

# LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Memorandum



To: Robert J. Pilipiszyn, Village Manager  
From: Acting Chief Renee Strasser *RS*  
Date: April 10, 2015  
Re: Monthly Report for March 2015

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During Spring Break, the La Grange Police Department, in cooperation with Lyons Township High School, the Illinois Tactical Officer's Association, and the Cook County Department of Homeland Security hosted 4 days of Rapid Deployment/Critical Incident training for agencies throughout Cook and DuPage Counties at Lyons Township High School's north campus. Each 8 hour training block was designed to provide officers with the knowledge, techniques, and tactical skills necessary to respond to and stop incidents involving active threats. The training course expanded this year to include instruction about the duties and responsibilities of supervisors who assume command. The training provided both classroom and practical applications throughout the day, placing officers and supervisors in roles in which they would be responsible for during an actual incident.



The training was attended by 26 of LaGrange's Police Officers and approximately 200 officers/supervisors from our neighboring jurisdictions, as well as officers throughout Cook and DuPage Counties. Instruction was provided by members of the Illinois Tactical Officer's Association, who are the current Emergency Services Team members (S.W.A.T.) for the Northern Illinois Police Alarm System, Cook County Department of Homeland Security, and local Municipal Officers. Special thanks to the La Grange Police Auxiliary Unit, the Police Explorers of Western Springs, and the La Grange Citizen's Police Academy, for providing security, assistance with role playing and necessary administrative duties.

The ability to successfully host a training program of this magnitude is evidence of LaGrange's commitment to continue fostering good relations with the local schools and other law enforcement agencies.

### **MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES**

**INVESTIGATIONS:** Sgt. Kielczynski, S/L Wolf, Ofc. Comstock and Ofc. Kang assisted a DCFS case worker in the investigation of an alleged criminal sexual abuse in the 100 Block of East Ave. involving a female juvenile subject and a family member.

S/L Wolf, Ofc. Herrera, Ofc. Comstock and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to the report of a domestic disturbance in the 300 Block of E. Plainfield Rd. involving a male subject and his wife. Male subject was intoxicated and engaged in a verbal argument with his wife. Officers were able to

calm down the male subject and restore peace. Wife and the couple's two children were escorted to a nearby relative's home where they spent the night. A neighbor wrote a letter to the department commending the Officers for the professional manner in which they handled the incident.

Ofc. Kang assisted Western Springs P.D. in responding to a domestic disturbance in the 3800 Block of Grove Ave. A male subject was arrested and charged with Domestic Battery. Ofc. Kang was formally recognized by Western Spring's Chief Pam Church for his assistance in this matter.

Ofc. Comstock and Sgt. Ljubenko responded to the report of a possible domestic disturbance in the 100 Block of S. Ashland Ave. It was discovered that a verbal argument occurred between a female subject, her husband and their adult special needs son. Peace was restored, the female subject and son were transported to a nearby friend's home to spend the evening.

Ofc. Comstock responded to a residential alarm in the 1200 Block of Carriage Lane. The house was found to be secure and undamaged, though a shoe impression footprint was observed on the front door. Residents were out of town but were contacted and advised of the incident. Special watch placed on the residence.

**OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:** The midnight shift completed 60 traffic contacts which included 1 Misdemeanor Traffic Arrest for Driving While License Suspended. Shift Officers issued 196 parking citations for overnight parking and other violations.

**TRAINING:** The shift successfully completed the March 2015 Police Law Institute online training along with the Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. In addition, Sgt. Peters and Sgt. Ljubenko attended the quarterly Terrorism Liaison Officer Committee (TLOC) training with the F.B.I. conducted at Moraine Valley Community College. S/L Wolf attended the 2-day, Acting Officer in Charge training course.

## **DAY SHIFT ACTIVITIES**

**INVESTIGATIONS:** Investigative Case Reports taken this month included: Commercial Burglary (1), Burglary to Motor Vehicle (1), Criminal Damage to Property (2), Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (1), Death Investigation (1), Identity Theft (3), Criminal Damage to Motor Vehicle (1), Domestic Trouble (1), Disorderly Conduct (2), Theft Over \$500 (1), Identity Theft (3), Possession of a Controlled Substance (1), Suspicious Activity (1), Attempted Deception (2).

Ofc. Coleman took a report of a Disorderly Conduct complaint at Washington and Calendar Aves. A resident stopped Officer Coleman while he was on Patrol and stated she thought she heard two gunshots the night before. An investigation was conducted. No calls were received by LGPD or BPD the night before regarding this matter and no evidence or additional witnesses were located.

Ofc. Irizarry investigated a Commercial Burglary at the McNeal Clinic, 125 N La Grange Rd. There was no forced entry. Stolen was a lap top computer, a television and several narcotics. Investigations is following-up on the case.

The shift took three reports of Identity Theft. Ofc. Irizarry handled an one in the 100 blk N Brainard in which the victim filed his 2014 tax return only to discover someone had already filed

one using his identifiers. Ofc. Coleman took a report in the 900 blk S Madison in which the victim was informed by the IRS that someone attempted to file a 2014 tax return using his identifiers. Ofc. Hon investigated one in the 800 blk S Ashland where the victim was advised by NTS Global services that she needed to send \$500 to them via Western Union in order for their company to correct her account that had allegedly been “hacked.”

Ofc. Coleman investigated two Criminal Damage to Property cases. The first case involved a burned Village garbage can near LaGrange’s BNRR Station and the other was for a vehicle that was scratched while parked in Lot #5.

Ofc. Fulla investigated the Theft of a cell phone in the 500 blk East. The victim’s phone was stolen after she left it unattended on the gym floor.

Ofc. Coleman took a Burglary to Motor Vehicle report at the Parking Garage. A possible suspect was captured on video leaving the garage. A critical reach flyer has been distributed to local agencies for assistance in identifying the man.

The shift investigated two Attempted Deception cases. Ofc. Coleman took one in the 500 blk S Madison in which a man, claiming to be Andrew Ming, called from iTech and advised the victim his computer was corrupted. The victim was instructed to run the following two programs on his computer: showmypc.com and eventwr. Ofc. Pacana took an identical report in the 500 blk Banyon.

**ARRESTS:** Ofc. Rohlicek arrested a male juvenile from LaGrange Highlands at Lyons Township High School for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

**OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:** They shift completed 107 traffic contacts which included 2 Misdemeanor Traffic Arrests for Driving While License Suspended/Revoked, 2 No Valid Driver’s License, and 1 Driving While Under the Influence of Alcohol. The shift completed 44 crash reports during the month and 3 fall-downs. On March 23rd, Officers Coleman and Irizarry successfully completed their probationary period with the LaGrange Police Department.

In addition, shift members were active in their patrol duties around the schools and conducted several special details at LTHS during the morning drop-off hour. Ofc. Rohlicek continues to perform Part-Time School Resource Officer duties at LTHS, once a week. Assistance was provided to the LaGrange Park District for their annual Easter Egg Hunt at Sedgewick Park.

**TRAINING:** The shift successfully completed the March 2015 Police Law Institute online training along with the Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. Cimbalista and Irizarry attended “Bulletproof Mind” by Lt. Grossman in Countryside. Ofc. Coleman & Irizarry attended an in-house Rapid Deployment classroom training by Sgt. Peters/Inv. Wardlaw. Sgt. Peters and Acting Chief Strasser attended the annual NEMRT workshop.

## **AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES**

**INVESTIGATIONS:** Investigative Case Reports taken this month included: Assault, Burglary to Motor Vehicle, Fraud (3), Theft Under \$500, Criminal Damage to Property (6), Resisting a Peace Officer (2), Battery (2), Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Unlawful Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (2), Suspicious Occupied Vehicle, Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault, Speeding Over 40mph, Death Investigation, Identity Theft (6), Criminal Damage to Motor Vehicle, Possession of Cannabis, Visitation Escort, Domestic Trouble (2), Suicidal Subject, Missing Adult Located, Deceptive Practice, Disorderly Conduct (3), Theft Over \$500 (3), Aggravated Assault.

Ofc. Burrell conducted a Fraud Investigation after a substantial withdrawal of funds was attempted at Chase Bank in the 00 Block of South LaGrange Road. The account holder (Countryside resident) reported two minor cash deposits were made to her account by an unknown person prior to the Fraud attempt. The bank denied the withdrawal transaction; therefore no loss was incurred by the bank or the account holder.

Ofc. McDermott, along with Officers Rogers and Wessendorf responded to the LaGrange Road Train Depot (BNRR tracks) in response to a male 911 caller who indicated he wished to commit suicide by train. After locating the male near the station, the man confirmed his desire to end his life. LaGrange paramedics were immediately contacted by police, and the man was transported to the MacNeal Hospital psychiatric ward for medical treatment and evaluation.

**ARRESTS:** Ofc. Hon (with FTO Fulla) arrested a 53-year old LaGrange man for Unlawful Possession of Drug Paraphernalia after the man was found loitering and in violation of a No Trespass Order inside the Village Parking Garage, located in the 00 Block of South 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue. A search of the male yielded the contraband, and he was taken into custody, without incident.

Ofc. Fulla arrested a 46-year old Dekalb man for Assault after Fulla responded to a residence in the 1100 Block of South Kensington for a report of Domestic Trouble between family members. An on scene investigation at the residence lead to the arrest and charge.

Sgt. Odom arrested a 49-year old Chicago woman for Aggravated Assault and Resisting a Peace Officer after Odom responded to the Police Department for a report of a disturbance in the lobby.

Ofc. Hon (with FTO Fulla) arrested an 18-year old Brookfield man for two counts of Criminal Damage to Property and one count of Resisting a Peace Officer after the man damaged store front property located in the 00 Block of South LaGrange Road, and eventually leading to the man damaging a police department squad. The man was given immediate medical treatment as a result of the incident, and he turned himself into LaGrange police days later.

Ofc. Burrell arrested a 25-year old Chicago man for Battery and Criminal Damage to Property after officers responded to the 1000 Block of South 8<sup>th</sup> for a report of a fight in-progress between two males. The man was arrested after the investigation determined that he caused bodily injury to the other male, as well as damage to the building in which the incident took place.

Ofc. Hon (with FTO Fulla) arrested a 37-year old Brookfield woman for Unlawful Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Possession of Cannabis after the officers conducted an investigative stop on her vehicle in the 100 Block of Kemman Avenue. A subsequent search of the woman's vehicle yielded the contraband.

Sgt. Odom arrested a 53-year old LaGrange man on an outstanding LaGrange Warrant for Unlawful Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The man was taken into custody near the intersection of Lincoln and Sawyer Avenues, without incident.

**OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:** The shift conducted 102 traffic stops which resulted in 11 Misdemeanor Traffic Arrests to include Driving While License Suspended/Revoked, and Driving with a Suspended Vehicle Registration. The Officers completed 23 Illinois Crash reports, one involving personal injury. Ofc. McDermott conducted a station tour for 21 first-grade "Daisies". The theme for the Girl Scouts was Respecting Authority. On March 24<sup>th</sup>, Probationary Officers Wessendorf and McDermott completed their first year with the LaGrange Police Department.

**TRAINING:** Ofc. Hon completed Step 3 (Week 12) of the LaGrange Field Training and Evaluation Program with FTO Fulla. Ofc. Hon immediately began Step 4 (Shadow Patrol) with FTO Rohlicek. Sgt. Berg and K-9 Dak completed bi-monthly canine training at Evergreen Park Community High School. The shift successfully completed the March 2015 Police Law Institute online training on: Investigatory Stops; Eavesdropping; Citizens Utilizing Recording Devices; Police Video-Recording of Criminal Activity; Line-Up Identifications (Right to Counsel During Live Line-Up); and Admissibility of Post-Crime Identification Testimony.

## **INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION ACTIVITIES**

**INVESTIGATIONS:** Inv. Wardlaw and Inv. Andries processed the crime scene of a Commercial Burglary at the McNeal Clinic, 125 N La Grange Rd. There was no forced entry. Stolen was a lap top computer, a television and narcotics.

An arrest warrant was obtained for a LaGrange man for obstructing two police officers on January 26, 2015. The offender was subsequently arrested in his home by La Grange Officers with the assistance of the Illinois State Police.

**OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY:** Inv. Wardlaw and Inv. Andries both attended the LGBA meeting at Palmers. Inv Andries began teaching the DARE program at Spring Ave School.

**TRAINING:** Inv. Andries and Inv. Wardlaw attended "Bulletproof Mind" by Lt. Grossman in Countryside.

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

The Auxiliary Unit volunteered 150 hours during the month of February and their time was spent conducting house checks, street lights out lists and various patrol duties.

The Part-time Officers made 27 traffic stops which included 1 Driving While License Suspended/Revoked. Part-time Officers were also active during the month conducting directed traffic patrols and assisting the full-time officers where necessary.

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

The interview process has concluded for the position of Executive Director for consolidated dispatch. An offer will be made to the candidate selected sometime in April.

**PARKING DIVISION**

The parking division registered \$27,210 in parking fines through conventional payments, on-line payments, or collection efforts.

**SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES**

PATROL ACTIVITIES	March		March		2015	2014
	2015		2014		YTD	YTD
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	1,314		1,263		3,746	3,590
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	49		53		164	198
FELONY ARRESTS	1		0		4	3
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	7		10		13	22
DUI ARRESTS	1		3		2	8
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	50		43		134	142
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	86		108		238	295
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	200	678	292	903	2,149	2,343
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	478		611			
JUVENILE ARRESTS	1		1		2	1
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	9		10		17	28