

LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Memorandum



To: Robert J. Pilipiszyn, Village Manager

From: Michael A. Holub, Chief of Police

Date: May 12, 2014

Re: Monthly Report for April 2014

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

In April two new police officers were formally welcomed with their public Oath of Office at a Village Board Meeting. Pictured here reciting their Oaths from Village Clerk John Burns are Jason Wessendorf and Laura McDermott.

Jason Wessendorf is a 2002 graduate of Riverside Brookfield High School. After high school he enrolled in Triton College and later transferred to Illinois State University to attain his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice in 2006. Following graduation he worked for 3 years in loss prevention and later in the armored car business. Jason resides with his family in Westchester.



Laura McDermott is a 2006 graduate of Nazareth Academy. She continued on to graduate from Triton College with a degree in liberal arts and sciences. Following Triton she studied psychology and criminology at North Central College. Laura continued to pursue a career in policing and became an auxiliary police officer in Forest Park in 2012. Laura has been residing in La Grange Park for ten years.

MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES

Criminal cases investigated on the Midnight Shift include:

- Squad Leader Uher investigated a domestic battery case, establishing viable suspect information but the complaining witness was uncooperative and requested only to have case information for custody issues related to a common child with suspect.
- Squad Leader Uher arrested a 23-year-old male for driving under the influence after the vehicle was stopped for traffic offense relating to speeding.
- Ofc. Comstock arrested a 27-year-old male for driving under the influence after stopping the vehicle for traffic offense related to squealing tires and speeding.
- Ofc. Andries investigated a criminal damage to property after a vehicle owner found her vehicle damaged after parking it in the parking garage.

MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES *(continued)*

- Ofc. Comstock arrested a 35-year-old male for driving under the influence after stopping the offender for traffic offense related to speed and lane violations.
- Ofc. Comstock and Ofc. Balon both took separate missing juvenile reports on the same female runaway roughly one week apart.
- Ofc. Herrera located a vehicle whose occupants were wanted for possible burglary to motor vehicle in Brookfield, IL. Ofc. Herrera's experience and instinct lead to locating and detaining the vehicle and its occupants until positive identification was made. His effort and skill directly resulted in the arrest of several of the occupants for burglary to motor vehicle and possession of stolen property.
- Ofc. Comstock, while on routine patrol, noticed some suspicious activities and after a closer look he spotted two suspects running away from the area. Although the suspects were not located, Ofc. Comstock's actions lead to the discovery of a criminal trespass and attempt burglary to motor vehicle. His effort resulted in the recovery of all items removed from the vehicle in the front yard where the suspects initially caught his attention.
- Squad Leader Uher issued a Local Ordinance violation for disorderly conduct after a juvenile was pointing a laser pen from a parked vehicle in the direction of other vehicles.

DAY SHIFT ACTIVITIES

Investigative case reports generated on the Day Shift are detailed below:

- Accident case in the 100 block of N. La Grange
- Attempted fraud in the 400 block of W. Hillgrove
- Attempted suicide in the zero hundred block of W. Cossitt
- Criminal damage to property case in the 600 block of S. Edgewood
- Criminal damage to a vehicle in the zero hundred block of N. Beach
- Disorderly conduct via a telephone in the 100 block of Hayes
- A fall-down injury in the zero hundred block of S. La Grange
- Fraud in the 100 block N. La Grange
- Fraud in the 300 block of Bell
- Fraud in the 9600 block of W. Ogden
- Identity theft in the 400 block of Sunset
- Juvenile case in the 700 block of 7th
- Order of protection in the zero hundred block of N. Brainard
- Residential burglary in the zero hundred block of S. Waiola
- Suspicious person/assist Other PD in the 5100 block Willow Springs
- Theft in the zero hundred block of W. Cossitt
- Theft in 900 block of W. 41st
- Theft in the 700 block of W. Hillgrove
- Theft in the zero hundred block of W. Hillgrove
- Wire fraud case from the 600 block of W. Burlington

Special Events or Details on the Day shift include:

- St. Cletus Health Fair
- Preschool Safety Talk – Park District
- Spring Avenue School Bicycle Safety Talk
- Easter Egg Hunt – Park District Gurrie Junior
- High School Career Fair

DAY SHIFT ACTIVITIES *(continued)*

The La Grange Police Department was a local drop off during the DEA Drug Take Back Initiative and collected a total of 381.6 lbs. of medications during that period. All other times of the year we maintain a permanent drop off box in the lobby of the police department.

AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES

Investigative Case Reports taken this month included:

- Six criminal damage to property reports,
- A disorderly conduct report;
- 2 theft valued at less than \$500;
- 5 domestic battery cases;
- 4 bike thefts;
- An accidental overdose;
- 2 missing juvenile cases (both located);
- A possession of a controlled substance case;
- An identity theft;
- An aggravated assault;
- A possession of drug paraphernalia case;
- 2 juvenile fights;
- A theft valued at more than \$500;
- An unlawful visitation interference case;
- A case of harassment by electronic communication (telephone);
- 2 suicide attempts;
- 3 criminal trespass to property cases;
- A resisting arrest case.

Other Noteworthy Cases:

- Squad Leader Fulla investigated an accidental overdose of a narcotic drug by two La Grange juveniles, in the 400 block of South 9th Avenue. The females were rushed to the hospital and showed signs of making a full recovery. Squad Leader Fulla along with detectives conducted an investigation of the possible source of the narcotic drug.
- Sgt. Odom provided assistance to the Saint Paul, MN Police Department in locating a person wanted for questioning in reference to a Sexual Assault case in their jurisdiction.
- Ofc. Burrell investigated a criminal trespass to property complaint in which a LaGrange Park juvenile reportedly entered the apartment of an elderly female LaGrange resident in the 00 block of South Spring Avenue. After interviewing all parties involved, it was determined that the juvenile entered the wrong apartment, and he actually had a friend who lived in the building.
- Ofc. Coleman investigated a criminal damage to motor vehicle report in the 4700 block of Willow Springs Road. The victim believed someone keyed her vehicle while she was at work. No suspects were located.
- Ofc. Wolf initiated a criminal damage to property report after he observed a LaGrange man performing “burn-outs” in his vehicle, on a private business lot, in the 600 block of East Elm Avenue. Traffic citations were issued to the driver a short distance from the scene; however, the business owner did not wish to pursue formal criminal complaints for the damage caused during the incident.
- The afternoon shift received a request for assistance from the Berwyn Police Department. Berwyn was investigating a report of a missing 9 year old who attends Cossitt School. Assistance was provided and contact was made with the administrators of Cossitt School. An administrator was able to provide information on a possible location of the child at a child care facility in Chicago. Berwyn PD subsequently located the child at the facility and he was reunited with his mother.

AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES *(continued)*

Arrests on the Afternoon Shift:

- Ofc. Coleman arrested an 18-year-old La Grange Highlands man for criminal damage to property, after he admitted to squealing his vehicle tires (burning rubber) causing damage to the surface of the Village Parking Garage at 80 South 6th Avenue. Coleman initially heard the incident and confirmed his findings via surveillance video footage of the garage. The offender was arrested and subsequently issued a No-Trespass Order for the property.
- Ofc. Coleman and Ofc. Wolf arrested a 54-year-old La Grange resident for criminal trespass to property after he was observed on the land/property at 100 North La Grange Road. The man had previously been served a No-Trespass Order by the police department.
- Ofc. Coleman and Sgt. Kielczynski arrested a 54-year-old La Grange resident for criminal trespass to property, possession of a controlled substance, and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia after he was observed in the vicinity of 100 Hayes Avenue and found to have the items of contraband on his person. The department initiated asset forfeiture proceedings for currency seized from the offender.
- Ofc. Wolf, Ofc. Coleman, and Sgt. Odom arrested a 27-year-old LaGrange resident for domestic battery, aggravated assault of a peace officer, and resisting arrest after the man assailed his mother and father, spit on his father, then aggressively resisted arrest. Officers were able to gain control of the offender, placing him under arrest.
- 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.

Other Police Activity:

The Afternoon Shift conducted three station tours during the month of April. Participating in these tours were the St. Francis Daisy Troop, the Spring Avenue Scouts, and the La Grange Cub Scouts. The shift completed 21 Illinois Crash reports, 5 involving personal injury.

INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

- Inv. Gill spoke with two 8th grade classes at Gurrie about the dangers of alcohol and driving. Inv. Wardlaw attended the St. Cletus Safety Fair.
- Inv. Wardlaw completed a 40 hour Crime Scene 2 class at Northwestern University.
- Both Investigators worked a case involving an offender in an armed robbery that took place 3/5/14. They took a 19-year-old man from LaGrange into custody who later identified a co-offender. After interrogation the victim was contacted and stated he would not go to court and so the case was closed.

TRAINING

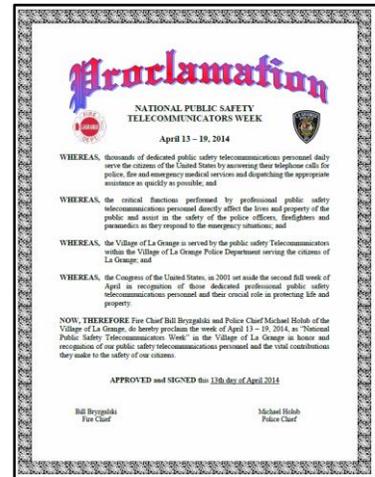
- All shift members successfully completed the April 2014 Police Law Institute online training on: Warrantless Searches, Consent Authority Involving Co-Tenants of Property, Observing Suspicious Activity, Investigatory Stops Involving Pedestrian Suspects, Criminal Resisting and Obstructing, and Entry onto Private Property by Police.
- The shift completed annual firearms qualification with all assigned duty weapons, rifles, and automatic weapons.
- Sgt. Kielczynski completed the Medical Marijuana and Driving under the Influence Enforcement (Train the Trainer) Course along with the Illinois Firearms Concealed Carry Act training course.

PART-TIME AND AUXILIARY POLICE

Collectively the members of the Auxiliary Unit contributed 109 hours of service to the Village during the month of April which included time spent conducting House Checks, Light Lists and Patrol duties. Meanwhile, the members of the Part-time Police unit worked only minimal hours in April, which related to less compliance tickets being issued.

DISPATCH UNIT

April 13-19, 2014 was National Telecommunicators Week and Fire Chief Bryzgalski and Police Chief Holub presented the Dispatch Center with a Proclamation in recognition of the work performed around-the-clock by our employees in dispatch. This is a small token to thank our dispatchers for answering telephone calls for police, fire and emergency medical services and dispatching the proper assistance as quickly as possible. The critical functions they perform are often taken for granted but they directly affect the lives and property of the public and assist in the safety of the police officers, firefighters and paramedics as they respond to the emergency situations. They handle countless non-emergency inquires and parking transactions, prepare minor complaints, maintain records and provide a multitude of referrals. Our present list of Telecommunicators includes Holly Seymour, Kathy Lockwood, Therese Biesek, Patty Donovan, Patty Mesich, Sue Drake and Part-time Telecommunicators Valarie Lunsford and Lori McLaughlin.



Calls received in April were down as compared to last year. We continue to focus on core police services, rebuilding the department after several retirements, and training new members. Parking tickets issued are up slightly and fines collected for parking tickets totaled \$55,305 in April. The breakdown of other activities is listed below.

PATROL ACTIVITIES	April		April		2014	2013
	2014		2013		YTD	YTD
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	1,212		1,495		4,802	5,423
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	58		52		256	180
FELONY ARRESTS	0		0		3	2
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	7		4		29	31
DUI ARRESTS	2		1		10	5
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	39		91		151	263
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	93		109		388	362
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	163	738	187	684	3,081	2,451
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	575		497			
JUVENILE ARRESTS	1		1		2	4
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	7		6		35	27