

LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Memorandum



To: Robert J. Pilipiszyn, Village Manager

From: Michael A. Holub, Chief of Police

Date: July 9, 2014

Re: Monthly Report for June 2014

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

INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

- Investigations charged a Berwyn man with felony theft for his role in the theft of a guitar from Stone Grove Guitar at 721 W. Hillgrove. The guitar was recovered and returned to the store but the second offender is still at large.
- Investigators charged a 68-year-old man from Glenview with disorderly conduct in a case that took place last June 2013 and was originally investigated by Inv. Uher. At that time the man placed a phone call to Continental Testing Service located at 547 S. La Grange Road and proceeded to ask employees what they would do if there was a bomb in the building. The building was evacuated and then management contacted police.
- We charged a 26-year-old man, originally from La Grange, with possession of a controlled substance and an outstanding warrant. The man was identified as a suspect in an unrelated case and subsequently located hiding in the La Grange Public Library where he was taken into custody for the warrant. During a search, investigators located a bag containing crack cocaine in his pocket.
- Investigators assisted the Illinois Liquor Control Commission in conducting underage liquor sale enforcement throughout the village. During the course of the enforcement, 6 citations were issued to 3 businesses that sold alcohol to underage agents working with police.

MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES

- Ofc. Comstock arrested a 23-year-old male for DUI, possession of cannabis, and possession of drug paraphernalia after an ISPERN dispatch of a possible DUI driver and report of a vehicle stopped in traffic had been received.
- Squad Leader Uher, Ofc. Comstock, and Ofc. Coleman investigated an attempted commercial burglary at Chequers of La Grange. Patrol units responded to an alarm call and found a pane of glass on the rear window damaged, but entry was not made.
- Ofc. Comstock arrested a 40-year-old male for DUI after stopping the vehicle for a lane violation.
- Ofc. Comstock investigated a missing juvenile case resulting in the juvenile returning home shortly after the report was filed.
- Squad Leader Uher arrested a 21-year-old male for DUI after stopping the vehicle he was driving for speeding.

MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES *(continued)*

- Squad Leader Uher arrested a 19-year-old female for *zero tolerance* DUI after observing the vehicles passenger standing through the sunroof while traveling northbound LaGrange Road. The driver and one passenger were also cited for illegal transportation of open alcohol, and the third passenger was cited for not wearing a seatbelt. Cannabis and paraphernalia were also located in the vehicle but identification of ownership was inconclusive and no charges were filed.
- Squad Leader Uher arrested a 25-year-old female for possession of cannabis after stopping the vehicle she was driving for an improper turn.
- Squad Leader Uher arrested a 21-year-old male for driving with a suspended driver's license after stopping the vehicle for a traffic offense. We also seized the vehicle due to the suspension being for a prior DUI conviction.
- Ofc Herrera investigated a stolen bicycle but no suspect information could be developed.
- Squad Leader Uher arrested a 52-year-old female for DUI after stopping the vehicle for improper lane usage.

Members of the Midnight Shift were active in their patrol duties accounting for over 75 building checks, 180 traffic stops, 55 citations, 4 DUI's and completing regular overnight parking enforcement. Shift members worked over 73 hours of overtime in June to help meet minimum staffing standards and cover shift shortages.

DAY SHIFT ACTIVITIES

Investigative case files registered on the Day shift in June include the following:

- 2 Fraud cases involving a caller claiming to be a ComEd employee seeking past monies owed by obtaining victim's credit card information. One case took place in the 50 block of South La Grange Road and the other in the 200 block of North Waiola Avenue
- Disorderly conduct in the 600 block of 10th Avenue involving classmates and an alarming Instagram message.
- A misdemeanor battery that occurred at East and Ogden Avenues. No arrest was made due to conflicting stories.
- A case involving fraudulent checks of approximately \$60,000. The victim lives in the zero hundred block of South Ashland Avenue
- Criminal damage to motor vehicle in the 500 block of South Spring Avenue in which the vehicle's windshield was damaged.
- 3 criminal damage to motor vehicle reports on June 20th. One was in the 300 block of South Kensington where the vehicle was scratched, a second in the 300 block of South Catherine in which the vehicle's mirrors were broken and doors scratched and a third in the 400 block of South Ashland in which the vehicle's mirrors were damaged.
- Criminal damage to property in the 50 block of West Burlington Avenue involving a damaged door and dead bolt lock.
- Identity theft in the 5000 block of Willow Springs Road. In this case, the offender attempted to file for unemployment benefits using the victim's identity.
- Attempt suicide in the 200 block of Washington.
- Vehicle taken without permission in the 300 block of South Leitch which was later recovered, no charges.

DAY SHIFT ACTIVITIES *(continued)*

- Suspicious person call in the 100 block of North La Grange Road. In this case a subject telephoned the victim stating her brother was involved in an accident and he needed her brother's information.
- Suspicious activity in the 300 block of South Bluff where an \$84,000 check was accidentally sent through the mail. The check was turned over to the police.
- Theft over \$500 of numerous video games from LaGrange Library.
- Theft under \$500 from the La Grange Library. There is an investigation under way concerning stolen Keurig K-cups.
- Domestic battery in the 300 block of South Bluff. The matter was verbal only.
- Two bicycle thefts under \$500, one at Walgreens and the other in the alley of the 50 block of South La Grange Road. One bike was locked the other was not.
- 2 Bicycle Thefts under \$500 in which both bikes were unlocked and later recovered. One happened in the 200 block of South Madison Avenue. It was recovered four days later abandoned in a driveway in the 700 block of South Madison Avenue. The other took place in the 300 block of South Catherine Avenue and it was found a day later in the same block.

Cases involving an arrest are listed below:

- A man from LaGrange was arrested on an outstanding warrant in the 300 block of West Harris Avenue. Incident to arrest, Inv. Wardlaw located suspected "crack" cocaine on his person and he was charged with possession of a controlled substance
- A Westmont man was arrested after a well-being check occurring at La Grange Road and Hillgrove Avenue. Police responded to several calls reporting an intoxicated subject. A consent search of his person prior to transport to LMH produced numerous packets of suspected heroin. He was subsequently charged with delivery of a controlled substance.

Other activities on the Day Shift include:

- On June 6th Officers provided traffic control for the participants of the Special Olympics Torch Run.
- On June 24th Officers handed out railroad safety pamphlets at the train depots as part of the annual Operation Lifesaver campaign.
- On June 25th Ofc. Rohlicek and Ofc. Wessendorf did a bike safety presentation for members of Helping Hand.

AFTERRNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES

Traffic control and related activities on the Afternoon Shift included 22 vehicle accident reports, 2 hit and run accident reports, 6 suspended drivers arrested, 1 unlicensed driver arrested and 2 drivers charged with driving under the influence.

Investigative case reports on the shift are listed below:

- Domestic battery arrest on the 300 block of Bluff
- The arrest of a habitual homeless individual on an outstanding warrant
- Unlawful use of weapon (spring activated knife) on La Grange Road and 49th. Police were informed the subject was displaying the knife as he passed others on the street.

AFTERRNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES *(continued)*

- Another unlawful use of weapons case documented when during a traffic stop a juvenile was found to be in possession of a spring activated knife. The knife was confiscated and parents informed it was illegal due to spring release.
- During a DUI arrest the driver was found to be in possession of cannabis and was charged accordingly.
- On another DUI arrest, the passenger was found to be in possession of numerous pills and was arrested for obstructing police officers and resisting arrest (identification of pills is pending).
- A car burglary was reported at Gordon Park.
- There were two incidents of threatening or harassing phone calls from past acquaintances.
- An identity theft was reported, but no loss to the victim.
- While officers were investigating a missing phone which was left in a washroom, the victim received a phone call stating the person who did find the phone was attempting to locate her to return it.
- A resident reported that in the past 6 months several thousand dollars of jewelry was missing from the residence.
- An investigation has been started on a possible computer crime.
- An investigation is underway for criminal sexual abuse.
- The Suicide Hotline called twice this month with a potential victim on the phone requesting assistance. In both cases, the subjects were located near the train tracks and provided medical assistance.
- La Grange Police units responded with several other towns to a large fight in Brookfield.
- The shift hosted a Brownie Troop station tour which accommodated 22 girls and their troop leaders.
- Auxiliary Officers assisted with the LeaderShop 5K run, directing traffic along the route.
- Western Springs Police hosted a Police Car Show, and La Grange Police took part.
- The summer block parties are under way and police units visit and interact with residents at the events.

TRAINING

- Sgt. Peters attended the International Evidence and Property Association training for Evidence Property Management Supervisors.
- Both Investigators participated in training with MCAT detectives on building entry and room clearing that took place at a vacant house in Western Springs.
- Inv. Gill attended a training class on conducting background investigations
- Sgt. Odom completed his annual military training at Fort McCoy Wisconsin.
- Probationary Officers Wessendorf and McDermott are both well into their Field Training Programs with our designated officers.

AUXILIARY AND PART-TIME UNITS

The members of our Auxiliary unit continue to provide us with great support in our policing efforts. June was no exception as the Auxiliary Officers provided 104 hours of extra patrol time which included crowd control during Village functions and various privately run 5K events, as well as their standard time spent conducting house checks and street lights out lists. Our Part-time Officers were busy with directed traffic patrols and assisting the full-time officers where necessary. We are grateful for both units and their contributions to the Village.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITIES

In June we continued with the screening and testing process in order to establish a new police officer entry level eligibility list. On two consecutive Saturdays in June the orientation was held followed by the written exam. Approximately 90 applicants took part in our 2014 process to establish a 2-year eligibility roster. The final results should be approved and posted in July.



There were a number of shift voids (personnel shortages) and hence overtime was slightly higher than comparable periods. We are slowly restoring the vacancies and our most recent police academy graduates are well into their field training phase. Officers still conducted more than 300 traffic stops in June. Of note in the activities below is that traffic accidents are higher in the first half of the year as compared to 2013. On a positive note, the parking division reported collecting \$42,945 in revenue from citations paid locally and from those citations that were referred to our collection agency.

PATROL ACTIVITIES	June		June		2014	2013
	2014		2013		YTD	YTD
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	1,455		1,437		7,736	8,419
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	66		53		417	299
FELONY ARRESTS	1		2		4	4
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	3		4		33	43
DUI ARRESTS	6		2		18	7
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	61		139		379	557
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	129		112		670	608
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	226	775	89	484	4,647	3,608
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	549		395			
JUVENILE ARRESTS	0		2		11	10
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	13		2		53	39