

LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Memorandum



To: Robert J. Pilipiszyn, Village Manager
From: Chief Renee Strasser *RS*
Date: April 13, 2016
Re: Monthly Report for March 2016

On March 14, 2016 Sergeant Wardlaw and Officer Burrell provided a tour of the LaGrange Police Department to the LaGrange Cub Scout Pack #3. At the end of the tour, Sergeant Wardlaw and Officer Burrell, both Illinois State Certified Evidence Technicians, took the time to demonstrate how to locate evidence at a crime scene, how to collect that evidence, and how to properly package the evidence for submission to the Illinois State Police Laboratory. Members of the Cub Scout Pack then took turns dusting paper for latent prints.



On March 19, 2016, LaGrange's D.A.R.E. Officer Tim Andries attended D.A.R.E. Day at Toyota Park with his 5th Grade D.A.R.E. students and their parents to cheer on the Chicago Fire vs. Columbus Crew SC.



MIDNIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS: Ofc. Andries, Ofc. Nemecek, Ofc. McDermott and Sgt. Rohlicek responded to the 100 block of Bluff Ave. for a domestic disturbance between a male subject and his girlfriend. The subjects got into a verbal argument. Peace was restored and the male subject voluntarily left the residence to stay with friends for the night. Domestic violence information/forms were provided to both subjects.

Ofc. McDermott and Sgt. Rohlicek responded to a healthcare/rehabilitation center in the 4700 block of S. Willow Springs Rd. for the well-being check of an elderly female subject. Earlier in the day the subject had been transferred from a hospital to the center for rehabilitative services and claimed that while being

transferred to her bed at the center, a nurse stepped on her toe causing injury. An investigation revealed that the subject's feet never touched the ground and the toe had been injured prior to her arrival at the center. The injured toe had been documented by the admitting nurse. Case unfounded.

Ofc. Nemecek and Ofc. McDermott responded to the 500 block of S. Catherine Ave. for the male teenage juvenile subject who was refusing to go to school. Officers talked to the teenager and parents and afterwards, the teenager agreed to go to school.

Ofc. Nemecek, Ofc. Andries and Sgt. Rohlicek responded to the 300 block of Bluff Ave. for a domestic disturbance between husband and wife. A verbal altercation ensued over a pending divorce. Peace was restored and the husband left the residence for the evening. Subjects were provided domestic violence information/forms.

Ofc. Nemecek, Ofc. McDermott and Sgt. Rohlicek responded to the theft incident in the 500 block of S. 7th Ave, in which a male subject was seen taking mail from the complainant/resident's mailbox. A male subject fitting the suspect's description was located a short distance from the complainant/victim's house and found to have in his possession mail from the victim's address and mail from several other LaGrange addresses. The male subject was positively identified by the victim in a show-up, taken into custody and transported to this P.D. The case is under investigation by the U.S. Postal Service Inspectors.

While on patrol, Ofc. McDermott located a suspicious occupied parked vehicle near the intersection of 47th/East Ave. The vehicle was occupied by a male subject and female subject. Upon approach and making contact with the occupants, the officer detected the strong odor of cannabis inside the vehicle. Consent to search the vehicle was given, and a small amount of cannabis and drug/cannabis paraphernalia (metal grinder, glass pipe, "roaches") were located. The subjects were subsequently released without charges and the contraband items were confiscated for destruction.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY: The midnight shift completed 149 traffic contacts which included 1 Misdemeanor Traffic Arrest for No Valid Driver's License and investigated 1 personal injury traffic accident, and 1 property damage traffic accident. Shift Officers issued 306 parking citations for overnight parking and other violations. Shift Officers conducted 92 Building/Business Premise Checks and Foot Patrols.

Ofc. McDermott and Ofc. Nemecek participated in the "Colors Run" with police trainees at the Cook County Sheriff's Police Training Academy. Ofc. Andries continued teaching the spring semester DARE course to 5th grade classes at St. John's, St. Cletus and Spring Ave. schools. He also taught a special class on Cyberstalking, Internet and Social Media Safety issues to the 6th grade classes at Spring Ave. School.

TRAINING: The shift successfully completed the March 2016 Police Law Institute online training along with the Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. In addition, Ofc. Andries, Ofc. McDermott and Ofc. Nemecek completed the Rapid Deployment/Active Shooter training exercise at Lyons Township High School-South Campus. Sgt. Ljubenko and D/C Peters attended the quarterly FBI Terrorism Liaison Officer Committee (TLOC) meeting/training held at Moraine Valley Community College and Ofc. Andries completed the 3-day Breath Analysis Operator/Technician certification course held at North Aurora P.D.

DAY SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS: Theft (6), Death Investigation (1), Missing Person (1), Criminal Defacement of Property (2), Identity Theft (2), Forgery (2), Criminal Trespass (3), Retail Theft (1), Theft of Services (1), Unlawful Use of Credit Card (2), Burglary (1), Telephone Harassment (1), Computer Fraud (1).

On March 2nd, 3rd and 7th, the Dayshift Officers responded to the theft of UPS and FedEx packages from three (3) resident's front porches.

Officer Fulla is managing a Forgery case in the 00 block S. La Grange, in which a forged check was cashed from the business in another jurisdiction.

Sgt Cimbalista took an Unlawful Use of Credit Card/ID Theft case in the 800 block S Ashland, in which the victim's credit card was unlawfully used in another jurisdiction. Officer Kang took an ID Theft case in the 00 block N Edgewood, in which the victim's credit card was unlawfully used in another jurisdiction

Officer Kang responded to a Theft report in the 100 block S Brainard, in which a cellular telephone was stolen from a locker.

Officer Kang and Sgt. Cimbalista investigated two Thefts in the 00 block S La Grange in which Tax documents were stolen from the victims. The documents were ultimately returned.

Officer Kang took a Burglary report in the 400 block S Spring in which a firearm was stolen from a garage.

Officer Kang managed a Telephone Harassment case in the 300 block Bluff in which the victim was being harassed by an ex-boyfriend.

Officer Kang responded to a Theft of Services case in the 00 block E Plainfield in which a subject failed to pay the store for services. Restitution was ultimately made.

Officer Kang investigated a Criminal Defacement of Property case in which unknown subject(s) drew on the sidewalk with spray paint. He also handled a second Criminal Defacement of Property case in the 600 block S Edgewood in which unknown offender(s) wrote graffiti on a utility box.

Officer Fulla is investigating a Computer Fraud case in the 300 block E Burlington, in which computer "tampering" is suspected.

Officer Wolf took an ID Theft report in the 300 block S Edgewood in which credit cards had been opened in the victim's name in another jurisdiction.

Officer Kang responded to a Retail Theft case in the 00 block S La Grange in which candy was stolen by an unknown adult offender.

Officer Wolf handled an Unlawful Use of Credit Card case in the 800 block S Madison in which the victim's credit card was used to make fraudulent purchases in another jurisdiction.

Officer Kang apprehended offenders in a Forgery case in the 00 block N La Grange in which the offenders used a forged "script" to attempt to obtain prescription medication. Neither the store nor doctor wished to pursue the case in criminal court.

ARRESTS: On March 15th and then again on March 20th, Officers Fulla and Kang arrested a 54 year old man, a longtime LaGrange resident who is currently homeless, for Criminal Trespass to Property. The offender was located on property after he had been given prior warning not to return.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY: The Dayshift completed 111 traffic contacts which included 12 Misdemeanor Arrests for Driving While Suspended or Revoked, 4 Misdemeanor Arrest for Driving Without a Valid Driver's License and 15 Compliance Citations. Officers conducted 43 Community Contacts and 43 foot patrols, completed 19 crash reports, issued 7 parking citations and made 2 Warrant Arrests. Dayshift officers provided traffic control for LTHS's annual All School Assembly. Day Shift Officers also served as school crossing guards on 5 occasions.

In March, Day Shift conducted a tour/lunch for a raffle winner from a Leader Shop fundraiser.

TRAINING: The shift successfully completed the March 2016 Police Law Institute online training along with the Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. Officer Wolf attended the Less Lethal Executive Forum along with NIPAS training. Sgt Berg and his partner DAK participated in K-9 Training. Officers Kang and Hon attended Rapid Deployment training. Ofc. Kang attended a Law Enforcement Ethics training course.

AFTERNOON SHIFT ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS: Investigative Case Reports taken this month included: Battery, Disorderly Conduct, Criminal Damage to Motor Vehicle (3), Child Pornography, Aggravated Assault (2), Suicidal Subject, Domestic Trouble (5), Missing Person Located, Burglary to Motor Vehicle, Identity Theft (5), Criminal Damage to Property (2), Theft Under \$500, Sidewalk Fall Down.

Ofc. Burrell investigated a report of a Missing Elderly male subject who resides in the 00 Block of Dover Avenue. The male was reported to have last been seen at the residence, but was believed to have been traveling to the Oak Park area. The man was eventually located in Joliet after having a minor vehicle accident. He was returned to his family unharmed.

Ofc. Irizarry and Inv. Uher took a report of Child Pornography (Cyber-Bullying) after it was reported (third party) that a female juvenile from LaGrange may have posted partially nude photos of another female juvenile classmate on a social media web-site. Upon searching the suspect's personal page on the site, the picture(s) appeared to have been removed.

Ofc. Wessendorf responded to the police department lobby to take a Criminal Damage to Motor Vehicle report. A resident who lives in the 900 Block of West 41st Street reported that he located several pry marks on his company vehicle around the windows and door frame(s).

S/L Comstock observed and reported damage to one of the metal protective bollard posts at the LaGrange Road Train Depot. The four-foot metal post was knocked over by unknown means. There are several posts at the stations which are used to provide an extra barrier of protection to the commuters on the platform, from vehicle traffic. The bollard was immediately replaced by Village's Public Works Department.

Ofc. Rogers took a Battery report involving two female juvenile students at Lyons Township High School (North Campus). It was reported that the two students were involved in a physical fight inside the school in which they were considered to be mutual combatants, with neither suffering any injuries.

Ofc. Falls, along with FTO Irizarry and Sgt. Wardlaw responded to the LaGrange Road Depot in reference to a suicidal male subject standing on the railroad tracks. After locating the 40 year old man from Chicago, he admitted to responding officers he in fact had been sitting on the tracks and he was depressed. Officers contacted LaGrange FD paramedics who responded to provide initial treatment and transport to LaGrange Hospital for further evaluation.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY: The Afternoon shift completed 122 traffic contacts which included 2 Misdemeanor Traffic Arrests for Driving While License Suspended/Revoked. Officers completed 26 crash reports (3 Personal Injury) and issued 3 parking citations. Shift Officers conducted 58 Building/Business Premise Checks and Foot Patrols.

TRAINING: The shift successfully completed the March 2016 Police Law Institute online training on: Use of Force – Stopping a Driver to Prevent Escape, Pointing a Firearm at a Suspect, Qualified Immunity, and Prompt Judicial Determination after a Warrantless Arrest. Sergeant Wardlaw attended phase-1 of the Effective Police Supervision Course conducted in Springfield, Illinois. Officer Irizarry completed the 3-Day Breath Analysis Operator Course given at the North Aurora Police Department. Squad Leader Comstock along with Officers Wessendorf and Irizarry completed the Rapid Deployment Training Course conducted at the Western Springs Police Department. Squad Leader Comstock attended the Soft-Target Hardening Training Course conducted at the College of DuPage, Homeland Security Education Center.

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION ACTIVITIES

INVESTIGATIONS: Investigative case reports taken/followed up on this month include: Disorderly Conduct (1), Unlawful Use of a Credit Card (1), Armed Robbery (1), Juvenile in Possession of Cannabis (1), Juvenile in Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (1), Home Repair Fraud (1), Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault (1), Child Pornography (2), Theft of Mail/Parcel (4), Missing Habitual Runaway Juvenile (1), Aggravated Assault (1), and Identity Thefts reference Credit Card Skimming (4)

Inv. Uher conducted follow-up investigation into a Disorderly Conduct case that occurred in the 700 block of S. Ashland Ave. Inv. Uher obtained Grand Jury Subpoena's seeking records to identify the offender involved in the incident.

Inv. Uher conducted a follow-up investigation into an Unlawful Use of a Credit Card case that occurred in the 00 block of S. LaGrange Rd. A suspect has been identified and an additional victim

Inv. Coleman conducted follow-up interviews into an Armed Robbery case that occurred near Cossitt Ave and Waiola Ave.

Inv. Uher continued his investigation into a Home Repair Fraud case that occurred in the 500 block of S. LaGrange Rd. The offender was positively identified and an arrest warrant has been obtained.

Inv. Uher conducted an investigation into an Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse case that occurred in the 400 block of S. Blackstone more than 20 years ago.

Inv. Coleman conducted additional follow-up investigation into a Child Pornography case that occurred in the 00 block of Sawyer Ave.

Inv. Uher conducted follow-up investigation into four Theft of Mail/Parcel cases occurring in the Village of LaGrange. The case has been turned over to the US. Postal Service, Postal Inspectors.

Inv. Uher conducted follow-up investigation into an Aggravated Assault case that occurred in 100 block of W. Cossitt Ave. Inv. Uher coordinated with local schools and identified all juvenile parties involved. After speaking with all juvenile parties involved, Inv. Uher determined criminal charges were not warranted, due to conflicting accounts of what transpired during the incident, as well as a lack of evidence.

Inv. Uher conducted follow-up investigation into four Identity Thefts (Credit Card Skimming) cases that occurred in the Village of LaGrange. Inv. Uher learned the crimes were being committed by a group of individuals that are currently being look at by the U.S. Secret Service. Inv. Uher is actively cooperating with the U.S. Secret Service in order to build a larger federal case.

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY: Inv. Uher attended the monthly M.C.A.T. meeting hosted by Brookfield PD. Inv. Uher completed weekly Liaison work at Lyons Township High School North campus. Inv. Uher and Inv. Coleman responded to Western Springs PD on an M.C.A.T. callout in regards to assistance with search warrants. Inv. Coleman attended a case review at the A.O.C.A.C in regards to a Child Pornography investigation that occurred in the 00 block of Sawyer Ave.

TRAINING: Inv. Uher and Coleman successfully completed the March 2016 Police Law Institute online training. Inv. Uher attended a one day Juvenile Homicide Training class required by S.S.M.C.T. Inv. Coleman attended a three day John Reid Technique of Interview and Interrogation training class. Additionally Inv. Coleman attended a week long basic Crime Scene Technician training class. Inv. Uher also attended a one day training class on Financial Exploitation of the Elderly.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

All Telecommunicators completed the Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers distance learning portion (Part-1) on-line in preparation for Emergency Medical Dispatch with LTACC.

E/D Knutsen submitted LTACC's ISP Grant Application to the 9-1-1 Advisory Board for consideration. Meanwhile, the GIS and CAD committees are building the new CAD system, and Wold Architects are working on the final design and construction for the new dispatch center. The plan is to begin construction in July.

AUXILIARY AND PART-TIME POLICE UNITS

The Auxiliary Unit volunteered 92 hours during the month of February and their time was spent conducting house checks, street lights out lists and various patrol duties. On March 5, 2016, Aux. Dir. Liotta assisted Countryside PD with their St. Patrick's Day Parade.

The Part-time Officers made 31 traffic contacts in which 18 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 \$20,759 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

March 2016	7-3 SHIFT	3-11 SHIFT	11-7 SHIFT	TOTAL
Total # Of Traffic Stops	9	12	0	21
Stop Cards/Warnings	2	1	0	3
Compliance Citations	7	13	0	20
State Citations	7	0	0	7
Trucks Weighed	0	0	0	0
Truck Inspections	0	0	0	0
Non-Designated Violations	0	0	0	0
Safety Violations	6	3	0	9
State/Local/Admin. Violations	8	11	0	19
Lane Violations (LaGrange Rd)	3	0	0	3

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

PATROL ACTIVITIES	March		March		2016	2015
	2016		2015		YTD	YTD
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	1,378		1,314		4,105	3,746
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	50		49		149	164
FELONY ARRESTS	0		1		2	4
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	3		7		11	13
DUI ARRESTS	0		1		4	2
WARRANT ARRESTS	2		*		6	*
TRAFFIC VERBAL WARNINGS	172		*		534	*
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	52		50		144	134
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	68		86		136	238
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	317	828	200	678	2,320	2,149
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	511		478			
JUVENILE ARRESTS	0		1		7	2
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	7		9		27	17

* DATA NOT REPORTED IN 2015, NEW CATEGORY FOR 2016