

LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Memorandum



To: Robert J. Pilipiszyn, Village Manager

From: Michael A. Holub, Chief of Police

Date: February 7, 2014

Re: Monthly Report for January 2014

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Attached for your review are the general statistics for the Shift activities for the month of January 2014. Besides the activities, I have included a summary of other noteworthy events.

DAY SHIFT ACTIVITIES

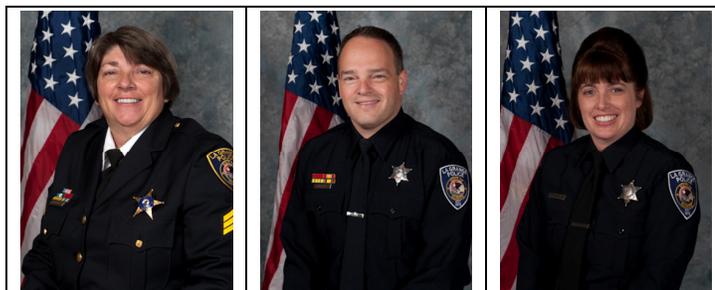
Investigative case reports generated on the Day Shift include:

- Ofc. Pacana handled a case that was determined to be a civil matter in the 800 block of 12th
- Squad Leader Ljubenko and Sgt. Cimbalista discussed a civil matter with a complainant at the police station.
- Squad Leader Ljubenko investigated suspicious activity in the 800 block of S. 6th
- Ofc. Pacana investigated a report of a suspicious person in the 100 block of N. Peck
- Ofc. Gill investigated a report of theft of services in the 5100 block of S. Willow Springs Road Ofc. Gill handled a theft report from the zero hundred block of S. La Grange Road
- Ofc. Irizarry and Ofc. Rohlicek invested a theft that was reported near Bluff and Maple
- Ofc. Comstock handled a theft report from the 4700 block of S. Willow Springs Road
- Squad Leader Ljubenko investigated a case of vandalism in zero hundred block of N. Madison

Members of the Day Shift also conducted a police department tour for the Ogden School Boy Scouts; participated in the Cossitt School Lockdown Drill and the St John's Lutheran School Lockdown Drill; and coordinated the movement of students to and from the Lyons Township High School (LTHS) "All School Assembly". Officers from the Day Shift were also involved in filling voids with the school crossing guards. In January we had a minimum of one crossing each and everyday to fill, and in some cases two or more vacancies. This was primarily due to illnesses and the unusually harsh weather.

AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES

Congratulations to three members of the Afternoon Shift on the occasion of their departmental anniversaries. Sgt. Marge Kielczynski completed 33 years, Officer Steve Kneifel completed 17 years, and Officer Julie Burrell completed 13 years.



AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES *(continued)*

- A complainant reported her that 87-year-old grandfather was not answering his door or his phone. She had spoken to him earlier in the day and told him she was coming by with dinner. Since she was not able to reach him she was concerned for his safety and requested a well-being check. Officers checked the house and found it secure and neighbors reported seeing the man the day before in fact his car was in the garage. Officers continued to check to see if they could locate emergency phone numbers for his family. Telecommunicator Mesich was able to locate a family member's phone number. At first there was no answer and the fire department was called to make entry to insure he was not injured or in need of medical assistance. As the fire department was on scene, a family member called to say they had the grandfather with them and that all was ok.
- A call was received from a mentally challenged adult who related that someone entered his apartment and he was not sure who they were. The persons entering were his case managers checking up on him as he had not answered his phone. They wanted to be sure he was current on his medications. Sgt. Kielczynski and Sgt. Odom assisted in talking to the caller who took his medicine a short time later. Pillars wrote a note thanking the two sergeants for their compassion and assistance.
- A subject grabbed a cell phone from the display and ran out of the AT&T store. The alleged offender was chased by a store security person. Officers were able to locate the offender and take him into custody. The area was secured, evidence recovered, felony charges approved by the state's attorney. Squad Leader Fulla and Ofc. Balon did a great job assisting with the pursuit and completing the reports and evidence for court.
- Walgreens reported a person leaving the store in possession of several items that had not been paid for. The manager followed the offender out of the store and requested items be returned. The manager was approached by another male subject who told manager to leave the alleged offender alone. Police were arriving on the scene and the two subjects attempted to flee on foot. After a two block foot chase the offender was taken into custody and property was recovered. Misdemeanor charges were filed. Squad Leader Fulla led the foot pursuit with assistance from other officers on the shift.
- Several 9-1-1 calls reported two subjects breaking into a Cadillac and prying out the console in the municipal parking garage behind the Village Hall. Responding officers located the subjects as they were driving away from the garage. The car owner was contacted and said that he knew the two subjects. The driver did not have a license and was cited for that violation.
- A family domestic call resulted in a teenager being committed to the hospital when he pulled a knife and threatened his parent. Officers were able to disarm the teen and then spoke with him. The teen agreed to go the hospital for assistance.
- Ofc. Rogers arrested a subject for possession of cannabis after noticing she was slumped over the steering wheel of her vehicle.
- There were three other domestic violence calls; one was a civil matter referred back to the courts and the other two were verbal in nature.
- Squad Leader Fulla arrested two suspended drivers during traffic stops.
- A man reported being the victim of a battery by a coworker. After officers arrived and spoke with all parties, all was worked out and resolved no arrests made.

MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES

Activities on the Midnight Shift in January include:

- A domestic disturbance complaint involving damaged property in the 1000 block of S. 7th Avenue. Ofc. Herrera met with complainant and learned the offender, a former boyfriend, became upset with complainant when she denied his request for money. The offender collected all of his dishware and left prior to the arrival of police officers and no criminal activity was reported or observed.
- Ofc. Herrera assisted Western Springs PD at 46th and Franklin with a battery case involving juveniles. The assist was made without incident.
- Officers Fulla and Herrera were assigned to a call of an intoxicated male in the middle of the street at 50th and 11th yelling and disturbing the peace. The officers located the subject and assisted returning him to the Roadway Inn in Countryside without incident.
- Brookfield PD requested assistance with a domestic disturbance. Officers Gill and Herrera assisted without incident.
- Brookfield PD requested assistance for a barricaded subject at the Colony Motel. Further investigation produced evidence that the barricaded subject had been involved in the burglary of the business across street from the motel. Officer's Moncivais and Wolf assisted with transporting two male suspects to Brookfield PD and a female suspect to the La Grange lockup for investigative purposes. Assistance given without incident.
- La Grange Memorial Hospital emergency room requested assistance with a combative patient. An intoxicated male from Countryside became upset when he was denied pain medication. The responding Officers calmed down the subject and arranged transportation for him. The call was completed by Sgt. Berg, Ofc. Wolf and Ofc. Rogers without further incident.
- Lemont PD requesting assistance at the La Grange Memorial Hospital emergency room. A person from Lemont who was reported missing and suicidal was seeking treatment at the hospital emergency room. Lemont asked for our assistance to verify and to stay with subject until they could respond. Assistance given without incident.
- Palmer Place reporting an unruly patron in the business. A subject from Chicago Ridge was unable to pay his \$3.80 bill and he was disturbing other patrons. Officers arrived and advised the person not to return in the future. No complaints were signed.
- American Taxi requested assistance at a residence in the 1000 block of W. Hillgrove Avenue. An intoxicated passenger refused or was unable to pay the fare of \$34.00. Ofc. Wolf and Ofc. Rogers assisted all of the parties involved and restitution was made without further incident.
- Western Springs PD requested assistance in the 2000 block of 47th Street for a business with the front window smashed. The scene was secured and the area checked without negative results.
- Ofc. Balon located a man walking with an open container of alcohol in the area of La Grange Road and Burlington Avenue. Ofc. Balon stopped the subject and advised him of the Village ordinance prohibiting such actions. The alcohol was disposed of and the man was sent on his way with a warning.

TRAINING

With the return of Ofc. Coleman and Ofc. Irizarry from the police academy, the next phase of their training began. The Field Officer Training (FTO) portion was in full swing in January as both Officers worked different shifts and experienced a multitude of calls and tasks while assigned to a veteran police officer.

TRAINING *(continued)*

Also in January TCOs Seymour, Biesek, Donovan and Mesish conducted training for two new part-time Dispatchers. Lori McLaughlin and Valerie Lunsford have experience as full-time telecommunicators in Countryside and Lyons respectively. Very soon they will be providing a welcome level of support to our dispatch function.



Other Training:

- All shift are members current with Lexipol and II Law Updates.
- Sgt Berg and K9 Dak attended bimonthly K9 maintenance training dates
- All three patrol shifts received training in the use of the recently acquired Parking Citation Handheld Units. Parking Enforcement Officer Dave Kotrba conducted the session for each shift.

OTHER ITEMS

Six iPads were acquired with the remaining funds from the Judicial Advisory grant. The iPads are in military grade cases and carry a 2-year warranty intended to cover



accidental breakage. This is the final purchase and the conclusion of the JAG grant. Officers are receiving training to use the various “apps” to assist in their duties and job proficiency. Some of the apps include:

- Translator with 35 languages
- Tactical Police tablet
- Super Note
- Room Plan for sketches
- Digital Cameras/Video
- Weather Bug
- Scanner
- Hazmat Guide
- Resource for Documenting Use of Force
- Pharmacy Aid
- Recording and documenting evidence

AUXILIARY AND PART-TIME POLICE UNITS

The members of the Police Auxiliary unit contributed 109 hours of service to the Village conducting House Checks, preparing Street Lights Out Lists and general patrol duties. The Part-time Officers continued their focus on traffic enforcement, and filling in where needed with patrol related functions. In January we bid farewell to Part-time Police Officer Jin Kang. Jin had been a Part-time Officer in La Grange since 2009, but accepted a job as a full-timer police officer in Westmont, IL. Good Luck, Jin!



January 2014 was a month dominated by weather; extreme cold and an abundance of snow. This caused hazardous road conditions and travel difficulties. In La Grange, our public works crew did a commendable job in keeping our streets drivable and our commuter stations and parking areas accessible. For the police department, it resulted in lower than normal call volume although traffic accidents were up slightly as compared to January 2013. Parking violations remained about the same as in comparable periods and in January we collected \$47,540 in fines for various offenses.

Below are the general patrol activities for January 2014.

PATROL ACTIVITIES	January		January		2014	2013
	2014		2013		YTD	YTD
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	1,136		1,255		1,136	1,255
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	72		56		72	56
FELONY ARRESTS	2		1		2	1
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	4		9		4	9
DUI ARRESTS	0		1		0	1
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	60		53		60	53
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	79		70		79	70
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	240	635	161	690	635	690
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	395		529			
JUVENILE ARRESTS	0		2		0	2
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	6		7		6	7