

# LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Memorandum



To: Robert J. Pilipiszyn, Village Manager

From: Michael A. Holub, Chief of Police

Date: April 11, 2014

Re: Monthly Report for March 2014

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

### **AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES**

Investigative Case Reports taken this month included: 5 domestic battery cases, a missing endangered elderly person case, a theft of more than \$500, 3 incidents of theft of less than \$500, a telephone scam case, 5 identity theft investigations, 2 unlawful possession of cannabis cases, an armed robbery, 2 death investigations, a criminal damage to property, an aggravated assault, a retail theft, 1 reckless conduct incident, an unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia case, a resisting a peace officer incident, a reckless driving complaint, a driving under the influence of alcohol incident, an unlawful possession of a hypodermic needle case, a missing juvenile report, 2 battery cases, a warrant service, and a disorderly conduct (telephone threat) case.

The shift completed 19 Illinois Crash reports, 4 involving personal injury.

Significant Arrests on the Afternoon Shift are listed below:

- Ofc. Wolf arrested a 14-year-old La Grange Park juvenile for aggravated assault and reckless conduct after officers responded to a call of a young male pointing a gun at a vehicle near the intersection of LaGrange Road and Hillgrove Avenue. The juvenile was arrested after he admitted to running into traffic with a replica (toy) pistol, and discharging the pistol while chasing another juvenile friend into the street.
- Squad Leader Fulla arrested a 51-year-old Chicago man for unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, unlawful possession of cannabis, and additional traffic citations after Fulla conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of 47th Street and Waiola Avenue. Squad Leader Fulla recovered a baggie of suspect cannabis from the driver's person, and the additional contraband from the vehicle. The driver was arrested, without incident.
- Ofc. Burrell and Inv. Wardlaw identified and located a 31-year-old female offender (Brookfield resident) in a retail theft case at the Citgo / 7-11 station, 9600A West Ogden Avenue. Upon contacting the female, her parent agreed to return to the business and make full restitution. No charges were filed in this case.
- Ofc. Wolf and Ofc. Coleman arrested a 30-year-old La Grange resident for domestic battery after he punched his girlfriend in the face, causing injury. The altercation took place during a domestic dispute inside their residence in the 300 block of East Avenue. The offender was also found to have an outstanding Warrant from the Cook County Sheriff's Police for aggravated driving under the influence of alcohol. Warrant service was completed.

### **AFTERNOON SHIFT** *(continued)*

- Ofc. Wolf arrested a 19-year-old La Grange resident for unlawful possession of cannabis, driving while license suspended, and additional traffic violations after Wolf effected a traffic stop near the intersection of Ogden and Ashland Avenues. Ofc. Wolf recovered the suspect cannabis from inside the vehicle, and the offender was arrested at the scene.
- Squad Leader Fulla arrested a 23-year-old Chicago man for reckless driving, no valid license, and several other traffic violations after Fulla observed the vehicle traveling in excess of 40 mph over the posted speed limit. The vehicle was first observed traveling southbound in the business district (20 mph limit) and was curbed near the intersection of La Grange Road and 47th Street. The driver was ticketed and arrested without incident.
- Ofc. Wolf and Squad Leader Uher arrested a 61-year-old North Riverside woman for driving under the influence of alcohol after Wolf conducted a traffic stop at Ogden and East Avenues. The woman was taken into custody after she failed several field sobriety tests at the scene. She also refused all chemical testing after her initial arrest.
- The Afternoon Shift conducted several traffic stops which resulted in 8 misdemeanor traffic arrests to include driving while license suspended/revoked, and driving with a suspended vehicle registration.

### **DAY SHIFT ACTIVITIES**

Case files handled during the day shift included:

- An attempted suicide in the 200 block of N. Spring
- A criminal trespass to property case in the 600 block of S. La Grange
- 2 incidents of criminal defacement of property from the 100 block of Washington and the 200 block of Sawyer
- 2 criminal damage to property reports from the 100 block of Sawyer and the zero hundred block of N. Brainard
- A domestic disturbance in the 300 block of Bluff
- 2 identify thefts from the 200 block of Sawyer and from the 600 block of S Brainard
- A case involving possession of cannabis at Lyons Township High School
- A residential burglary investigation from the 100 block of N. La Grange
- A report of suspicious activity in the zero hundred block of Drexel
- A theft involving loss of less than \$500 at Lyons Township High School
- 2 vandalism cases from the 400 block of W. Burlington and from the 300 block of S Ashland
- Then there were 12 reports of mailboxes being damaged in the same general area from the 600, 700 and 800 blocks of S. Edgewood and the 1200 block of Carriage
- A retail theft case from the 500 block of S. La Grange with the arrest of a 20-year-old from Brookfield
- A possession of cannabis case from Lyons Township High School with a juvenile arrest
- A violation of an Order of Protection in the 300 block of Bluff

## **MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES**

Criminal Cases handled by the Midnight Shift in March include:

- Squad Leader Uher and Ofc. Irizarry arrested a 35-year-old female for DUI, possession of cannabis, and drug paraphernalia after finding the offender slumped over in the vehicle.
- Squad Leader Uher and Ofc. Irizarry arrested a 20-year-old women and 22-year-old man for possession of cannabis and possession of drug paraphernalia after the vehicle was stopped for traffic offense relating to operating an electronic communication device.
- Ofc. Comstock arrested a 19-year-old male for possession of cannabis after being dispatched to a noise complaint involving subjects on a front porch possibly smoking cannabis.
- Ofc. Irizarry and Squad Leader Uher investigated a criminal damage to state supported land after a passer-by informed them of graffiti on the sidewalk near the village fountain.
- Squad Leader Uher arrested a 44-year-old male for DUI after stopping the offender for speeding.
- Ofc Comstock responded to a report of a vehicle driving on a flat tire. Once located, the driver was found to be DUI and operating the vehicle with unsafe equipment, and arrested.

Shift members were active in their patrol duties accounting for over 81 building checks, 153 traffic stops, 36 citations, and completing regular overnight parking enforcement. Shift members have worked over 66 hours of overtime to help meet minimum staffing standards and cover shift shortages.

## **TRAINING**

- Personnel on all three shifts successfully completed the March 2014 Police Law Institute online training on: Legal Carrying of Concealed Firearms, Revocation of FOID cards, and Unlawful Use of Weapons (including aggravations).
- All patrol personnel successfully completed training on the innovative in-squad Arbitrator camera system for use in the new squad cars.
- Ofc. Wolf attended NIPAS Mobile Field Force full team training at Maryville Academy, Des Plaines, Illinois.
- Inv. Wardlaw and Squad Leader Ljubenko attended Illinois Public Pension Fund Association (IPPPFA) training in Oak Lawn, Illinois.
- Berg-K-9 Training
- Ofc. Coleman and Ofc. Irizarry completed the final phases of their FTO Program
- Sgt. Peters attended the annual ILEAS conference in Springfield and the quarterly TLOC training.
- Chief Holub attended the annual training meeting conducted by NEMRT in Glen Ellyn.
- Auxiliary Officer Jody Fritsch attended the 2014 International Law Enforcement Educators & Trainers Association (ILEETA) conference and was awarded several Armorer certifications.

**AUXILIARY AND PART-TIME OFFICERS**

Our Auxiliary Officers contributed 135 hours of volunteer service which included the Food Drive at the upper lot of the former YMCA lot and time spent conducting House Checks, Light Lists and Patrol duties.

The Part-Time Officers were busy assisting us with directed patrols but were used sparingly in March.

**OTHER ACTIVITIES**

In March we conducted 240 traffic stops while still focusing on the training and preparation of Ofc. Coleman and Ofc. Irizarry. We also wrote more than 900 parking tickets and took in a total of \$63,560 in revenue from in person payments, on-line payments and collection.

We also spent time prequalifying 3 more candidates for hiring to fill remaining shortages. Although we did qualify and hire 3 candidates for the police department, one unfortunately opted to resign on his first day at the police academy. So we will make up that shortage later on in the year. We took delivery of our new squad cars and in March we began the transition from the old Fords to the new Chevrolet Caprices. Each vehicle changeover takes several days so the complete transition will go well into April.



Below is a chart with additional activities.

PATROL ACTIVITIES	March		March		2014	2013
	2014		2013		YTD	YTD
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	1,263		1,448		3,590	3,928
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	53		36		198	128
FELONY ARRESTS	0		0		3	2
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	10		14		22	27
DUI ARRESTS	3		2		8	4
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	43		65		142	172
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	108		78		295	253
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	292	903	161	645	2,343	1,767
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	611		484			
JUVENILE ARRESTS	1		0		1	3
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	10		9		28	21