

# LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Memorandum



To: Robert J. Pilipiszyn, Village Manager

From: Michael A. Holub, Chief of Police

Date: December 9, 2014

Re: Monthly Report for November 2014

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

### **AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES**

Significant arrests on the Afternoon Shift include a man being arrested for a burglary committed in 2012 after he was identified through fingerprints that were captured and collected at the crime scene. Also, a subject was arrested for aggravated assault on an officer as well as resisting arrest. This occurred after a verbal domestic with his girlfriend.

Traffic activity on the Afternoon Shift included the following:

- 2 accidents with injuries which occurred at the same time, one at Ogden and Ashland and the other at Cossitt and Brainard.
- 15 property damage accidents, 3 hit and run accidents, and 4 accident with injuries.
- 84 traffic stops in addition to issuing 25 traffic citations, 4 minor citations, and 4 parking citations.

Investigations conducted are listed below:

- Lyons Township High School (LTHS) reported an aggravated sexual assault which was found to have taken place in Brookfield. It was turned over to Brookfield investigators.
- There was a report of a shooting in the area of Calendar and Sawyer involving minors. The case is under investigation, and the injuries sustained were not reported as serious.
- Thefts reported included a cell phone taken at the park district building, a theft of a personal cell phone from the AT&T store, and a theft of services from a taxi cab.
- There were 4 reports taken for identity theft. One incident involved suspects opening an account in the person's name.
- There were 3 missing or runaway juveniles; 2 of which returned in close time proximity to being reported missing. The third is a 17-year-old female with a baby, and the mother knows she is in the area somewhere.
- There were 3 incidents of damage to motor vehicles, mostly consisting of scratches.
- Other investigations included a suspicious vehicle/person. Unusual smells, some solicitor complaints, and a few loud parties

Community activities included

- Sgt. Kielczynski and Ofc. Wessendorf visiting the Thanksgiving Dinner for the seniors and Homeless at the Community Center
- Ofc. Wolf, Ofc. Balon, and Ofc. Wessendorf assisted Western Springs Police with a bomb threat at Mariano's.
- Ofc. Wolf assisted in having restitution made to the property owner for a broken window.

## **MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES**

The Midnight Shift was exceptionally quiet during November. Investigative Case Files initiated on the Midnight include an incident of criminal damage to the parking garage, a suspicious incident at Burlington Avenue and Brainard, and a theft of services case from the zero hundred block of S. La Grange Road. One driver from Lyons was arrested for driving under the influence.

## **DAY SHIFT ACTIVITIES**

Criminal Cases investigated on the Day Shift are detailed below:

- Ofc. Rohlicek mediated two separate cases of a missing juvenile returning home with the assistance of LTHS principal's office. The juveniles returned home unharmed and ran away due to disagreements with their parents.
- Ofc. Coleman recovered stolen property after a local shop owner reported the phone was left for service but was security locked due to it being reported stolen. The case is pending the notification of the owner by the cellular carrier.
- Ofc. Rohlicek and Ofc. Coleman investigated two different burglary to motor vehicle cases from unlocked parked vehicles. No evidence or suspects could be developed and the cases were closed.
- Ofc. Coleman responded to a report of a battery between juveniles and discovered that the incident included a threat of suicide. Notification to the parents resulted in the juvenile being transported to the hospital for an evaluation and no criminal charges being accepted.
- Ofc. Coleman responded to report of a homeless subject smoking in the lobby of the parking garage. He arrested a 52-year-old male subject who had been previously advised not to remain or stay on the property. Due to the subject's mental state, homeless status, and volume of complainants and incidents with the department Ofc. Pacana contacted the BEDS program staff and initiated the process of long term placement of the subject.
- Squad Leader Ljubenko and Ofc. Rohlicek investigated separate identity theft cases involving an online purchase of a DeWalt toolkit and social security funds found to be missing respectively. The victims made the report as a matter of record and both were provided Identity Theft information packets.
- Ofc. Pacana investigated a suspicious circumstance involving possible Medicare fraud. Upon further investigation he determined the incident included a legitimate outside vendor of the Medicare department and no criminal matter existed.
- Ofc. McDermott investigated a criminal damage to vehicle case where no suspects or evidence of who punctured the tires could be developed.
- Ofc. Pacana investigated an attempted theft of a catalytic converter. He closed the case due to lack of suspects and evidence.
- Ofc. McDermott investigated a harassment case involving two 7th Avenue School children. The case is pending follow-up with school staff to help mediate an agreeable resolution.
- Sgt. Berg and Squad Leader Ljubenko investigated separate disorderly conduct incidents that were reported as matter of record.
- Squad Leader Ljubenko responded to a criminal damage report after a brick had been flung through a window. A review of surveillance video is pending but no suspects were developed and the case was closed.
- Sgt. Berg and Ofc. Kang investigated two separate commercial burglaries at a construction site. In both occurrences unknown people forced entry into the secure site and stole equipment on the first occasion and materials on the second.

### **DAY SHIFT** *(continued)*

- Ofc. Rohlicek responded to a fraud case involving locale business being informed there ComEd bill was overdue. One business partially completed the transaction suffering a loss of \$1,000. No suspects could be developed and the scam/fraud has been attempted in the area previously.
- Squad Leader Ljubenko responded to a retail theft call with other units but the suspect could not be located in the area. The victims could not pick any suspects from a photo line-up and therefore the case was closed.

Day Shift members were active in their patrol duties conducting regular school checks during drop offs and special watches. The shift completed 52 traffic contacts and were assigned to take 21 crash reports during the month. Ofc. Rohlicek continues to perform SRO duties on a weekly basis at LTHS. The Day Shift also provided traffic control and security for the Annual Run for Pie on Thanksgiving morning.

### **TRAINING**

- Squad Leader Fulla, Ofc.. Balon and Burrell attended training hosted by Metra for incidents involving the railroad cars, engines, and tracks.
- Ofc.. Wolf attended training for NIPAS.
- Chief Holub attended the FBI National Academy Illinois Conference in East Peoria and the training focus was media relations.
- Officers Coleman, Comstock, Irizarry, McDermott and Wessendorf attended a class on the Laws of Arrest, Search, and Seizure
- All three shifts attended the IRMA sponsored class on How to Prevent Injuries in the Workplace
- Officer Andries attended a class on conducting investigations and he also completed D.A.R.E.(R) Officer Training
- Sgt. Berg and K9 Dak attended regular K9 training.

### **AUXILIARY AND PART-TIME POLICE UNITS**

The Auxiliary Unit volunteered 103 hours during the month of November and their time was spent conducting house checks, street lights out lists and various patrol duties. They were also a great asset in providing support to the Annual Run For Pie on Thanksgiving morning.

Our Part-time officers were active during the month with directed traffic patrols and assisting the full-time officers where necessary.

In honor of Veteran's Day, I would like to publicly acknowledge the members of the La Grange Police Department who are Veterans. They are listed below with the service dates and assignments.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Branch</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Military Occupation</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Duty Station Additional Info</b>
<b>Tim Andries</b>	Army	Captain	Chemical Officer	2008-2014	Ft. Knox, KY, 2008-2012 Operation Enduring Freedom Tour, Ft. Sheridan, IL 2012-2014
<b>Kevin Comstock</b>	Air Force	Senior Airman	Security Forces	2005-2010	Lackland AFB, T.X. 2005-2006 Minot AFB, N.D. 2006-2008 Kleine Brogel Air Base, Belgium 2008-2010 Inactive Reserve 2010-2013
<b>Patrick Egan</b>	Air Force	Senior Airman	Security Forces	1982-1987	Lackland AFB, TX 1982 Hurlburt Field, FL 1982-1983 Greenham Common Royal AFB, England 1983-1986 Mather AFB, CA 1986-1987
<b>Robert P. Grimm Jr.</b>	Army	Specialist 5th Class	Air Defense Radar Repairer	1974-1977	Active duty 3 years, Ft. Bliss, TX. Repair of search radars and missiles. U.S. Army Reserves 3 years – NCOIC of electronics shop.
<b>John Hannon</b>	Marine Corps	Corporal	Infantry	1973-1975	1973 boot camp San Diego; 1973 infantry training Camp Pendleton; 1973 - 1975 Marine Barracks Guard Section, Washington, D.C.
<b>Michael Holub</b>	Army	Specialist 4th Class	Infantry	1972-1978	Active Duty 1972-1974 Ft. Myer, VA, 3rd US Infantry - The Old Guard Inactive Reserve 1975-1978
<b>Steve Ljubenko</b>	Army	Captain; Major	Field Artillery Officer	1984-1990	1984-1990: Captain, U.S. Army-Active Duty, Field Artillery Officer. 1990-2006: Major, U.S. Army Reserves, Field Artillery Officer
<b>Miles Odom</b>	Army	1st Sergeant	Military Intelligence	1984-2014	Regular Army 1984-1988; Army Reserve 1988-2009, Interrogator, Iraqi Freedom for 18 months, 1SG, 2-330 Infantry Regiment
<b>Andy Peters</b>	Air Force	Senior Airman	Law Enforcement Specialist	1989-1992	Active Duty, 1989-1991, Clark AFB; Carswell AFB; Wright Patterson AFB; Inactive Reserve 1991-1992
<b>Rob Wardlaw</b>	Navy	Petty Officer 3rd class	Electrician's Mate	1989-1993	Great Lakes Naval Station 1989/90 U.S.S. Leyte Gulf CG 55 1990-1993 Operation Desert Storm (Gulf War) 1990-1991 Inactive Reserve 1993-1997

**SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES**

Most activity categories are down with the exception of traffic accidents. That trend has been prevalent throughout the year. Our focus in November was on the training of our newest police officers, in hopes of having them released for patrol duties as soon as is practical. Our remaining patrol activities are detailed in the graph below. Not captured in the representation of patrol activities are the 150 traffic stops that were completed by the Officers and the \$40,875 collected by the parking division.

PATROL ACTIVITIES	November		November		2014	2013
	2014		2013		YTD	YTD
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	1,149		1,096		14,275	14,892
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	62		48		740	555
FELONY ARRESTS	1		1		6	18
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	3		4		67	69
DUI ARRESTS	1		2		30	10
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	32		55		612	1,032
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	58		83		1,116	1,171
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	202	715	105	724	8,560	6,813
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	513		619			
JUVENILE ARRESTS	0		1		16	22
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	6		4		98	77