

LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Memorandum

To: Robert J. Pilipiszyn, Village Manager
From: Chief Renee Strasser 
Date: March 9, 2016
Re: Monthly Report for February 2016



On February 17, 2016, Ofc. Irizarry provided Katie Baldwin and her LaGrange Daisy Scouts Troop #51370 a tour of the LaGrange Police Department. The tour concluded with a 20 minute presentation by Ofc. Irizarry regarding the responsibilities of a Police Officer and the various situations in which a Police Officer interacts with the people they serve.



MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS:

Ofc. McDermott spoke with complainant from the 300 block of S. Kensington in reference to him receiving three harassing phone calls since January of this year from the same offender. Ofc. McDermott identified the source of the calls, spoke to an involved party and calls have ceased.

Ofc. Nemecek, Ofc. McDermott and Sgt. Rohlicek responded to a residence in the 300 block of S. Kensington in reference to the complainant hearing suspicious noises at 2:30 AM possibly of someone being in the house without permission. Upon arrival it was determined the parent of the complainant was walking around the second floor getting ready for work.

Ofc. Nemecek and Sgt. Rohlicek responded to the 100 block of East Avenue in reference to a 17 year old juvenile that was a Minor Requiring Authoritative Intervention. The mother was willing to have her son move back with her in Florida. The grandmother offered to help make arrangements to have the 17 year old reunited with his mother.

Ofc. McDermott investigated a Violation of Order of Protection in the 300 block of East Franklin. The wife of the estranged husband claimed he previously battered her, so she obtained an emergency Order of Protection that he had not been served with. The estranged husband was not located on the property. The wife believed the estranged husband went into their garage and removed some of his belongings. The wife wanted to make sure the estranged husband was not waiting for her in the garage.

Ofc. McDermott investigated a missing 16 year old juvenile that is a habitual run away from the 100 block of Sawyer. Ofc. McDermott had made several attempts to locate the juvenile but was unsuccessful. The juvenile was entered into LEADS as missing.

Ofc. Andries investigated a report of a stolen bicycle from the 700 block of West Burlington Avenue. The bicycle was chained up to a tree near the train station. The bicycle and lock were discovered missing.

ARRESTS: Ofc.'s McDermott and Nemecek responded to a report of a subject inside the bathroom of a business on the 00 hundred block of LaGrange Road for over an hour. The employees were unable to make contact with the person in the bathroom. With the assistance of the Fire Department entry was gained to the bathroom. A 29 year old man from Chicago was sleeping on the bathroom floor and appeared to have recently injected himself with an unknown substance. Drug paraphernalia was found on the ground next to him. The subject was transported to the hospital. When he was released he was arrested and charged with one count of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and one count of Criminal Damage to Property.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY: The midnight shift completed 156 traffic contacts which included 2 Misdemeanor Traffic Arrest for Driving without a Valid License and investigated 2 property damage traffic accidents. Shift Officers issued 189 parking citations for overnight parking and other violations. Shift Officers conducted 93 Building/Business Premise Checks and Foot Patrols. Ofc. Andries began teaching the spring semester DARE course to 5th grade classes at St. John's, St. Cletus and Spring Ave. schools.

TRAINING: The shift successfully completed the February 2016 Police Law Institute online training along with the Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. In addition, Sgt. Rohlicek attended the Use of Force for Sergeants class which took place at the Niles Police Department.

DAY SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS: Attempted Theft by Deception (5), Death Investigation (3), Criminal Damage to Property (3), Assault (1), Burglary (1), Recovered Stolen property (1), Attempted Theft (1), Elder Abuse (1), Burglary to Motor Vehicle (1), Attempt Burglary to Motor Vehicle (1), Identity Theft (1)

During a single tour of duty, Officers responded to 4 Attempted Theft by Deception cases in the 900 block S Spring, the 200 block of S. Edgewood, the 400 block S Spring and the 1400 block W Hillgrove. In each incident an unknown offender purported themselves to be from the IRS and demanded money. Our victims did not fall for the scam.

Officer Wolf took a Burglary case in the 500 block S Park, in which materials were taken from the church as well as some damage caused by unknown offender(s). The case is still under investigation.

Officer Kang handled a Recovered Stolen Property case in the 500 block S Madison, in which a decorative lawn ornament was recovered from the Complainant. Officer Kang remembered the property from a previous theft case and returned the property to the owner. There are no suspects.

Officer Fulla observed an Attempted Theft case at La Grange and Elm in which, on his way to work, he observed a juvenile attempting to steal a street marker sign. The juvenile was released to his parents without charges.

Officer Fulla is managing an Elder Abuse case in the 400 block S Brainard.

Officer Moncivais investigated a Burglary to Motor Vehicle case at Ashland and Hillgrove in which unknown offender(s) entered an unlocked vehicle and had taken several items.

Sgt Cimbalista took a report of a Criminal Damage to Property case in the 00 block N La Grange in which two tires were damaged in a parking lot by unknown offender(s).

Sgt Cimbalista investigated an Attempted Burglary to Motor Vehicle case in the 300 block W Burlington, in which offender(s) attempted to gain entry to a locked vehicle, causing severe damage to the vehicle. The incident is under investigation.

Sgt Cimbalista responded to a Criminal Damage to Property case in the 300 block W Burlington in which unknown offender(s) damaged a vehicle with a ball-bearing type object. The incident is under investigation.

Sgt Berg handled an Identity Theft case in the 400 block 7th in which the Complainant received a letter in the mail from the IRS stating that someone had used their information to file their taxes.

Officer Hon investigated a Theft by Deception case in the 00 block S Ashland in which unknown offender(s) claimed to be the Complainant's grandson and in need of money for an emergency. There was a monetary loss in the case.

ARRESTS: Officer Wolf arrested a 51 year old homeless man for Retail Theft after he stole alcohol from the Walgreens.

Officer Kang arrested an 18 year old man from Broadview on an active warrant for Domestic Battery.

Ofc. Hon arrested a 36 year old man from Brookfield for Theft and Endangering the Life of a Child after the man stole money from a local restaurant with his child waiting outside in a vehicle.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY: The Dayshift completed 72 traffic contacts which included 1 Misdemeanor Arrest for Driving While Under the Influence, 4 Misdemeanor Arrests for Driving While Suspended or Revoked, 1 Misdemeanor Arrest for Driving Without a Valid Driver's License and 13 Compliance Citations. Officers conducted 34 Community Contacts and 23 foot patrols, completed 25 crash reports, issued 10 parking citations and made 3 Warrant Arrests.

Dayshift officers provided traffic control for LTHS's annual All School Assembly. Day Shift Officers also conducted a station tour/fingerprinting demonstration for members of St Francis.

TRAINING: The shift successfully completed the February 2016 Police Law Institute online training along with the Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. Officer Wolf attended Meggitt Firearms Training along with NIPAS training. Sgt Berg attended K-9 Training. Sgt Cimbalista attended Driving Simulator Training

AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS: Investigative Case Reports taken this month included: Assault, Theft Under \$500, Aggravated Battery, Minor Requiring Authoritative Intervention, Animal Biting Person, Elderly Services (Well-being Check), Criminal Damage to Property (2), Telephone Harassment, Bicycle Theft, Resisting Arrest, Death Investigation, Domestic Trouble (4), Identity Theft (2), Burglary to Motor Vehicle, Sidewalk Fall Down, Suicidal Subject (2), Fraud.

S/L Comstock took an Assault report from an employee of a business located in 00 Block of South La Grange Road. A female reported on two prior occasions, a male co-worker verbally assaulted her while they were working at the restaurant, and she wished to have him spoken to about the incidents.

Ofc. Irizarry responded to the 00 Block of South Kensington Avenue in reference to a Dog Bite victim. A 48-year old male resident reported that he was bitten by his neighbor's German Shepard after he approached the dog on his neighbor's property. The bite victim was transported by LaGrange paramedics to Adventist La Grange Memorial hospital for treatment. Ofc. Irizarry completed a Cook County Animal/Rabies Control bite card.

Ofc. Irizarry along with Ofc. Kang investigated a case involving a Minor Requiring Authoritative Intervention (MRAI). A 13-year old Countryside student was brought to the station after refusing to go home to her residence after school. The officers, both state-certified Juvenile Officers, immediately took the female into protective custody and contacted an agent from the Pillars Crisis Intervention team. The female was successfully placed in the care of a close relative, with the approval of both of her parents.

Sgt. Wardlaw responded to the 300 Block of Bluff Avenue to take a Criminal Damage to Motor Vehicle report. A resident reported that an unknown offender had placed a metal pipe into the exhaust tail pipe of her car. Wardlaw, along with Ofc. Irizarry removed, photographed, and processed the metal pipe for latent fingerprints. The case is currently pending results from the Illinois State Police Crime Lab.

S/L Comstock responded to the 900 Block of South 8th Avenue in reference to a Child Custody dispute. A resident reported that her 10-year old son's father was in violation of their agreed upon visitation with their child. The woman called a few hours later to report that her son had been returned and wanted the incident documented as a matter of record.

ARRESTS: Ofc. Burrell, along with Ofc. Irizarry and Sgt. Odom arrested 56-year old Chicago man for two counts of Aggravated Battery to a Peace Officer and one count of Felony Resisting Arrest after officers responded to the Stone Avenue Train Station to assist Metra commuter train conductors with the removal of a disruptive passenger, who had also not paid the proper fare. During the incident, the offender fought with the police, causing injury to two responding officers. The man was subsequently taken into custody, charged, and processed without further incident.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY: The Afternoon shift completed 92 traffic contacts which included 4 Misdemeanor Traffic Arrests for Driving While License Suspended/Revoked. Officers completed 26 crash reports (1 Personal Injury) and issued 3 parking citations. Shift Officers conducted 24 Building/Business Premise Checks and Foot Patrols.

Sgt. Odom attended the 18th annual Founder's Day Banquet hosted by the Davis Memorial AME Church. The guest speaker was Reverend Michael B. Henderson (2nd Baptist Church) and an Official Village of LaGrange Proclamation was read by LaGrange Trustee David McCarty.

TRAINING: The shift successfully completed the February 2016 Police Law Institute online training along with the Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. Sgt. Wardlaw attended a course entitled Use of Force for Sergeants and Lieutenants. S/L Comstock attended a two-day Patrol Officer in Charge class. Officer Rogers attended a course entitled Anti-Gang Strategies.

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS: Inv. Uher conducted a follow-up investigation in regards to a Theft over \$500 that occurred at the OPUS construction site.

Inv. Uher conducted a follow-up investigation in regards to a Theft under \$500 that occurred at Lyons Township High School North Campus. Inv. Uher learned the missing cell phone had been located by the school in the lost and found, and was subsequently returned to the owner.

Inv. Coleman conducted a follow-up investigation in regards to an Armed Robbery that occurred near Cossitt Ave and Waiola Ave. Inv. Coleman conducted several photo line-ups with the victims, in an attempt to identify offenders. Surveillance video was obtained from the area. Investigators activated M.C.A.T., to assist with surveillance of affected areas of La Grange and La Grange Park.

Inv. Uher and Inv. Coleman assisted the Afternoon Shift with processing a crime scene in regards to a Hit and Run accident of village property at LaGrange Rd and Elm Ave. Evidence collected from the scene was sent to the ISP laboratory and analysis determined evidence collected matched a known vehicle/driver suspected of driving under the influence.

Inv. Uher conducted a follow-up investigation in regards to a Burglary to St. John's Church School. Inv. Uher obtained surveillance video of two offenders entering and leaving the facility unlawfully. Inv. Uher and Inv. Coleman conducted surveillance of the facility in an attempt to catch the offenders in the act, with negative results.

Inv. Coleman conducted a follow-up investigation in regards to Child Pornography that occurred in the 00 block of Sawyer Ave. Inv. Coleman and Inv. Uher conducted initial interviews and learned that a sexual assault may have also occurred. Case is still under investigation.

Inv. Coleman investigated an Attempted Unlawful Use of a Credit Card that occurred in 500 block of S. Madison Ave. Inv. Coleman learned an unknown person was sending text messages to the victim's work cell, in an attempt to trick the victim into charging a large sum of money to a unknown credit card. The unknown person then wanted the victim to send a portion of the money back. The victim did not fall for the scam.

Inv. Uher conducted a follow-up investigation in regards to a Home Repair Fraud that occurred in the 500 block of S. La Grange Rd. Inv. Uher is also coordinating with the Cook County Consumer Fraud Division, in regards to this case.

Inv. Uher conducted a follow-up investigation in regards to a Fraud that occurred at Radio Shack. Inv. Uher obtained still images from video surveillance of suspects, created a Critical Reach flier and disseminated the flier to local jurisdictions to assist with identification of the offender.

Inv. Uher received necessary completed documents in regards to juvenile Disorderly Conduct arrest where a juvenile offender was Informally Station Adjusted. Due to the completion of all tasks and time requirements, the case was closed.

Inv. Coleman conducted a follow-up investigation in regards to a Missing Habitual Runaway Juvenile that occurred in the 100 block of Sawyer Ave. Inv. Coleman is working on identifying who the minor associates with in order to locate him. Inv. Coleman is also in the process of documenting all instances of juvenile contact with the minor, in order to petition the minor to court in regards to a Minor Requiring Authoritative Intervention charge. Case pending.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY: Inv. Uher and Inv. Coleman attended the monthly M.C.A.T. meeting hosted by Hodgkins PD. Inv. Coleman also attended the LGBA monthly meeting along with Sgt. Cimbalista. Inv. Uher completed weekly Liaison work at Lyons Township High School North campus.

Inv. Uher and Inv. Coleman attended a Juvenile Sex Crimes major case review of two cases at the All Our Children Advocacy Center.

Inv. Uher and Inv. Coleman responded to Brookfield PD on an M.C.A.T. callout in regards to a Homicide. Inv. Uher also responded to Lyons PD in regards to a Home Invasion.

TRAINING: Inv. Uher and Inv. Coleman successfully completed the February 2016 Police Law Institute online training. Inv. Uher and Inv. Coleman attended Juvenile Sex Crimes procedural training at the All Our Children Advocacy Center.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

The TYCO representatives were in attendance at the LTACC's Operations Board meeting to discuss the processes necessary to move forward with the relocation of head end equipment as it relates to the LTACC buildout and the monitoring of wireless alarms. Attorney Mike Jurusik is developing one alarm ordinance for all three municipalities.

E/D Knutsen has been in communication with the E/D of WSCDC and they are in the process of drafting a Memo of Understanding for the back-up plan between the two respective consolidated centers.

AUXILIARY AND PART-TIME POLICE UNITS

The Auxiliary Unit volunteered 130 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 36 traffic contacts in which 11 traffic citations were issued. They were also active during the month conducting directed traffic patrols and assisting the full-time officers where necessary.

PARKING DIVISION

The parking division registered \$26,825 in parking fines through conventional payments, on-line payments, or collection efforts. P/E/Os Hannon and Kotrba continued to serve as school crossing guards.

TRUCK ENFORCEMENT

| February 2016 | 7-3 | 3-11 | 11-7 | TOTAL |
|--------------------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Total # Of Traffic Stops | 7 | 2 | 0 | 9 |
| Stop Cards/Warnings | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Compliance Citations | 3 | 7 | 0 | 10 |
| State Citations | 9 | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| Trucks Weighed | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Truck Inspections | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Non-Designated Violations | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Safety Violations | 5 | 3 | 0 | 8 |
| State/Local/Admin. Violations | 8 | 4 | 0 | 12 |
| Lane Violations (LaGrange Rd) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

| PATROL ACTIVITIES | February | | February | | 2016 | 2015 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----|-----------------|-----|-------------|-------------|
| | 2016 | | 2015 | | YTD | YTD |
| NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN | 1,411 | | 1,176 | | 2,727 | 2,432 |
| ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN | 47 | | 64 | | 99 | 115 |
| FELONY ARRESTS | 1 | | 2 | | 2 | 3 |
| MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS | 4 | | 2 | | 8 | 6 |
| DUI ARRESTS | 1 | | 1 | | 4 | 1 |
| WARRANT ARRESTS | 2 | | * | | 4 | * |
| TRAFFIC VERBAL WARNINGS | 186 | | * | | 362 | * |
| COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED | 37 | | 40 | | 92 | 84 |
| TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED | 42 | | 80 | | 68 | 152 |
| PARKING TICKETS - by Officers | 202 | 642 | 231 | 623 | 1,492 | 1,471 |
| PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div. | 440 | | 392 | | | |
| JUVENILE ARRESTS | 2 | | 1 | | 7 | 1 |
| PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP | 11 | | 5 | | 20 | 8 |

* DATA NOT REPORTED IN 2015, NEW CATEGORY FOR 2016