

## **La Grange, Illinois**

# **The Village Spokesman**

**March 2009**

### **Auxiliary Police Unit**

Please join in a salute to the men and women who comprise our Auxiliary Police Unit. It is an all volunteer unit, whose purpose is to supplement and enhance the operation of the La Grange Police Department. Most auxiliary officers are civilians with a strong interest, background or training in law enforcement, criminal justice or a related field.

During 2008, the Auxiliary Police Unit contributed over 2,700 hours of time — that is a full-time equivalent of one and one-third career police officers.

All of our special events (whether Village-sponsored or community-based) are supported primarily by our Police Auxiliary Unit. Events like the Pet Parade, West End Art Fair, bike rodeo and community 5K runs would not be possible without their assistance. The work of these Auxiliary Officers: (i) frees up regular duty officers for patrol duties, (ii) saves the Village overtime expenses and (iii) results in far fewer requests for aid from neighboring departments to assist with our many events.

Our Auxiliary Police Officers also support regular duty officers by participating in patrols (car, foot, bike and segway); conducting community-oriented policing services such as checking homes on vacation watch; and reporting unsafe conditions such as inoperable streetlights.

What is truly remarkable is that almost all of our Auxiliary Police Officers are non-residents. These are citizens from other communities volunteering their time and talents to serve the residents and businesses of La Grange.

A current roster of our Auxiliary Police Officers and their corresponding years of service is provided below:

- Director Jim Liotta 17
- Patrolman William Marco 5
- Sergeant Lou Berardi 30
- Patrolman Adam Coleman 3
- Sergeant Robert P. Grimm 9
- Patrolman Norman Francis 1.5
- Sergeant John Hannon 5
- Patrolman Thomas Perfect 1.5
- Patrolman Jerry Mastalarz 13
- Patrolman Alex Avalos 1
- Patrolman Anthony Bucaro 9

- Patrolman Sean Walsh 1
- Patrolman James Ward 9

The Village of LaGrange salutes each of our Auxiliary Police Officers, and is sincerely grateful for their dedicated public service to the citizens of La Grange.

**"Spring Clean-Up" Day Reminder**

Spring Clean-Up will be held the week of April 6, 2009, on your regular collection day only. Residents are required to affix three stickers in total to the unlimited household refuse set out for collection. For additional information, please visit the Village's website at [www.villageoflagrange.com](http://www.villageoflagrange.com) or contact the Village Manager's office at 708-579-2315.

**Allied Waste Rate Increase**

Effective May 1, 2009, the cost of a general refuse sticker and yard waste sticker for La Grange residents will increase by 20¢, from \$3.50 to \$3.70. The cost of the totter service will remain the same at \$26.25 per month. This is a scheduled price increase pursuant to a five-year contract between the Village of La Grange and Allied Waste approved in 2007.