

LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Memorandum



To: Robert J. Pilipiszyn, Village Manager

From: Michael A. Holub, Chief of Police

Date: December 9, 2013

Re: Monthly Report for November 2013

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

The police department bid farewell to another one of our veteran police officers as Jim Joseph retired at the end of November. Jim, who was known as "Pacman" in the community, officially retired after a remarkable and commendable 24+ year career. Jim was a leader within the department in many ways and he truly epitomized our logo..."Pride & Professionalism!"

Here Jim is pictured with a small gift from his co-workers, a personally engraved police baton.



MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES

Some of the more significant activities from the Midnight Shift are listed below:

- A resident in the 600 block of S. Stone reported his wife tried to kill him again. Responding officers found the caller highly intoxicated and the wife recently awakened in her bedroom. Officers learned that the husband came home intoxicated and started to argue with his wife. The wife used her cell phone to take a video of her husband, proving her non-threatening nature. The husband agreed to leave and stay with his parents for the night.
- The shift assisted Brookfield PD in locating an offender wanted for investigation of a traffic complaint involving a suspicious car driving westbound on Ogden Avenue. Officers Moncivais and Wolf located the vehicle at La Grange Road and Ogden Avenue. The driver was tailgating, not following victim caller. Both parties were sent on their way.
- The shift assisted Brookfield PD in transporting subjects to their station from the 4000 block of Eberly after a police response there.
- A caller reported a small glass panel broken on the main entrance door at 85 E. Harris. The door glass was possibly broken by resident trying to gain entry to the apartment building. Ofc. Rogers checked all of the interior apartment doors for unauthorized entry with negative results.
- An emergency room Doctor from La Grange Memorial Hospital reported being threatened by a patient after he was refused a prescription for Morphine. The Doctor wanted an escort to his car. Sgt. Berg and Ofc. Wolf met caller at scene and escorted without incident.

MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES *(continued)*

- Ofc. Wolf prepared a missing female juvenile report after a call and investigation in the 100 block of East Avenue. The juvenile has a history of not returning home over and over again. Ofc. Wolf checked possible locations listed by the family with negative results. Later in the shift the juvenile came into station seeking assistance in returning home.
- An anonymous caller reported yelling and banging noises at 11 S. La Grange Road. Officers responded and learned that roommates were having an argument over rent. The roommates were separated for the night to keep the peace.
- A woman caller reported a verbal altercation with her fiancé, whom she states is intoxicated. Officers responded to the location in the 900 block of S. 8th Avenue. After a brief time, the male fiancé agreed to leave for the evening.
- Ofc. Wolf initiated a traffic stop at Ogden and Catherine. The driver was cited for driving without a valid driver's license, no insurance and a lighting violation.
- Sgt. Berg responded to the 100 block of Bluff Avenue to investigate a report of a stolen auto. His investigation revealed that an unknown offender entered two unlocked vehicles in the front driveway of the residence. The offender removed a stereo from one car and then entered a second car to find that the keys were in it, thus facilitating the theft of the car. The vehicle recovered intact several days later in Chicago.
- Officers responded to a disturbance call at 15 S. Spring. The incident was a verbal dispute between intoxicated roommates who were separated for the night without further incident.
- Ofc. Fulla initiated a traffic stop at La Grange Road and Ogden Avenue. Further analysis revealed the driver to display characteristics of being intoxicated. The driver was arrested for driving while under the influence and processed at the police department.
- Sgt. Berg and K9 Dak found a white 4 door vehicle parked, hidden from view, behind the trash compactor in the rear of 500 Shawmut. Further investigation revealed the driver and two passengers had been smoking cannabis. The passenger in rear seat had a large glass bong between his legs in plain view. That passenger admitted to Sgt. Berg that the pipes and the cannabis were all his. A further inventory disclosed another glass bong, a "Pringles" potato chip can containing a glass pipe, "Visine" brand eye drops, and two clear baggies containing loose Cannabis from between the legs of the rear passenger. A guitar case/bag on seat next to the rear passenger contained a marijuana grinder with loose cannabis material and approximately 15 additional glass pipes, all of which contained heavy amounts of burned cannabis. The passenger was arrested for unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia and all pipes and contraband were packaged as evidence for destruction.
- Sgt. Berg / K9 Dak assisted Burbank PD, Lemont PD and Oak Lawn PD with school searches.

DAY SHIFT ACTIVITIES

A brief summary of the calls and activities on the Day Shift includes:

- A residential burglary in 900 block of S. La Grange
- Criminal damage to property reports in 800 block of W. Hillgrove, the 00 block of N. La Grange, at Cossitt and Tilden, and in 100 block of N. Ashland
- Disorderly conduct reported in the 300 block of Bluff, and a second at La Grange and Ogden resulting in an arrest of a man from La Grange Park

DAY SHIFT ACTIVITIES *(continued)*

- A deceptive practices report from the 100 block of S. Spring
- A domestic disturbance in the 100 block of Hayes
- A report of fraud in the 00 block of S. La Grange
- Identity thefts reported from the 700 block of S. Stone and from the 800 block of S. Catherine
- A missing juvenile report from the 100 block of East
- A suicidal subject in 100 block of W. Calendar
- A report of theft of services in the 1000 block of S. La Grange
- A theft of property from the 300 block of S. La Grange

Special Details in November included the Lyons Township High School (LTHS) Snowball meeting and the Thanksgiving Day “Run for Pie” with the Day Shift and Auxiliary Police.

AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES

Investigative Case Reports taken this month included 5 thefts, a missing juvenile, 2 criminal damage to property cases, 3 domestic battery reports, 2 reports of unlawful use of a weapon, an identity theft case, a fraud investigation, a suicidal subject case, and a disorderly conduct case.

Other events:

- The most notable event on the shift occurred when Ofc Andries, Squad Leader Fulla, Ofc. Wolf and Sgt. Odom responded to the 700 Block of 8th Ave for the report of an intoxicated subject who was potentially suicidal. Upon arrival, Ofc. Andries located the subject in a vehicle in front of the residence and the subject was observed to have a handgun. Ofc. Andries directed the subject’s son to safety while waiting for assisting units to arrive. The subject was subsequently removed from the vehicle and taken into protective custody pending transport to a local hospital. The gun was rendered safe and recovered. No charges were filed due to the subject’s condition.
- Squad Leader Fulla investigated a report of a domestic battery which occurred in the 00 Block of La Grange Road. The victim reported her ex-boyfriend had punched her prior to leaving the area. The boyfriend was later located and interviewed. Due to a lack of evidence the case was closed.
- Ofc. Wolf and Squad Leader Fulla responded to a report of a suicidal subject in the 500 Block of 8th Avenue after Tinley Park Police Department received information concerning a juvenile who may reside at a residence in the area. The juvenile was located and Officers spoke with the parents who were aware of the situation and in contact with the appropriate medical provider.
- Ofc. Andries investigated a report of a fraud where a La Grange resident reported several thousand dollars was removed from her bank account. The matter was turned over to the Investigation Division for additional follow up.
- Ofc. Burrell investigated an incident where a Berwyn resident reported her vehicle damaged while attending an event at Lyons Township High School. The victim advised she was having a problem with several individuals known to her from high school. The matter was later closed due to a lack of witnesses/evidence.

AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES *(continued)*

- Ofc. Andries took a missing person report from a man who reported his juvenile son missing. During an Investigative Follow-Up Squad Leader Ljubenko spoke with the missing juvenile by phone. The juvenile returned home a day later and subsequently spoke with S/L Ljubenko.
- Ofc. Kneifel took a report where a 60-year-old La Grange Resident reported her cell phone had been stolen while at the La Grange Community Center. Due to a lack of witnesses the matter was closed.
- Ofc. Burrell took a report from a 56-year-old La Grange resident after he complained that he had been scammed by a Private Investigator. After locating and interviewing the private investigator, Ofc Burrell determined the incident was a civil matter.
- Ofc. Andries responded to the 00 Block of Hayes Avenue to speak with a La Grange resident regarding criminal damage to property. The complainant advised a subject grabbed a cell phone from his hand and threw the phone to the ground. The phone was destroyed and attempts are still being made to locate the offender in the matter.
- Ofc. Andries arrested a 16-year-old La Grange Park resident after he brought a knife to Lyons Township High School North Campus. School staff had located the knife and contacted this Department. The juvenile was taken into custody without incident and referred to the Investigations Division for disposition of the matter.
- Ofc. Burrell arrested 67-year-old Shorewood resident for domestic battery. The arrest stemmed from an incident at La Grange Memorial Hospital where the offender was involved in an altercation with a family member.
- Ofc. Burrell and Ofc. Joseph arrested a 51-year-old homeless subject at the La Grange Public Library. Officers were called to the Library by staff who noted the subject was in the building after having previously been served a no trespassing order. The subject, who is known to the Officers from numerous prior arrests, was taken into custody without incident. He was charged with criminal trespass to state land and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Squad Leader Fulla arrested a 51-year-old Plainfield resident for driving under the influence of alcohol. Following a traffic stop the driver was observed to be impaired and open alcohol was recovered from the vehicle.
- Ofc. Kneifel arrested a 17-year-old La Grange Resident following a traffic stop at Ashland and Harris Avenue. The driver was cited for not having a valid driver's license.
- Ofc Kneifel arrested 56-year-old Chicago resident for driving with a suspended license following a traffic stop in the 00 Block of W. Harris.
- Ofc. McGuire arrested a 57-year-old Chicago resident for driving with a suspended license following a traffic stop in the 400 block of La Grange Road.
- Squad Leader Fulla arrested a 23-year-old Hillside resident following a traffic stop in the 00 block of La Grange Road. The driver was cited for not having a valid driver's license.

TRAINING

- All three shifts successfully completed the November 2013 Police Law Institute online training including the topics of Arrest-entry into buildings by Police, Hot Pursuit; Abduction and Interference-Child Custody and Visitation Rights.
- All personnel participated in the training conducted by Chief Bryzgalski of the La Grange Fire Department on the recognition of international standard regarding the marking and identification of Hazardous Materials.
- Sgt. Berg / K9 Dak completed bi-monthly K-9 training.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITIES

Compared to the same month last year, the numbers are remarkable similar, with the exception of parking citations being much higher in 2013. We struggled to keep the three patrol shifts at minimum staffing levels and have been using a combination of “flex time” and overtime to fill the voids. As always our Auxiliary Officers have been an asset to the Police Department and in November they donated 230 hours of service to the Village. Our Part-time officers were also an asset during the month as they continue to provide support where needed to our full-time staff.

PATROL ACTIVITIES	November		2013	2012
	2013	2012	YTD	YTD
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	1,096		14,892	13,906
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	48		555	591
FELONY ARRESTS	1		18	36
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	4		69	229
DUI ARRESTS	2		10	27
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	55		1,032	858
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	83		1,171	1,346
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	105	724	175	483
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	619		308	
JUVENILE ARRESTS	1		22	20
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	4		77	103

In the parking division our two enforcement officers have been using the new hand-held ticket writers. All of the minor adjustments have now been made and they are working well. We have also been using the new parking management program and receiving revenue from the collection component as well as the on-line payment component. In November the gross assets from parking fines was more then \$21,000.



Finally, many members of the police department participated in the Veteran’s Day Service at the American Legion Post. The guest speaker was the Illinois National Guard, State Command Sergeant Major (CSM) Howard Robinson. Two of our police officers are still serving as Citizen/Soldiers and attended in their Military dress uniforms. Pictured here (left to right) are Ofc. Tim Andries/*US Army Captain*, Sgt. Andy Peters, Aux. Ofc. Bob Grimm, CSM Robinson, Chief Mike Holub, Ofc. Kevin Comstock, Sgt. Miles Odom/*US Army First Sergeant*.



All of the veterans from the police department as listed on the next page.

La Grange Police Department Military Veterans – those with an* are still serving in a Reserve Component

Name	Branch	Rank	Military Occupation	Dates	Duty Station Additional Info
Tim Andries *	Army	Captain	Chemical Officer	2008-2014	Ft. Knox, KY, 2008-2012 Operation Enduring Freedom Tour, Ft. Sheridan, IL 2012-2014
Kevin Comstock	Air Force	Senior Airman	Security Forces	2005-2013	Lackland AFB, T.X. 2005-2006 Minot AFB, N.D. 2006-2008 Kleine Brogel AFB, Belgium 2008-2010 Inactive Reserve 2010-2013
Patrick Egan	Air Force	Senior Airman	Security Forces	1982-1987	Lackland AFB, TX 1982 Hurlburt Field, FL 1982-1983 Greenham Common Royal AFB, England 1983-1986 Mather AFB, CA 1986-1987
Matthew Gill	Marine Corps	Sergeant	Field Radio Operator	2001-2007	2nd Battalion 24th Marines, Operation Iraqi Freedom (1 tour)
Robert P. Grimm Jr.	Army	Specialist 5th Class	Air Defense Radar Repairer	1974-1977	Active duty 3 years, Ft. Bliss, TX – Repair of search radars and missiles. U.S. Army Reserves 3 years – NCOIC of electronics shop.
John Hannon	Marine Corps	Corporal	Infantry	1973-1975	1973 boot camp San Diego; 1973 infantry training Camp Pendleton; 1973 - 1975 Marine Barracks Guard Section, Washington, D.C.
Michael Holub	Army	Specialist 4th Class	Infantry	1972-1978	Regular Army 1972-1974 Ft. Myer, VA, 3rd Infantry Regiment - the Old Guard Inactive Reserve 1975-1978
James Joseph	Marine Corps	Corporal	Infantry	1982-1988	Active duty 1982-1986 Marine Corps Reserve until 1988
Steve Kneifel	Army	Sergeant	Door Gunner	1987-2009	Air National Guard; Active Army; Army Guard; Air Guard, and as of 2007 Army National Guard member. 2009 tour of duty in Afghanistan.
Steve Ljubenko	Army	Captain; Major	Field Artillery Officer	1984-2006	1984-1990: CAPTAIN, U.S. Army-Active Duty, Field Artillery Officer. 1990-2006: MAJOR, U.S. Army Reserves, Field Artillery Officer
Miles Odom *	Army	1st Sergeant	Military Intelligence	1984-2013	Regular Army 1984-1988; Army Reserve 1988-2009, Interrogator, Iraqi Freedom for 18 months, 1SG, 2-330 Infantry Regiment
Andy Peters	Air Force	Senior Airman	Law Enforcement Specialist	1989-1992	Active Duty, 1989-1991, Clark AFB; Carswell AFB; Wright Patterson AFB; Inactive Reserve 1991-1992
William Trzeciak	Army	Specialist 4th Class	Behavioral Science Specialist	1978-1981	Regular Army Ft. Ord, CA; Korea
Rob Wardlaw	Navy	Petty Officer 3rd class	Electrician's Mate	1989-1993	U.S.S. Leyte Gulf CG55