

LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Memorandum



To: Robert J. Pilipiszyn, Village Manager

From: Michael A. Holub, Chief of Police

Date: March 12, 2014

Re: Monthly Report for February 2014

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

We offer our congratulations to another one of our police officers who retired this month. Ofc. Ken Cozen served as a Patrol Officer and Investigator during his 25 year career. Most recently he was a member of the Day Shift. We are grateful for his service and we wish him well in the next phase of his life! Thanks for helping to keep the Village of La Grange safe, Ken!



MIDNIGHT SHIFT

The Midnight Shift handled a multitude of calls to include more than 90 building checks, 101 traffic stops, 21 citations, and completing regular overnight parking enforcement. They also handled the cases listed below:

- Squad Leader Uher and Ofc. Coleman apprehended an offender involved in a stabbing for Brookfield PD.
- Squad Leader Uher and Ofc. Coleman arrested a 34-year-old male for driving under the influence, possession of hypodermic needles, and drug paraphernalia after finding the offender slumped over in the vehicle.
- Sgt. Peters and Ofc. Herrera arrested a 32-year-old women for driving under the influence after she drove off the roadway into a snow bank getting her vehicle stuck.
- Ofc. Comstock investigated a domestic battery case but upon locating the suspect, and subsequent interview by Ofc. Uher, no charges were accepted due to lack of evidence and an uncooperative victim.
- Ofc. Coleman and Squad Leader Uher investigated an aggravated battery case at the emergency room of La Grange Memorial Hospital after a psychiatric patient kicked an attending nurse as she provided care. No charges were pursued due to the mental status of the suspect and at the request of victim.
- Ofc Coleman and Squad Leader Uher arrested a 25-year-old male for driving while suspended. A search of the offender lead to the discovery that the offender was also in possession of handcuffs, handcuff keys, a collapsible baton, and an airsoft pistol missing its orange safety tip.
- Ofc. Irizarry and Squad Leader Uher responded to a domestic battery/criminal damage call between a boyfriend and girlfriend. The domestic battery report was unfounded and the criminal damage case was closed because of conflicting accounts of how the damage actually occurred.

DAY SHIFT ACTIVITIES

Investigative case files taken on the Day Shift for February include:

- Two reports of burglary to a motor vehicle one in the 800 block of S. 8th Avenue and the second in the zero hundred block of E. 51st Street
- A criminal damage to property report at La Grange and 49th
- A complaint of criminal trespass to property at 10 W. Cossitt was reported and a complaint was signed
- An incident involving disorderly conduct in the 200 block of S. Kensington
- An injury from a fall on Village property at Calendar and Ashland
- Found property at Ashland and Ogden
- A case involving forgery in the 1000 block of W. Hillgrove
- The Day Shift investigated several fraud cases (unrelated to one another) in the zero hundred block of N. Park, in the zero hundred block of N. Dover, in the zero hundred block of N. Gilbert, in the 200 block of S. Sunset, and in the 300 block of E. Calendar. These were attempts to con our residents through phone scams or Email and none of were successful.
- A hit and run property damage auto accident (car hit a house) in the 300 block of E. Cossitt
- A juvenile case at Ogden and Park
- Possession of drug paraphernalia at Lyons Township High School
- A theft case in the zero hundred block of N. Dover

The Day Shift also participated in several special assignments and they are included below:

- As part of our on-going safety initiatives with schools, “lock down drills” were conducted at St. Cletus School, Spring Avenue School, Gurrie Junior High, Seventh Avenue School, and Ogden Avenue School.
- The Shift conducted a tour of the department for Cub Scouts From Ogden Avenue School
- Sgt. Berg and DAK assisted Berwyn Police with a search at Morton West High School.

AFTERNOON SHIFT

The following arrests were made on the Afternoon Shift during the month of February:

- Improper use of registration (phony registration sticker).
- Retail theft, stealing phone from AT&T store with a foot chase.
- Two warrant arrests for suspended driver’s license.
- A driver was arrested for felony drug possession (Cocaine).
- A grandfather was arrested for driving under the influence and also for endangering the life of a child (his passenger).
- A felony charge for resisting arrest, and an officer was injured. The same arrest included misdemeanor possession of drugs and a minor in possession of alcohol.
- A car parked improperly at a Handicapped spot resulted in an arrest for a suspended drivers license, possession of cannabis, and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- An arrest was made for a subject who had been served with a notice not to trespass in the parking garage. The subject was causing a disturbance and arrested for disorderly conduct and trespassing to state supported land.

The Afternoon Shift handled 30 traffic accident reports that were property damage, only 5 which were hit and run, but none of the accidents involved injuries. During one of the snow storms the shift handled eight traffic accidents including two with village vehicles. One driver reported that a snow plow struck her vehicle, however the damage did not appear consistent with statement.

AFTERNOON SHIFT *(continued)*

The shift made 129 traffic stop and issued 71 State Citations, and 24 Compliance citations.

Other activities on the Afternoon Shift in February are listed below:

- A candidate running in the upcoming election was cautioned about riding in a truck and sounding an air horn while shining a spot light onto pedestrians and moving vehicles.
- Ofc. Wolf searched for a lost dog (walking through the snow) after checking numerous yards he found the dog and took it home. It was a small dog and due to the extreme cold it would not have survived much longer. The grateful resident sent a thank you note to Ofc. Wolf which was shared at roll call.
- A complainant advised she located her stolen vehicle in another town.
- The shift handled a report and placement for a student who needed intervention and placement to insure her safety.

As mentioned previously, there are also attempts to take advantage of people in creative ways. Phone scams and Email are prevalent but in some cases as people are filing their taxes they are being informed someone else has already filed a return with their name and social security number. Although we are aware of 3 such reports, none of the people were fooled or deceived.

TRAINING

- Inv. Wardlaw attended training for a two day class on “Technologies Utilized against Police and Prosecutors.”
- Sgt. Berg and DAK participated in three separate K-9 training scenarios
- Sgt. Berg also attended a class entitled Response To School Violence
- Ofc. Comstock attended a training class entitled Response to School Violence.
- All Shift members also completed Lexipol daily bulletins and Police Law training.

PART-TIME AND AUXILIARY POLICE

Collectively the members of the Auxiliary Unit contributed 101 hours of service to the Village during the month of February which included time spent conducting House Checks, Light Lists and Patrol duties. Meanwhile, the members of the Part-time Police unit continued with their focus on traffic and pedestrian safety, and assisting officers when needed. This has been especially beneficial with shift shortages due to extended leaves of absence and four retirements in three months.

OTHER PATROL ACTIVITIES

For a second month weather has had an impact on our services. All three shifts worked in the record-setting freezing temperatures and snow storms. It is difficult to be out in the subzero temperatures taking accident reports and assisting motorists, or investigating possible criminal activity. As mentioned previously it was done with minimal staffing due to extended leaves of absence and four retirements in three months.

On the following page is a chart showing other police activities.

Parking violations were significantly higher as compared to last February and slightly higher than in January of this year. Fines collected for February are once again significant and we collected \$49,552.38 in fines for various offenses. We attribute this to more efficient tracking of tickets with our new parking ticket management program.

PATROL ACTIVITIES	February		February		2014	2013
	2014		2013		YTD	YTD
NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN	1,191		1,225		2,327	2,480
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN	73		36		145	92
FELONY ARRESTS	1		1		3	2
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	8		4		12	13
DUI ARRESTS	5		1		5	2
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS ISSUED	39		54		99	107
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	108		105		187	175
PARKING TICKETS - by Officers	328	805	150	432	1,440	1,122
PARKING TICKETS - by Parking Div.	477		282			
JUVENILE ARRESTS	0		1		0	3
PRISONERS HELD IN LOCK-UP	12		5		18	12