

LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Memorandum



To: Robert J. Pilipiszyn, Village Manager

From: Michael A. Holub, Chief of Police

Date: January 9, 2014

Re: Monthly Report for December 2013

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

MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES

During the last days of December Lt. Bill Trzeciak tendered his resignation for retirement purposes after having completed 30 years of service to the La Grange Police Department. Bill was the senior ranking officer on the midnight shift and we wish him well in his retirement.



The significant activities on the Midnight Shift in October are listed below:

- Assisted Countryside PD with a 19-year-old male threatening suicide in the area of 1014 So. La Grange Road.
- Assisted the Western Springs PD with a breathalyzer operator for a suspected DUI.
- Ofc. Wolf stopped a male driver from Countryside after observing several traffic violations and it appeared that the driver was operating a car while under the influence. Four citations were issued.
- Ofc. Wolf was assigned to investigate a hit and run crash for a parked vehicle in front of 221 Sawyer.
- Assisted the Western Springs PD with a domestic involving a man with a gun in the 4000 block of Western Avenue. Assistance given without incident.
- Assisted Brookfield PD with a fight at the Cordial Inn. Assistance given without incident.
- An anonymous caller reported subjects in a vehicle possibly smoking cannabis near 350 S. Kensington. Ofc. Wolf responded and found an 18-year-old male resident of that block in possession of 15 grams of cannabis. He was arrested for possession of cannabis with intent to deliver.
- A burglary report was prepared by Ofc. Rogers. A homeowner complained that they were having problems with their 16-year-old son using drugs. The investigation revealed that various items were missing from their residence on Elder Lane. The case has been forwarded to Investigations.
- The emergency room at La Grange Memorial Hospital requested assistance for an intoxicated and combative 19-year-old female. Assisting officers were able to calm the patient without further incident.

MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES *(continued)*

- A Social Worker from Rush Presbyterian Medical Center reported a patient in their emergency room stating he was sexually assaulted last night in La Grange. Investigators Uher and Ofc Gill were assigned to investigate the case.
- A crash occurred on the Ogden Avenue Bridge involving an offender wanted for domestic battery in Lyons, IL at 1st and Ogden. After the investigation, a crash report and citations were prepared by Ofc. Wolf. Traffic control was provided by other La Grange police units, La Grange Park PD and Brookfield PD.
- The emergency room at La Grange Memorial Hospital requested assistance with an unruly patient. This was the driver from an earlier vehicle crash on the Ogden Avenue Bridge. The driver was causing a disturbance, but was quickly calmed down by responding officers.
- Ofc. Rogers investigated a report of a runaway female juvenile from the 100 block of Washington. Numerous family members were involved in attempting to locate the juvenile and contact was made with her at later date. DCFS was notified since this case involved the juvenile running away from foster home.
- Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 500 block of S. 6th Ave. Officers reported the disturbance was verbal in nature with the involved parties separating for the evening. No further police action.
- A vandalism report was made for 147 N. Brainard following the homeowner reporting loud noise in front of her house. Ofc. Herrera responded and found two large inflatable Christmas decorations had been cut by unknown offender.
- A traffic stop conducted by Squad Leader Moncivais at Ogden Avenue and East Avenue resulted in three traffic citations being issued. The driver was found to be operating with a suspended/revoked license and hence the vehicle was towed.

DAY SHIFT ACTIVITIES

The Day Shift had the following activities occur in December 2013:

- A battery case at La Grange Road and Ogden Avenue involving 2 juvenile arrests
- Criminal damage to a vehicle in the 500 block of S. Madison
- A child neglect investigation from the 200 block of Washington
- Three disorderly conduct reports from the 900 block of 8th, La Grange Memorial Hospital, and from the zero hundred block of 6th Avenue
- A disturbance call from the 500 block of S. Park
- Domestic disturbances from the 300 block of East Avenue and from the 100 block of East Avenue
- Two reports of people falling down in the municipal parking garage and another in the 100 block of W. Hillgrove
- A possession of cannabis case from Lyons Township High School
- A possession of a controlled substance case from the 1000 block of S. Spring
- Two theft investigations were conducted one from Hillgrove and Stone, and the second from the zero hundred block of Washington
- Theft of an auto reported from La Grange Memorial Hospital
- 2 Juvenile arrests from Battery case at La Grange/Ogden on 12/15

AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES

This was a difficult month to work due to snow fall and cold weather. The officers were able to navigate safely to calls and while this is always difficult it is much more challenging in snow storms. The shift did welcome back one of its own. Sgt. Kielczynski returned to work after an extended medical leave (3 months).

The most notable event on the shift occurred on the last evening of the month. Afternoon shift Officers along with Officers from the midnight shift and Inv. Uher investigated an armed robbery of a pizza delivery driver which occurred at 100 Hayes. Additional details are below:

A pizza delivery driver reported that he was approached by a man who grabbed him and pushed him to the ground while demanding his money and while threatening him with a knife. The suspect fled and due to the recent snow fall, fresh shoe prints were observed in the area. Officers followed the prints through the yards, alleys, and streets to a location where the prints ended at a rear door of an apartment building. Officers secured the exterior of the residence and began to identify who resided there. Occupants did not answer the door and refused to exit the building. A nearby resident offered to call a parent from the apartment that was believed to have the offender hiding inside. Brookfield Police sent additional officers to assist with securing the building while Inv. Uher worked on preparing and securing a search warrant. After several hours, the occupants came out and after searching the apartment, Officers secured statements from witnesses and from the suspect. Physical evidence relevant to the case was located, secured, and inventoried for presentation to court.

This investigation was led by Sgt. Odom and was conducted under very trying circumstances given the harsh weather and considering that the apartment had six occupants who were aware the police were outside attempting to locate one of them. The offender had used a weapon and it was unknown to the officers how or what they would be facing as they did their job. The officers worked as a team in confronting a dangerous situation and in the end it was handled without any problems. The police officers displayed a very high level of professionalism and patience.

Excellent police work and team work resulted in the offender being located and in custody a short time later. After the suspect was in custody, officers continued working together throughout the night to prepare reports for court. The following day a Class X felony charge for armed robbery was approved by the State's Attorney Office against Michael L. Anderson, a 17-year-old from La Grange (pictured at right). After appearing in court, the bond for Anderson was set at \$150,000.

Worthy of thanks and recognition for a job well done are the following officers: Sgt. Odom, Squad Leader Moncivais, Officers Balon, Wardlaw, Coleman, Andries, Rogers, and Wolf.



AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES *(continued)*

Other Cases Investigated on the Afternoon Shift include:

- Police Officers and Fire personnel responded to the Library for a report of a medical problem in the washroom. Further investigation revealed it was a possible drug overdose. The victim was treated and the hospital and arrested for drug paraphernalia.
- Officers responded to La Grange Memorial Hospital where they spoke to an employee of the emergency room who was a witness to a physician previously being threatened by patient. That patient provided inaccurate information as to his identity on that day but upon checking further, the Officers Fulla and Wolf learned his true identity and that he was wanted on a warrant. Officers attempted to speak with the subject on another day as he arrived for work, but a foot chase through the hospital began. Officers pursued him outside of the hospital and onto the Country Club grounds where the subject was taken into custody. Additional charges pending.
- A bike was reported stolen at the La Grange Road Station.
- A bike was reported stolen from a garage.
- A wallet was reported stolen from a restaurant.
- Two phones were reported stolen from Lyons Township High School. One was tracked to Hodgkins, IL and turned over to their department for follow up.
- There were four investigations of domestic violence; on one of the incidents a juvenile was transported to the hospital after making threats of injury.
- It was reported that two female students from Ogden Avenue School were being watched by a subject in a car, but the car was gone upon the officers arrival.
- An abandoned auto was ticketed and then towed according to department guidelines.
- A report of criminal damage to property was taken from an apartment building where a glue-like substance was inserted into the lock obstructing the key.
- A report of an identity theft was taken regarding accounts being opened in the complainant's name.
- A juvenile reported missing was located at Walgreens and returned to her guardian.
- La Grange Memorial Hospital had a report of burglary to motor vehicle as well as an attempted theft of a motor vehicle on the same day.

Additional activity included:

- Coordination of the police support for the Hometown Holiday Walk. This included the pedestrian crossings, foot patrols, and traffic management. Our Part-Time and Auxiliary units were a major part of that effort.
- The afternoon shift completed 25 auto accident reports relating to property damage only.
- Two accidents were reported with injuries requiring the fire department to respond.
- Four accidents were reported as hit and run, with one of the parties failing to stop as required by law.
- Arrests for driving with no license or driving with license suspended were made by Officers Fulla, Burrell, Andries, Comstock, and Egan.
- Squad Leader Fulla arrested a subject for driving under the influence.
- Two warrant arrests were made for traffic related charges, one from La Grange and one from Lemont.

AUXILIARY AND PART-TIME POLICE UNITS

The Auxiliary Unit volunteered 132 hours during the month of December and their time was spent conducting house checks, street lights out lists and various patrol duties. Part-time officers were active during the month with directed traffic patrols and assisting the full-time officers where necessary. Their presence and service during the annual Hometown Holiday Walk was also very evident.

TRAINING

Training has been significantly reduced and in some cases cancelled as a result of the focus being on keeping the patrol shifts filled. But Sgt. Peters was able to attend a training class on the new Concealed Carry Law.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

Our remaining patrol activities are detailed in the graph below. Not captured in the representation of patrol activities are the more than 200 traffic stops that were completed by the Officers. Also, our parking division registered \$23,605 in parking fines through conventional payments, on-line payments, or collection efforts.

PATROL ACTIVITIES	December		December		2013	2012
	2013		2012		YTD	YTD
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	1,069		1,222		15,961	15,128
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	56		62		611	653
FELONY ARRESTS	1		2		19	38
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	3		5		72	234
DUI ARRESTS	1		1		11	28
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	65		59		1,097	917
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	103		81		1,274	1,427
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	56	517	161	515	7,330	6,386
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	461		354			
JUVENILE ARRESTS	4		1		26	21
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	7		7		84	110