting the full-time officers where necessary.

OTHER PATROL ACTIVITIES

Calls for service were up slightly as compared to the same month in 2012. We continue to respond to calls at a slightly higher pace than in 2012. We operated with several shortages in October due to retirements, officers in the police academy, and officers out on extended medical leaves of absence.

PATROL ACTIVITIES	October		October		2013	2012
	2013		2012		YTD	YTD
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	1,229		1,105		13,796	12,810
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	66		59		507	550
FELONY ARRESTS	4		3		17	35
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	6		0		65	221
DUI ARRESTS	0		1		8	22
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	78		49		977	801
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	83		104		1,088	1,265
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	130	712	417	627	6,089	5,388
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	582		210			
JUVENILE ARRESTS	3		0		21	18
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	9		4		73	99