



# LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT  
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Honorable Elizabeth Asperger, Village President  
and Board of Trustees  
Village of La Grange, Illinois

Dear President Asperger:

I am pleased to submit to you and the Board of Trustees, the Annual Report of the La Grange Police Department for 2008. This report is intended for you and the Board of Trustees, or other interested parties, who wish to review the activities of the Police Department, or to compare with prior Annual Reports. It is also prepared for those requesting information regarding the activities of the Police Department.

Many challenges arose in 2008 and we would not have been able to address them without the support of you and the entire Board.

This report is presented in several sections. The first is a summary of month by month activities. The remainder is a review of pertinent data and statistics regarding the activity levels.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael A. Holub".

Michael A. Holub  
Chief of Police



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## JANUARY

### CASE FILES

- The Day shift completed 26 case files, which included: 7 theft; 3 identity theft; 1 unlawful use of credit card; 2 battery; 3 criminal damage to motor vehicle; 1 burglary (commercial); 1 criminal damage to property; 1 computer tampering; 1 child neglect; 1 minor requiring authoritative intervention (runaway); 2 disorderly conduct; 1 burglary to motor vehicles; 1 attempt burglary to motor vehicle; 1 revoked drivers license (driving under the influence).
- Investigators Dave Rohlicek and Rob Wardlaw arrested four adults and one juvenile in connection with six vehicles that were damaged by BB's. Three of the adults live in Hodgkins, and one is from Countryside; the Juvenile lives in Lyons. We lodged a total of 19 misdemeanor complaints for criminal damage to property. The lone juvenile will be petitioned with 2 charges of Criminal Damage to Property in Juvenile court.
- Midnight Shift Squad Leader Steve Ljubenko concluded an investigation of criminal trespass to residence and harassment by telephone case, resulting in a warrant for the offender and with two signed criminal complaints in this occurrence.

### ARRESTS

- Ofc. Russ Chorley arrested Karl H. Stengel of Countryside for disorderly conduct. That morning, Stengel called Chase Bank at 14 S. LaGrange Rd. and stated he was on his way to the bank to shoot employees. According to bank personnel, Stengel was upset that the bank closed his account. Stengel was quickly apprehended at his residence in Countryside. No weapons were located.
- Ofc. Julie Burrell investigated a battery case involving a BB gun. In this incident a F/W juvenile was shot with a BB in the 700 block of 7<sup>th</sup> Ave while walking home from school.
- Sgt. Renee Strasser assisted Ofc. Julie Burrell and arrested one adult male and one juvenile male from La Grange for battery.
- Ofc. Julie Burrell investigated an unlawful use of credit card and identity theft case at Meadowbrook Manor located at 339 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. A resident had her credit card stolen and numerous unauthorized charges were made in La Grange and Chicago. Subsequent follow-up lead to the arrest of a Meadowbrook Manor employee from Maywood, by the name of Jetauna C. Freeman, who was charged with one count of theft.

- Ofc. Russ Chorley and Sgt. Tom Cimbalista responded to a report of someone shooting a BB gun from a second story window of a home in the 1300 block of W. 47<sup>th</sup> St. Their immediate response resulted in the apprehension of juvenile inside the residence along with the BB gun, cannabis, and drug paraphernalia. The juvenile offender had shot three pedestrians (all juveniles) who were walking past the house. Thankfully none of the victims was seriously injured. The offender was arrested on three counts of battery, one count of unlawful possession of cannabis and one count of unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Ofc. Duane Murray arrested Thomas G. Cortesi of La Grange for driving a vehicle while his driver's license was revoked for driving under the influence of alcohol.
- P/T Ofc. Joe McGuire arrested a 33-year old Oak Lawn man for Possession of Cannabis and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia after stopping the man for a traffic violation.
- Ofc. Bryan Strand and P/T Ofc. Jose Alvarez arrested a 14-year old La Grange youth for Possession of Cannabis, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Minor in Possession of Tobacco. Also arrested were two 14-year old La Grange Park youths for Minor in Possession of Tobacco.
- P/T Ofc. Joe McGuire arrested a 47-year old Westmont woman for DUI and Transportation of Open Alcohol after she struck two vehicles at 47<sup>th</sup> & La Grange Rd.
- Ofc. Steve Kneifel arrested a 36-year old Lombard woman for an outstanding warrant for Driving While License Suspended.
- Officers Randy Pacana, Jerry Moncivais and P/T Ofc. Kristina Tountas arrested a 61-year old La Grange man for punching a manager of a restaurant in the face after being advised of the No Smoking Ordinance.
- Ofc. Ken Uher and Sgt. Andy Peters both initiated two DUI arrests, a total of 4 between them.

### COMMUNITY RELATIONS

- Ofc. Edgar Herrera, Ofc. Craig Balon, Ofc. Ali Dungarwala, and Sgt. Renee Strasser provided traffic control for LTHS's All School Assembly at North Campus.
- Inv. Dave Rohlicek participated in the career fair "Pathways to the future" which was held at LT south campus. He had a tabletop presentation and display board with information on our police

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department for high school students possibly choosing Law Enforcement as a career.

## EMPLOYEE UPDATES

On January 2<sup>nd</sup> Jose L. Alvarez (upper left photo) started as a Part-Time Police Officer. Joe is 24 years old, single and lives in Chicago. He was a Chicago Police Officer and is currently an Air Traffic Controller at the Chicago Center in Aurora.



Then on January 7<sup>th</sup> Kristina M. Tountas started as a Part-Time Police Officer. Kristina is 24 years old, single and lives in River Grove. Kristine is currently a Police Officer at Triton College.



Although not an officer, we also welcomed a police intern from Western Illinois University. Simeon (Simon) Pak is a senior in the Law Enforcement and Justice Administration program at WIU and a resident of Orland Park, IL. Simon (pictured on right) has been given a wide variety of tasks and assignments, all designed to give him an overview of all of the functions of a municipal agency.



## MEETINGS

Members of the police department attended meetings as follows: Aging Well, Auxiliary Police Officers, IDOT, M-TEAM, Pension Board, Police Staff meetings, and the Community Center presentation in remembrance of Dr. Martin Luther King.

## FEBRUARY

In February two groups of our employees were treated to an appreciation dinner. Our Full-Time Telecommunicators and Auxiliary Officers had separate appreciation dinners as a way to say thank you for all they do. Our dispatch personnel are the “behind the scene” employees who are so crucial to our 9-1-1 center. They also handle a myriad of administrative tasks, receive walk-in complaints, answer and direct administrative phone calls, and manage the parking complaints after hours. Similarly, the members of the Police Auxiliary are the unpaid volunteers who support the overall mission of the patrol function in the police department. By way

of example, the Auxiliary Officers contributed 132 hours of time to the Village in February. These two appreciation events for these two special groups are a small token of the appreciation felt by the Village for their service.

On February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Bernadette “Bunny” Goers started as a Part-Time Telecommunicator. Bunny lives in Downers Grove and owns a court reporting business. Bunny also works at Riverside P.D. as a Telecommunicator. She will help cover shortages due to vacations, training and illness.



## ARRESTS

- Ofc. Ken Uher made three criminal arrests after a loud noise complaint involving underage drinking. An intoxicated subject fleeing the scene of the party became stuck on a fence in the backyard of a residence up the street. That resident called relating a prowler on his property. The subject was arrested for disorderly conduct, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of cannabis. The initial call resulted in six other intoxicated minors being transported to the station and turned over to their parents.
- Sgt. Tom Cimbalista arrested Eldridge Murray of Broadview for driving a motor vehicle while his license was revoked for driving under the influence
- Ofc. Steve Kneifel arrested a 50-year old Bolingbrook man for a Suspended Driver's License, No Insurance and Failure to Yield after being involved in a traffic crash at La Grange Rd. and Maple Ave.
- Ofc. Jerry Moncivais, Ofc. Bryan Strand. Sgt. Marge Kielczynski and Auxiliary Ofc. Tom Perfect responded to an underage drinking party. Thirty-five underage partygoers were turned over to their parents.
- Ofc. Bryan Strand investigated the passing of a counterfeit \$100.00 note at a local business. Offenders had previously passed counterfeit \$100.00 notes at two businesses in Countryside minutes earlier. Offenders were subsequently pursued by La Grange Park P.D. Offenders abandoned their vehicle and fled on foot into the woods. One offender was apprehended and identified in a Countryside incident. The offender in the La Grange incident has been identified and is currently a fugitive.

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## COMMUNITY POLICING

- Sgt. Andy Peters participated in the filming of a scene, on the Department's pistol range, for the "Kitchen Nightmares" episode that was being filmed at Café 36.
- Sgt. Marge Kielczynski and members of the afternoon shift attended a Community Diversity meeting, held at the Community Center. The newest Part-Time Police Officers were in attendance and introduced to the attendees.
- Chief Holub attended the Davis Memorial - African Methodist Episcopal Church Founders Day dinner.
- Sgt. Tom Cimbalista and Ofc. Julie Burrell conducted a "code red" drill at Spring Ave. School and Gurrie Jr. High School.
- Sgt. Tom Cimbalista and Ofc. Craig Balon conducted a station tour for a Girl Scout "Daisy" troop.
- Ofc. Craig Balon attended the student protest conducted by 7<sup>th</sup> graders at St. Francis School.
- Sgt. Tom Cimbalista and Ofc. Craig Balon conducted a station tour for a group of students from PAEC.
- Ofc. Patrick Fulla began teaching D.A.R.E.<sup>®</sup> at Spring Av. School, Ogden Avenue School and Seventh Avenue School.

## PATROL ACTIVITIES

The midnight shift was responsible for 129.5 hours of building premise checks resulting in 23 open doors/windows found and the issuance of 20 safety security notices. Squad Leader Steve Ljubenko again found the LaSalle Bank unsecured requiring key holders to respond. The midnight shift also issued 366 parking citations for offenses related to overnight parking enforcement and parking on snow routes. The Day shift completed 21 case files, which included: 4 theft; 2 domestic battery; 1 stolen motor vehicle (unfounded/civil matter); 3 disorderly conduct; 3 burglary to motor vehicle; 5 identity theft; 1 death investigation; 1 criminal damage to motor vehicle; 1 driving while license revoked (DUI).

## MARCH

### CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

- Ofc. Steve Rogers observed a vehicle hit a parked vehicle while attempting to leave a parking space on LaGrange Rd. The driver also executed an illegal u-turn, was subsequently stopped, and found to be driving under the influence of alcohol.

- The midnight shift also was responsible for four case files for battery, unlawful use of weapon, and two for criminal damage to property.
- Ofc. Ken Uher investigated a criminal damage to property case, which resulted in an arrest, and additional charges of theft and possession of cannabis when he learned the juvenile resident broke a basement window in an attempt to conceal the theft of his brother's game system in exchange for the illegal drugs.
- Ofc. Tom Murphy investigated an unlawful use of weapon /criminal damage to property case as a result of a resident finding his car window shattered and a projectile lodged in the doorframe.

## ARRESTS

- Sgt. Erik Berg arrested three La Grange youths, ages 12, 13 & 14, along with two Brookfield youths, ages 12 & 13, for Skateboarding in the Central Business District.
- Ofc. Bryan Strand arrested two 17-year olds, one from Lisle and the other from La Grange Park, for Possession of Cannabis and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Also arrested was an 18-year old from La Grange for Possession of Cannabis.
- Ofc. Julie Burrell arrested LTHS student Scott Flaws of Burr Ridge for unlawful possession of cannabis at LTHS.
- Ofc. Craig Balon arrested an LTHS student for unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia at LTHS. This offender is a male juvenile who resides in LaGrange.
- Squad Leader Edgar Herrera arrested Timothy Bridges of LaGrange for stealing scaffolding from 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational Church. Bridges was also arrested for unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

## TRAINING

- Officers completed the March Police Law Institute training on: Vehicle Searches-Search Incident To Arrest of Occupant; Distributing Alcohol to a Minor; and Search & Seizure-Protecting School Students.
- Ofc. Jim Joseph attended training on Identity Theft, Cyber Stalking & Cyber Hacking sponsored by SLEA.
- Ofc. Randy Pacana attended training on Identity Theft and Search & Seizure sponsored by NEMRT.
- Sgt. Marge Kielczynski attended training on Thermal Imaging sponsored by FEMA and Homeland Security.

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- Ofc. Ken Uher attended Standardized Field Sobriety Testing train-the-trainer class to help bring the department in compliance with the IDOT DUI Grant. He also attended the John Reid interviews and interrogations class.
- Squad Leader Steve Ljubenko attended the Terrorism Liaison Officer's Committee (TLOC) seminar presented by the FBI.
- Lt. Bill Trzeciak and Sgt. Tom Cimbalista attended the I.L.E.A.S. conference in Springfield.
- Squad Leader Edgar Herrera attended *Acting Officer in Charge* training with N.E.M.R.T.
- Ofc. Julie Burrell and Sgt. Tom Cimbalista attended *Identity Theft* training with N.E.M.R.T.

## GRANTS

Sgt. Marge Kielczynski successfully applied for a grant through FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security for thermal imaging equipment worth \$20,000. The equipment allows officers to track and locate items, people and vehicles as a result of their generated heat pattern. Officer Bryan Strand (shown here) tests out the new equipment.



As part of the PEERS Grant, Officers spent 30 hours monitoring railroad crossings and issued 12 citations to pedestrians who violated crossing signals.

## OFFICERS ACTIVITIES

The midnight shift was responsible for 122.5 hours of building premise checks resulting in 21 open doors/windows found and the issuance of 21 safety security notices. The shift also issued 373 parking citations for offenses related to overnight parking enforcement and no village tags.

The day shift completed 22 case files, which included: 5 theft; 3 identity theft; 3 battery; 1 domestic battery; 2 disorderly conduct; 1 forgery; 1 criminal damage to motor vehicle; 1 criminal damage to property; 1 assault; 1 computer tampering; 1 civil matter; and 2 unlawful possession of cannabis. The members of the La Grange Police Auxiliary contributed over 190 hours of volunteer service in support of our department mission.

## COMMUNITY POLICING

March started off with a very visible fund raising event for our Community Policing efforts. We held our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual event celebrating community, family and friends, once again featuring International recording artist Daniel Rodriguez, "The Singing Policeman" from New York. Three performers known as "United We Sing" opened the concert and were followed by Daniel Rodriguez, accompanied by concert pianist Victoria Ulanov. The audience was treated to a surprise when Opera Star Marla Cavanaugh from New Zealand appeared on stage. The evening was centered on a patriotic theme with the stage being decorated with U.S. Flags and the Reber Center was filled with a wonderful cross section of community supporters. The evening was dedicated to the youth of La Grange, the USO, and to the members of the La Grange Community who are our partners. We have received very favorable responses from the attendees and almost \$8,000 was raised for Community Policing Programs. The Department donated \$1,500 to the USO CARE package program. Several Auxiliary Officers, CEP and the YMCA volunteered and worked the event. The LTHS Chefs Club handled hors d'oeuvres before the concert and, as a result of their fine showing, the National Restaurant Association has offered four scholarships/internships to LTHS students to work at local restaurants in La Grange.



Chief Holub presented Daniel Rodriguez with a La Grange Honorary Police Officer badge as a token of our gratitude.



Investigator Dave Rohlicek represented the police department in a Pinewood Derby contest. Fire and Police departments from the area all were invited to create their own car and then enter it into the race, sponsored by the Prairie Trail Foundation. Here is the entry created by Investigator Rohlicek. We took 5<sup>th</sup> Place in the event (out of 5 entries).



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Ofc. Patrick Fulla began teaching D.A.R.E. classes at Spring Avenue School, Ogden Avenue School and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue School. He will be teaching seven classes before the end of this school year, reaching a total of 170 fifth grade students.

Ofc. Bryan Strand conducted a "Lunch in Lock-Up" with four local youths. This has been a popular program allowing for us have interaction with select residents in a unique setting.



On the day shift Ofc. Ali Dungarwala participated in Forest Park's St. Patrick's Day Parade and Ofc. Russ Chorley provided security for Grayhill's Career Fair.

## APRIL

### CASE FILES

In November of 2007, Ofc. **Edgar Herrera** took a child neglect report. Since that time, Sgt. **Tom Cimbalista**, Ofc. **Edgar Herrera** and Ofc. **Craig Balon** have worked with DCFS, as well as with Principal Tavegia of Cossitt School and Asst. Principal Dostal of LTHS south campus, to get the children in school and in a healthy environment at home. On April 14, 2008 we received correspondence from DCFS stating that they denoted the initial officers findings of abuse and/or neglect. The family is now on the right track thanks to the collaboration of all those involved. As of this report, all the children are in school and doing well.

The Day shift reported completing 29 case files, which included: 3 burglary; 1 attempt burglary; 4 theft; 1 domestic battery; 1 fraud; 2 criminal damage to property; 2 burglary to motor vehicle; 1 stolen/recovered motor vehicle; 3 unlawful possession of cannabis; 1 assault; 3 missing juvenile; 1 disorderly conduct; 1 domestic; 1 deceptive practice; 1 identity theft; 1 unlawful possession of a firearm; 1 criminal defacement of property; 1 criminal damage to government supported property.

### ARRESTS

- Ofc. Duane Murray arrested a male juvenile for unlawful possession of cannabis at Lyons Township High School.
- Ofc. Russ Chorley took a report of a stolen dog. Ofc. Julie Burrell, Inv. Dave Rohlicek and Inv. Rob Wardlaw followed-up on the case. Two days

later the officers were able to reunite the dog with its owner.

- Ofc. Duane Murray arrested Matthew Gill of Brookfield for unlawful possession of cannabis at Lyons Township High School.
- Sgt. Renee Strasser and Sgt. Tom Cimbalista arrested a male juvenile for three counts of criminal defacement of property and resisting a police officer. On that date, the juvenile "tagged" the buildings of Devries Groceries, The General Store and Power Plumbing.
- Lt. Arnold served a 43-year old La Grange man with an Order of Protection Notification.
- Sgt. Kielczynski, S/L Odom, Ofc. Moncivais and Ofc. Joseph arrested 27 youths between the ages of 16 and 18 from La Grange, La Grange Park, Western Springs, Brookfield and Willow Springs for Minor in Possession of Alcohol after responding to an under age drinking party in the 100 block of south 7<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- Ofc. Strand arrested two 29-year old men from Joliet. One was charged with driving with a Suspended Driver's License. A passenger was arrested for an outstanding DuPage County warrant for Failure to Appear in Court.
- Sgt. Berg arrested a 15-year old La Grange Park youth for riding his bicycle on one wheel on the sidewalk in the Business District.
- Ofc. Moncivais arrested two Brookfield youths ages 13 and 14, along with a 13-year old La Grange Park youth for skateboarding on the sidewalk in the business district. An additional 5 Youth Contact Cards were made for teens skateboarding in the CBD during the month.
- Ofc. Strand arrested a 52-year old Chicago resident for an outstanding DuPage County warrant for Driving Around Lowered Railroad Gates.
- Ofc. Kneifel arrested a 45-year old male La Grange resident on two outstanding DuPage County Warrants for Battery and Obstructing an Officer.

### ASSISTS TO OTHER AGENCIES

- Sgt. Erik Berg and Dak assisted the Lyons P.D. with a search warrant.
- Sgt Marge Kielczynski used the Thermal Imaging Device to assist the La Grange Park P.D. in looking for a subject, and the Brookfield P.D. in looking for car burglary offenders.

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## D.A.R.E. UNIT

Ofc **Patrick Fulla** and Principal Debra Rodde of St Francis Xavier met in April to discuss adding the D.A.R.E. program to the St Francis curriculum beginning in fall of 2008. Principle Rodde, who has been St Francis' Principal for the past year and a half, is a huge fan of the program and welcomed the program back to the St Francis community. Though paperwork and proper channels still need to be completed with D.A.R.E. America, it is great news to have St Francis on board for Fall 2008. With the addition of St. Francis to the D.A.R.E. program, every elementary school in LaGrange will now be participating in the D.A.R.E. program.

## COMMUNITY RELATIONS

- Sgt. Renee Strasser conducted a parking study at 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. School.
- Sgt. Tom Cimbalista and Ofc. Julie Burrell participated in the lock-down drill at Cossitt Ave. School.
- Sgt. Renee Strasser and Ofc. Julie Burrell participated in the lock-down drill at Ogden Ave. School.
- Ofc. Bryan Strand assisted a motorist in a 1930 Model A Ford by checking his speedometer.
- Ofc. Kristina Tountas and Ofc. Steve Kneifel judged cakes for the St. Cletus Cub Scouts.
- Sgt Marge Kielczynski accepted a check on behalf of the police department for \$2,400 from the YMCA Men's Club for our Community Policing Programs.
- Officers logged 168 miles of Segway Patrol this month.
- We attended meetings for Community Diversity, NIPAS, Police Pension Board, IRMA, Village Board, St. Cletus Health Fair, NAACP Freedom Dinner, and CEP Retro Bash.
- Investigators Dave Rohlicek and Rob Wardlaw conducted Operation Lifesaver Presentations at the St. Cletus Health & Safety Fair.
- Officers Jerry Moncivais and Patrick Fulla represented the police department at the Criminal Justice Job Fair at Kankakee College.



## TRAINING

- All three shifts completed the Illinois Police Law lesson for the month of April on various topics, including DUI, Implied Consent, Medical Tests and Basis for Stop along with Reliable sources of Information and Legal Transportation of Weapons in Vehicles
- Ofc. Julie Burrell attended a NEMRT course on *Trouble Shooting Search and Seizure*.
- Sgt. Tom Cimbalista and Sgt. Renee Strasser attended Dale Anderson's *Civil Law Review*.
- Sgt. Tom Cimbalista attended *Critical Incident* training.
- Ofc. Bryan Strand completed a 40-hour *Juvenile Specialist Skills* Program.
- Ofc. Randy Pacana attended an 8-hour *Trouble Shooting Search and Seizure* seminar.
- Officers on the department are beginning to receive training on the Thermal Imaging Device. With the warm weather more officers are being trained on the Segways.
- Twenty of our police officers attended the 2-day *Officer Street Survival* hosted by LGPD and conducted by Calibre Press, Inc.

## AUXILIARY / PART-TIME POLICE

The Auxiliary Unit assisted with the La Grange Garden Club's annual Garden Faire and Plant sale at Kiwanis Park. The Unit also donated 272 hours of service to the Village conducting House Checks, Street Lights Out list and various other Patrol duties. The members of the Auxiliary Unit were also spotlighted in the current edition of the Village Spokesman Newsletter.

## MAY

### CASE FILES

Day shift completed 29 case files, which included: 10 theft; 1 criminal damage to motor vehicle; 3 criminal damage to property; 4 burglary to motor vehicle; 1 disorderly conduct; 1 home repair fraud; 3 missing juvenile; 2 harassment by telephone; 1 forgery; 1 suspicious activity; 1 unlawful possession of cannabis; 1 domestic battery.

Seven (7) case files were completed on midnights during this month. Ofc. Tom Murphy investigated two (2) criminal damage to vehicle cases, which occurred at Horton's and in Village Lot 2. Squad Leader Steve Ljubenko also investigated a criminal damage to property case occurring at Custom Cars. Ofc. Steve Rogers completed reports on telephone harassment and domestic trouble. Ofc. Ken Uher

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investigated a missing juvenile, burglary to motor vehicle, and a strong-arm robbery, which occurred at the 31 E. Ogden upper lot. Ofc. Ken Uher arrested the driver of a vehicle for Attempt Obstructing Justice when he misidentified himself during a traffic stop. The driver was also issued citations for DWLS, Improper lane usage, and Following too close.

## ARRESTS

- Ofc. Julie Burrell arrested LTHS student Kyle McDaniel of La Grange for unlawful possession of cannabis.
- Sgt. Renee Strasser arrested Barnett Shaw of La Grange for domestic battery.
- Ofc. Edgar Herrera and Inv. Rob Wardlaw arrested Robert Zermeno of La Grange for stealing his grandmother's television.
- Ofc. Bryan Strand arrested a 29-year-old La Grange woman after she struck a tree and fled the scene of the accident.
- Ofc. Bryan Strand and Ofc. Ken Uher investigated the Strong Arm Robbery of a 15-year old La Grange Park youth. Four offenders approached him and took his I-pod and cell phone after one of the offenders punched him. The suspects are all 17 or 18 years old from La Grange Park, Brookfield and Bellwood were located but the victim could not make a positive identification so no charges could be filed.
- Ofc. Bryan Strand arrested a 20-year old Bellwood man for an outstanding traffic warrant for a Suspended Driver's License.
- Ofc. Randy Pacana assisted Austin, Texas Police Department with a Harassing Telephone call committed by a 46-year old La Grange man.
- Ofc. Steve Kneifel arrested a 21-year old Hanover Park man on an outstanding Schaumburg Retail Theft warrant after a traffic stop.
- Ofc. Ken Uher completed four (4) arrests and Ofc. Steve Rogers made one (1) arrest for misdemeanor traffic offenses.
- Ofc. Ken Uher also arrested the passenger of a vehicle for a failure to appear warrant after taking the driver into custody for DWLS and had one DUI arrest during this month.

## EMPLOYEE UPDATES

Congratulations are in order for two of our Sergeants, who recently completed their graduate degrees. Sgt. Marge Kielczynski graduated from Illinois Benedictine University with a Master of



Science degree in Management and Organizational Behavior. She is one of the students in Illinois who qualified for the "First Responder Program", funded by the University and a federal grant, giving scholarships to first responders (i.e., fire and police personnel).

Sgt. Andy Peters completed work on his Masters of Public Administration Degree, Graduating from NIU, while becoming a member of the Pi Alpha Alpha National Honor Society, and receiving the Outstanding Manuscript Award, as voted on by the Public Administration faculty for his Capstone paper *Officer Needs Assistance: Police Officer's Attitudes and Mental Health After Critical Incident Involvement*.



## COMMUNITY RELATIONS

- Auxiliary Officers assisted visitors of the La Grange Garden Club's flower sale at Kiwanis Park.
- Aux. Ofc. Frank Alferez and Sgt. Renee Strasser did traffic control for the Mother's Day walk at St. Francis School.
- Aux. Director Jim Liotta registered the students' bikes at Spring Ave. School.
- Officers attended several community events including Fiesta De Mayo, Diversity Scholarship Dinner, Pet Parade, and they visited 16 block parties.
- Ofc. Steve Kneifel escorted a group of 40 soldiers returning home from deployment to the North Riverside National Guard Armory.
- Starting in the month of May, our Elderly Services Officer, Steve Kneifel, started the Cell Phones For Seniors Program, with the help of Aging Well. Any senior (60 and above) that lives in La Grange or La Grange Park, can come into the La Grange Police Department, complete an application and receive a free cell phone for 9-1-1 purposes.

## OTHER PATROL ACTIVITIES

On Friday, May 23rd we conducted a Roadside Safety Checkpoint funded by an IDOT Grant with CCSPD. A total of 1230 vehicles passed through the checkpoint, 410 were screened and 58 traffic citations were issued. Citations included 22 for No Insurance, 13 for No Safety Belt, 2 for Suspended Driver's License, 1 for

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Suspended Registration, 3 for Unlicensed Driving, 5 for Failure to Display a Driver's License and 12 for Equipment Violations. One driver was arrested on an outstanding traffic warrant. One driver was arrested for Driving Under the Influence. A 22-year old Monee man was arrested for Possession of Cannabis with the Intent to Deliver and Possession of a Controlled Substance (Ecstasy) with Intent to Deliver. La Grange Police Canine Dak alerted on the drugs in the vehicle.



## TRAINING

- All shift members completed the Illinois Police Law lesson for the month of May and attended the mandatory the Harassment Training presented by IRMA.
- Sgt. Cimbalista attended several training courses in May:
  - The NAPD Police Driving course; NEMRT's Use of Force training; Commercial and/or Passenger Vehicle Roadway Criminal Interdiction course; "Officer Down" training; and the FBI's Assessing Threats of School Violence Training.
- Sgt. Renee Strasser attended a two-day Microsoft Excel seminar and the FBI's Assessing Threats of School Violence Training.
- Ofc. Steve Kneifel attended a Train-the-Trainer course on the Avon FM-12 gas mask sponsored by ILEAS.
- Squad Leader Miles Odom, Ofc. Steve Kneifel and Ofc. Jerry Moncivais attended breath test operator certification sponsored by ISP.
- Inv. Dave Rohlicek, Inv. Rob Wardlaw and Ofc. Patrick Fulla attended Assessing Threats of Targeted School Violence training sponsored by the FBI.
- Sgt. Erik Berg attended Code Red and Pre-Retirement Planning training.
- Ofc. Bryan Strand attended the 3-day NAPD Training sponsored by IRMA.
- Ofc. Randy Pacana attended "Officer Down", and Tactical Response Techniques training sponsored by NEMRT.
- Lt. Chris Noel attended the two-day Evidence Software course.
- Sgt. Andy Peters attended the three-day seminar sponsored by The Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board,

Winning Extreme Encounters; From Street to Court, and the Assessing Threats of School Violence Training provided by the Chicago Division of the FBI.

- Ofc. Steve Rogers and Ofc. Ken Uher both participated in the IRMA Tactical Police Driving refresher course.

## JUNE

### CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

Twelve (12) case files were completed on the midnight shift during the month. Investigations included

- Criminal defacement of property at LTHS;
- A domestic battery; a missing person;
- A call of shots fired at Sawyer Park involving the recovery of spent casings from the adjacent alley and projectiles from playground equipment;
- Attempted aggravated arson after (2) Molotov cocktails were thrown at a residence on Washington;
- A burglary at 10 Sawyer in which the resident confronted the female intruder scaring her off. Ofc Uher arrested a 21-year-old male for zero tolerance and a 50-year-old male for DUI.
- S/L Ljubenko arrested a 51-year-old driver for DUI.
- Ofc Uher also arrested a resident for hosting an underage drinking party after La Grange units were dispatched to the home.

The Day shift completed 19 case files, including 2 thefts, 2 criminal damage to property cases, 2 burglaries to motor vehicle, 3 domestic violence calls, 1 battery, 1 identity theft, 1 attempted burglary to motor vehicle, 1 missing juvenile, 1 harassment by telephone, 1 unlawful acquisition of a controlled substance, 1 retail theft, 1 stolen motor vehicle, and 2 suspicious activity calls

### ARRESTS

Ofc. Duane Murray and Sgt. Renee Strasser responded to a retail theft in progress at Walgreen's, 2 N. LaGrange. Two subjects were apprehended. Scott Kizior and Paula Korreckt of Addison were charged with felony retail theft. Paula Korreckt was also charged with endangering the life of a child for committing the crime while in custody of her 7 year-old daughter.

Squad Leader Edgar Herrera responded to a residential burglary in progress call at 4201 Linden in Western Springs. Squad Leader Edgar Herrera helped to secure the crime scene and assisted with the translation in order to establish the identity of the

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subject. Herrera's willingness to assist a neighboring community is just one example of his dedication as a law enforcement officer. His ability to speak Spanish is a huge asset to the La Grange Police Department as well as the surrounding communities.

Squad Leader Edgar Herrera arrested Renee Rak of Westmont for a failure to appear warrant out of Winnebago County.

## PATROL ACTIVITIES

The midnight shift was responsible for 109 hours of building premise checks resulting in 4 open doors/windows found and the issuance of 7 safety security notices. The shift also issued 372 parking citations for offenses related to overnight parking enforcement and no village tags. Sgt. Andy Peters, Squad Leader Steve Ljubenko, and Ofc. Ken Uher contributed to the total of six (6) arrests for misdemeanor traffic offenses, not including DUI's for the shift.

## COMMUNITY POLICING

Squad Leader Steve Ljubenko and Ofc. Patrick Fulla organized a trip to the Schaumburg Flyers baseball game for the "D.A.R.E.® essay winners" on July 27th, 2008.

Inv. Dave Rohlicek participated in the Cook County Sheriff's Police Sponsored P.A.C.T. Camp with four of our residents. The camp brings Police And Children Together for team building events and various competitions over the course of one week.



Ofc. Steve Kneifel, our Elderly Services Officer, attended the Lyons Township Senior Health Fair in Countryside. He also attended the Senior Safety Expo at LTHS south. At both of these events, Officer Kneifel had a booth set up with lots of free information and giveaways. Officer Kneifel met and spoke with about 300 seniors from the LaGrange area.



Other Community Policing efforts in June:

- Squad Leader Steve Ljubenko also participated in the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run for

- Illinois Special Olympics with Inv. Dave Rohlicek and Sgt. Tom Cimbalista.
- Ofc. Vic Filipek assisted LTHS with traffic control after graduation.
- Ofc. Craig Balon conducted a station tour for twenty children from Little People.
- Squad Leader Edgar Herrera and Ofc. Ali Dungarwala escorted the Congressional Transportation Committee during their tour of downtown LaGrange. Assisting were Auxiliary Officers Tom Perfect, Frank Alferez, and Bill Marco.

## DEPARTMENT UPGRADES

A new 9-1-1 recording system was purchased, after our older PC based system failed. The new system will allow secure, password access to the system so, for example, Records or Parking Staff can make copies of 9-1-1 calls or other inquiries from their desktop computers.

The flooring project in the police department began in June and the base molding is removed, all doors have been cut, and the floors have been stripped in preparation for tile installation, which starts in July. The whole process should take a week or two to complete.

The CodeRED emergency notification system has been prepared and the public notification stage is currently in the works. Our 9-1-1 call data was obtained from AT&T and sent to CodeRED for uploading into our database, which is kept and maintained offsite.

## TRAINING

- Lt. Chris Noel and Squad Leader Steve Ljubenko attended the FBI's quarterly Terrorism Liaison Officer's Committee (T.L.O.C.) training seminar.
- Sgt. Tom Cimbalista attended a five-day training course on drug trafficking interdiction.
- All shift members completed the monthly Illinois Police Law brief.

## AUXILIARY POLICE UNIT

The Auxiliary Unit Officers donated 278 hours of time in June. They assisted with the CEP 5K Run and conducted House Checks, 'Street Lights Out' list, and general patrol duties.

Auxiliary Officers Jim Liotta and Lou Berardi participated in the Quarry Driver "Hot Dog" Law Enforcement Day at McCook Quarry with Material Service, Reliable and Vulcan in an effort to improve relations with truck drivers.

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Sean Walsh started as an Auxiliary Police Officer in June after completing the 40-hour State Certified Firearms Training Class. Sean is 26 years old and single. He is a Military Veteran who was mobilized to Iraq as a member of the Illinois National Guard. He is Honorably Discharged from the Military and currently works as a plumber.



## NEW PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

Rodrigo Corona (top photo) and Jorge Martinez started as part-time Police Officers in June. Rodrigo is 31 years old and single. He has been a Chicago Police Officer for the past two years and is assigned to Patrol in the 9th District. Jorge is 27 years old and single and has been a Chicago Police Officer for the past two years. He is assigned to Patrol in the 6th District.



## OTHER POLICE ACTIVITIES

Truck details netted 86 citations for violations that we observed in June. The majority of truck citations issued during three separate details were for being overweight or overwidth, or for minor safety violations. We have issued a few citations for violating the lane restriction on La Grange Road also.

At right is a photo sent by a resident who was appreciative of our enforcement efforts. He took this photo from his front porch.



to property, 1 unlawful use of credit card, 1 forgery and 1 suspicious activity. The Midnight Shift completed four (4) case files during this month.

## ARRESTS

- Ofc. Craig Balon arrested Brashawn Henry of La Grange for three outstanding warrants originating in Cook County. The charges were for robbery, unlawful possession of cannabis and a suspended driver's license.
- Ofc. Julie Burrell arrested Elias Guadalupe of Brookfield for unlawful possession of cannabis. An Assistant Principal of LTHS notified Ofc. Burrell that Guadalupe was in possession of cannabis while attending summer school.
- Ofc. Bryan Strand arrested a 23-year-old Cicero woman on an outstanding Chicago warrant for Failing to Appear on a Driving While License Revoked charge when she passed through the Roadside Checkpoint.
- Squad Leader Miles Odom arrested a 50-year old La Grange man for DUI when he passed through the Roadside Safety Checkpoint.
- Squad Leader Miles Odom arrested a 64-year old La Grange man for Domestic Battery after striking his daughter during an argument.
- Ofc. Jerry Moncivais with assistance from P/T Officers Rodrigo Corona and Kristina Tountas arrested a 16-year old Countryside youth for theft after he grabbed a purse off a table in front of Starbucks and ran.
- Sgt. Erik Berg and DAK arrested 2 Tinley Park youths ages 17 and 18 years old, along with a 17-year old Frankfort youth for Possession Cannabis and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia after being stopped for a traffic violation.
- Officers Bryan Strand and Jerry Moncivais arrested a 19-year old La Grange youth for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia along with a 16-year old La Grange youth who was arrested for Possession of Cannabis and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia after Ofc. Strand observed one of the subjects with the Cannabis in Gordon Park.
- Ofc. Tom Murphy arrested a male offender for domestic battery after neighbors reported seeing the offender choking his girlfriend.
- Lt. Chris Noel and Ofc. Tom Murphy arrested an 18-year-old male for obstructing a peace officer after he failed to stop as ordered by responding officers to an in progress burglary to motor vehicle call. Lt. Noel observed the offender matching the description and leaving the scene and took him

## JULY

### CASE FILES

Day shift completed 36 case files, which included: 7 theft, 7 criminal damage to property, 8 burglary to motor vehicle, 1 domestic violence, 1 battery, 2 identity theft, 5 harassment by telephone, 1 unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, 1 criminal trespass

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into custody several blocks away after a short pursuit.

- Sgt. Andy Peters and Ofc. Steve Rogers arrested a 20-year-old male for criminal damage to property after he kicked and broke a window at the Fanny May store. The offender fled the scene, and after a foot pursuit in the central business district, was taken into custody by Ofc. Rogers.

## CONGRATULATIONS

We bid farewell to Ofc. Bryan Strand as he prepares for a new chapter in his life. Bryan was accepted into the Gonzaga School of Law and he begins classes in August 2008. Bryan was hired during the period of time when we were without the services of Miles Odom, who was deployed to Iraq. He quickly filled the void and almost immediately after being released to full patrol duty began making an impact in the community. He was recognized for his identification and arrest of a known felon who was wanted, and he was part of a group that investigated an attempted murder case. Although we will miss his positive influence and outstanding contributions, we are very proud of his accomplishments and his future.



## TRAINING

- All three shifts successfully completed the on-line Police Law Institute Training on False Compartments in a Motor Vehicle and Question-First Interrogation.
- Inv. Rob Wardlaw & Ofc. Patrick Fulla attended My Space Internet Investigation sponsored by COD.
- Ofc. Fulla attended School Resource Officer sponsored by NEMRT.
- Lt. Vic Arnold and Sgt. Marge Kielczynski attended Intermediate Incident Command Training for Expanding Incidents (ICS-300) sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security and NIPSTA.
- Chief Holub attended the FBI Academy National Training Conference in Milwaukee, WI.

## ROADSIDE SAFETY CHECKPOINT

The Department conducted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Roadside Safety Checkpoint funded by IDOT with assistance from CCSPD on Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup> at Ogden Ave. and La Grange Road. A total of 1,658

vehicles passed through the checkpoint, 552 vehicles were screened and 58 traffic citations were issued. Violations included 24 citations for No Insurance, 9 for No Safety Belt, 4 for Suspended Driver's License, 1 for Expired Registration, 6 for Unlicensed Driving, 5 for Failure to Display a Driver's License, 1 for open alcohol and 8 for Equipment Violations. One driver was arrested on an outstanding traffic warrant. One driver was arrested for Driving Under the Influence. Two people were arrested for Possession of Fireworks.

## COMMUNITY RELATIONS

- Ofc. Ali Dungarwala attended Brookfield's 4th of July parade.
- Sgt. Marge Kielczynski conducted a jail tour for a Boy Scout merit badge and gave a presentation to seniors at La Grange Memorial Hospital.
- Officers also attended eight Block Parties during the month.

## INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

- Alexander Ramirez of La Grange was charged with one count of Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse to his 11-year-old stepdaughter. The incident occurred in February 2007.
- Tyler Leonhard, of La Grange was arrested for Burglary to Motor Vehicle, and four counts of Unlawful Use of Credit Card. He used the victim's credit card at businesses in town. He was arrested 071708.
- Inv. Rob Wardlaw investigated an Armed Robbery that occurred at Gordon Park. Cook County came out for a facial reconstruction drawing. Several suspects were developed, however because the victims were unable to positively identify the offender, the case was closed.

## AUXILIARY POLICE UNIT

The Auxiliary Unit assisted with the Roadside Safety Checkpoint (30 hours), Craft Fair (48.25 hours) and La Grange Park District Family Fest at Denning Park (16.25 hours). The Unit also donated an additional 279.5 hours conducting House Checks, Light Lists and Patrol duties.

## NEW EMPLOYEE

Alejandro (Alex) Avalos started as an Auxiliary Police Officer. Alex just completed the 40-hour State Certified Firearms Training Class. Alex is 23 years old single and lives with his family in Chicago. Alex works for Coca-Cola.





## AUGUST

### PATROL ACTIVITIES

The midnight shift was responsible for 118 hours of building premise checks resulting in nine (9) safety and/or security notices being issued. The shift also issued 256 parking citations for offenses related to overnight parking enforcement and no village tags. Squad Leader Steve Ljubenko and Ofc. Ken Uher contributed to the total of six (6) arrests for misdemeanor traffic offenses.

The day shift completed 54 case files, which included: 13 theft, 2 attempt theft, 7 criminal damage to property, 13 burglary to motor vehicle, 2 burglary (garage) 1 domestic battery; 3 battery, 1 criminal trespass to motor vehicle, 4 criminal damage to vehicle, 1 identity theft, 1 missing juvenile, 1 identity theft, 1 forgery, 1 deceptive practice, 1 violation of an order of protection, 1 telephone harassment, 1 home repair fraud, 1 suspicion.

The afternoon shift took the following Investigative Case Reports: Theft (9), Battery (5), Burglary to Motor Vehicle (4), Criminal Damage to Property (3), Identity Theft (2) and one each for Disorderly Conduct, Residential Burglary, Garage Burglary, Domestic Battery, Criminal Trespass, Possession of Cannabis and Attempt Suicide.

### ARRESTS

- Squad Leader Edgar Herrera and Inv. Dave Rohlicek arrested a M/W juvenile from Brookfield for battery. The offense took place that day at Lyons Township High School.
- Ofc. Julie Burrell and Squad Leader Edgar Herrera arrested Socorro Hernandez-Cruz of Summit for theft. She took articles of clothing from the Carousel Shop located at 23 W. Calendar Ave.
- Officers Ken Uher and Randy Pacana arrested a 43-year-old La Grange man for Aggravated Domestic Battery after he stabbed his wife and son with a steak knife.
- P/T Ofc. Joe McGuire arrested a 20-year-old Chicago man for Driving While License Suspended after being stopped for Expired Registration.
- Sgt. Marge Kielczynski arrested a 16-year-old La Grange youth for Possession of Cannabis and Violation of a Graduated License.
- Squad Leader Miles Odom arrested a 51-year-old Chicago man for an outstanding La Grange warrant for Deceptive Practice.

### CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

Eleven case files were completed during the month on the midnight shift, which included:

- Ofc. Ken Cozen investigated a residential burglary in the 200 block of 7th Avenue.
- Squad Leader Steve Ljubenko investigated a domestic battery between a subject and his brother-in-law resulting in the subject being treated at LMH/ER. The investigation ended as a result of conflicting accounts and the lack of cooperation with the parties involved.
- Ofc. Steve Rogers arrested a subject on a DuPage County warrant for FTA on traffic offenses.
- Ofc. Ken Uher investigated a domestic battery involving the stabbing of the two victims involved. The offender was arrested on six (6) criminal charges including aggravated battery and domestic battery.
- Ofc. Ken Uher also investigated a reckless driving incident resulting in the arrest of the subjects involved for possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia.
- Ofc. Ken Uher also responded to a call of three intoxicated subjects walking down the street. After transporting the three teenage female subjects to the station to contact their parents, two were arrested for damaging property in the processing room.

### TRAINING

- Squad Leader Miles Odom attended the Midwest Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar sponsored by the FBI.
- All shift members completed the monthly on-line Police Law Institute Training on Fraudulent Contractors – Home Repair Fraud & Theft; Shoplifting & Retail Theft, Criminal Trespass – Stores/Restaurants – Refusal to Serve
- Lt. Bill Trzeciak and Sgt. Renee Strasser attended terrorism training.
- Sgt. Renee Strasser attended NAPD “Tactical Police Driving” school.
- Lt. Vic Arnold and Sgt. Marge Kielczynski attended Advanced Incident Command and General Staff-Complex Incidents Training (ICS-400) sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security and NIPSTA.



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- Sgt. Marge Kielczynski completed National Response Framework, An Introduction Training (ICS-800) sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security.

## COMMUNITY POLICING

Sgt. **Marge Kielczynski** conducted a Lunch in Lock-Up and a Station Tour for local youths. Officers also attended 21 Block Parties.

## NEW EMPLOYEES

Thomas Perfect was hired as a Part-Time Telecommunicator. Tom has been an Auxiliary Officer with the Department for the past year. Tom is single and lives in unincorporated Central Stickney.



We also welcomed a new police intern beginning in August.

**Adrian Acevedo** is a student at Illinois State University, where he is Criminal Justice Sciences major. His internship requires 480 hours and that will have him working with us through the second week of December. Adrian is a La Grange resident, and a US Army Veteran where he served in Iraq and, among his other awards, he received the Purple Heart.



## AUXILIARY POLICE

Our Auxiliary officers donated 267 hours during August conducting House Checks, Light Lists and Patrol duties. This includes 24 hours for the book release at Borders on August 1st, and 14 hours helping the regular officers during the storm of August 5th.

## SEPTEMBER

### WELCOME TO OUR NEW POLICE OFFICERS

On September 22nd the Fire and Police Commission appointed Matthew Gill and Scott Wolf as Probationary Patrol Officers for the La Grange Police Department.

Here is a brief biography on each candidate and they are pictured receiving their "Oath of Office" from Village Clerk Robert Milne.

Matthew Gill will turn 26 years old during his first week in the academy. Matt resides in Chicago with his wife Nora. He is a 2001 graduate of Mount Carmel High School. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Illinois – Chicago. He received an Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Marine Corp with the rank of Corporal and also served one tour in the Iraqi Theater. Matt is currently a Sergeant with the USMC-R. Matt has been employed as a Drafter with Mountain LTD for the past year.



Scott Wolf is 24 years old and resides with his parents in Orland Park. Scott is a 2002 graduate of Carl Sandburg High School. He is also a 2006 graduate of Western Illinois University earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies. Scott Wolf had been employed for two years by the Chicago Ridge Police Department as a Part-Time Police Officer.



## INVESTIGATIONS

Investigative Case Reports were taken on the afternoon shift for the following incidents: Six thefts, three burglary to motor vehicle cases, three criminal damage to property cases, two domestic disturbances, and one each for disorderly conduct, deceptive practice and telephone fraud.

Day shift completed thirty-three case files, which included twelve burglary to motor vehicle cases, two residential burglaries, one garage burglary, four thefts, one retail theft, one theft of motor vehicle, one criminal damage to property; two criminal damage to vehicle cases, one identity theft, one harassment by telephone, one harassment by electronic communication, one death investigation, one hit and run accident, one suspicious person, one driving while license suspended, one unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, and a driving while license suspended warrant.

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Eight case files were completed on the midnight shift during this month including investigations for an attempt suicide, criminal damage to vehicle, theft of motor vehicle parts, and the issuance of improper medication to a patient at Lexington Health Care. Ofc. Steve Rogers arrested a subject for DUI after a caller reported a reckless driver traveling on La Grange Rd. Ofc. Ken Uher arrested a subject for possession of controlled substance, resisting, and DUI after responding to a suspicious vehicle/person call. Ofc. Ken Uher also arrested two other subjects after initiating traffic stops, one for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of cannabis, and the other for driving while license suspended and possession of drug paraphernalia.

## ARRESTS

- Officer Patrick Fulla arrested a 40-year-old Westmont man for an outstanding Westmont Warrant for Obstructing Police.
- Officer Patrick Fulla arrested a 33-year-old Olympia Fields man on an outstanding Cook County Warrant for Aggravated DUI and Suspended Driver's License.
- Squad Leader Miles Odom and Officer Patrick Fulla arrested an 11-year-old La Grange youth along an 11-year-old Brookfield youth and a 14-year-old Brookfield youth for Disorderly Conduct after they attempted take a cell phone from another juvenile.
- Sgt. Tom Cimbalista arrested Trisha Hernandez of Brookfield for driving a vehicle while her license was suspended for driving under the influence.
- Ofc. Duane Murray and Sgt. Renee Strasser arrested Robert J. Vondras of Lyons on a Cook County warrant for a suspended driver's license.
- Ofc. Julie Burrell arrested Joshua Penninger of Brookfield at Lyons Township High School for unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

## TRAINING

- All three shifts successfully completed the on-line Police Law Institute Training on Investigations During Traffic Stops; Arrest / Entry into Buildings by Police
- Inv. Rob Wardlaw attended Raid Planning through NEMRT
- Squad Leader Steve Ljubenko attended the regular TLOC meeting sponsored by the FBI
- Lt. Chris Noel and Chief Holub attended the monthly FBI National Academy meeting

- Ofc. Ken Uher attended the 40-hour Truck Enforcement II class provided by NEMRT

## COMMUNITY POLICING

- Sgt. Erik Berg conducted a presentation with DAK to the Cub Scouts at St. Francis.
- The afternoon shift visited twenty-seven block parties in September.
- Sgt. Renee Strasser and several Auxiliary Officers worked the West End Art Festival.
- Auxiliary Director Jim Liotta participated in Ogden Ave. School's bicycle registration.
- Auxiliary Officers participated in Cossitt Ave. School's bicycle registration.
- Sgt. Tom Cimbalista, Sgt. Renee Strasser, Ofc. Craig Balon, Ofc. Julie Burrell, Auxiliary Director Jim Liotta and Aux. Sgt. Lou Berardi assisted St. Francis and St. Cletus with their homecoming parades by leading St. Cletus' parade and providing traffic control for both.

## AUXILIARY POLICE UNIT

The Auxiliary Unit assisted with the West End Art Festival. In addition to the events previously listed, the Unit also donated an additional 200 hours conducting House Checks, Light Lists and Patrol duties.

## OCTOBER

### ARRESTS

- Ofc Rogers arrested a juvenile for possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia as well as a 17-year-old male for obstructing after he and Lt. Noel observed the youths hanging from an awning on Hillgrove.
- Ofc Uher arrested a 38-year-old female and a 28-year-old male for DUI and related traffic offenses.
- Ofc Uher also arrested a 48-year-old male homeless subject for criminal trespass to property.
- Sgt Peters arrested a 47-year-old female for DUI after she drove over a curb flattening both front tires.
- Ofc Rogers stopped a suspicious subject in the 1000 block of South Spring while on directed patrol. Based on inconsistencies in the subject's statements and his dress, the area was checked finding two vehicles that had been unlawfully entered but with no items taken. The suspect was found to be in possession of an IPOD that was reported stolen from a different vehicle later in the morning and a warrant will be issued for his arrest.

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- Squad Leader Odom and Ofc. Fulla arrested a 54-year-old homeless woman for Assault and a 50-year-old homeless man for Obstructing a Peace Officer after the woman threatened another woman with Battery and the man tried to prevent the arrest.
- Ofc. Fulla arrested a 23-year-old Chicago woman for Aggravated Driving While License Suspended.
- Ofc. Moncivais arrested two La Grange Park youths, ages 15 and 16, for Disorderly Conduct when they took flowers from a pot in the Business District and threw them off the top of the parking garage.
- Ofc. Joseph arrested a 17-year-old Berwyn girl for Battery after she punched another girl in the face.
- Ofc. Joseph arrested a 46-year-old La Grange man for Battery after he threw a lit cigarette at the officer.
- Squad Leader Odom and Ofc. Joseph arrested a 17-year-old La Grange youth for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Possession of Cannabis after a traffic stop was made on the vehicle in which he was a passenger.
- Ofc. Burrell arrested Christopher J. Conway on a Cook County warrant for battery.
- Ofc. Uher took a stolen motor vehicle report at 58 Dover Ave. The stolen vehicle was a black Mazda Mazdaspeed 3, with Illinois registration of 9742863. That information was relayed to the Day Shift at their morning roll call. On October 4, 2008 at 9:40am Squad Leader Herrera was on routine patrol when he spotted the stolen vehicle at Ashland Ave. and Calendar Ave. Squad Leader Herrera initiated a traffic stop. A man by the name of John Kimbrough of La Grange was the driver, and was subsequently arrested for possession of a stolen motor vehicle. Ofc. Herrera received a **Letter of Commendation** for a job well done.
- Ofc. Burrell arrested Sean Fegan (homeless) for criminal trespass at the 7-11. Fegan received numerous warnings to stay out of the 7-11, but refused to do so.
- Ofc. Burrell arrested Jose Alvarez of Riverside on a Cook County warrant for leaving the scene of a property damage accident.
- Ofc. Chorley arrested Peter B. Hill of Lagrange for domestic battery.
- Ofc. Burrell followed-up on a hit and run, property damage accident that occurred in October. Ofc. Burrell obtained video surveillance of the incident and subsequently identified the offender and completed the crash report.

- Sgt. Cimbalista and Inv. Rohlicek responded to a theft in progress at the Walgreen's Pharmacy, 2 N. La Grange Rd. Christopher M. Hyerdall of La Grange Park, a pharmacy technician at that location, was taken into custody and arrested on two counts of possession of controlled substance for stealing hydrocodone and alprazolam pills from the pharmacy.

## INVESTIGATIONS

On the Afternoon Shift, investigative case files were taken for the following incidents: Theft (2), Burglary to Motor Vehicle (2), Disorderly Conduct (2) and one each for Criminal Damage to Motor Vehicle, Domestic Battery, Identity Theft, Recovered Stolen Vehicle and Elder Abuse.

Thirteen case files were taken on the Midnight Shift in October. They included two (2) criminal damage to vehicle cases, a missing juvenile case, five (5) burglary to motor vehicle reports, an alleged aggravated battery case, two (2) criminal trespass reports, and a stolen auto report.

The Day shift completed 43 case files, which included: 2 burglary (residential); 2 burglary (garage), 13 burglary to motor vehicle, 1 attempt burglary to motor vehicle, 1 criminal trespass to motor vehicle, 2 criminal damage to motor vehicle, 8 theft, 1 criminal damage to property, 1 criminal defacement of property, 2 criminal trespass to property, 1 possession of stolen motor vehicle, 2 battery, 2 domestic battery, 1 possession of a controlled substance, 1 missing juvenile, 1 attempt suicide and 2 suspicious subject.

## COMMUNITY POLICING/MEETINGS

- Ofc. Kneifel conducted a Disaster Readiness presentation to the Boy Scouts.
- The afternoon shift visited 20 block parties.
- Approximately 1,200 orange glow sticks were passed out at the Halloween Walk and to "Trick-or-Treaters" on Halloween.
- Ofc. Rogers represented the department at this year's Western Illinois University Law Enforcement Career Fair.
- The entire Day shift helped with traffic control for LTHS's homecoming parade.
- Sgt. Cimbalista conducted a safety talk to the Girl Scouts at Ogden Ave. School.



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- Sgt. Cimbalista and auxiliary officers participated in the LGBA Halloween walk.
- Ofc. Balon and Sgt. Strasser conducted a station tour for St. Francis School preschoolers.
- Lt. Noel and Chief Holub attended a 3-hour rail security meeting sponsored by the BNSF Railroad along with fire and police personnel from all of the communities along the line from Chicago to Aurora.
- Investigators Rohlicek and Wardlaw and Chief Holub attended a meeting at Lyons Township High School. This is an annual meeting of all communities served by the school district.

## TRAINING

- All three shifts successfully completed the on-line Police Law Institute training on Domestic Violence and Children's Advocacy Center VSI training.
- Ofc. Joseph completed 3-day NAPD training sponsored by IRMA.
- Ofc. Fulla completed Internet Investigations training sponsored NEMRT.
- Sgt. Kielczynski completed 3-day WMD Tactical Commanders training sponsored by the Dept. of Homeland Security and CCSPD.
- Ofc. Uher was accepted as the department's representative on the NIPAS field force and attended the required training for participation.
- Chief Holub, Sgt. Strasser, TCO Donovan and TCO Borowitz all attended the APCO-911 conference in Springfield, IL. In addition to class offerings, attendees had a chance to evaluate products and software utilized by dispatch centers.

## NOVEMBER

### CASE FILES

- The Day Shift completed 25 case files, which included: 5 theft; 6 burglary to motor vehicles, 1 criminal damage to motor vehicle, 3 criminal damage to property, 1 unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, 2 criminal defacement of property, 1 retail theft, 1 driving while license suspended for driving under the influence, 4 missing juvenile, and 1 missing person.
- On the Afternoon Shift, case file reports were taken for the following incidents: Burglary to Motor Vehicle (3), Domestic Battery (2), Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (2) and one each for Possession of Controlled Substance, Aggravated Battery, Residential Burglary,

Attempt Suicide, Recovered Property, Retail Theft, Recovered Stolen Motor Vehicle, Disorderly Conduct, Criminal Damage to Motor Vehicle, Theft and a Stolen Bicycle.

- Eleven case files were taken during the month on the Midnight Shift. They included 2 burglaries to motor vehicle reports, 1 domestic battery, and possession of drug paraphernalia, 2 criminal damage reports, and 1 criminal trespass report.

## ARRESTS

The most notable arrest during the Month of November involved the apprehension of a suspect responsible for more than 60 thefts from autos. Lt. Chris Noel, Squad Leader Steve Ljubenko, Ofc. Ken Cozen, Ofc. Steve Rogers, Ofc. Ken Uher and Investigators Dave Rohlicek and Rob Wardlaw arrested a 17-year-old male subject for burglary to motor vehicle. After an observant citizen called reporting a suspicious person, police units responded to the scene and quickly established a perimeter to control the area and search for the possible offender. Suspecting that this person may have been someone we had suspected in the past, Lt. Noel and Ofc. Cozen responded to the suspect's residence and took him into custody as he attempted to sneak back into his house. With the assistance of Inv. Rohlicek and Inv. Wardlaw, combined with several interviews by Ofc. Cozen and Ofc. Uher, multiple burglaries to motor vehicles and two residential burglary cases were cleared. The coordinated effort of those working the case showed outstanding teamwork, excellent judgment, and exemplary expertise bringing about a successful resolution, two felony charges for the offender. All of the officers involved received a departmental Unit Citation, and the resident who called the police was given a Citizen's Award.

Other notable arrests include:

- Ofc. Steve Rogers arrested a 21-year-old male for DUI, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of cannabis after being dispatched to a suspicious vehicle/person call. While in custody the same offender damaged a set of department handcuffs and was subsequently charged with damage to property.
- Ofc. Ken Uher arrested a 21-year-old male for DUI with related traffic offenses, and for possession of drug paraphernalia found during a search incident to arrest.
- Ofc. Ken Uher and Ofc. Ken Cozen arrested a 22-year-old man and a 23-year-old man for theft and criminal trespass to vehicle after they were

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observed running away from the area and matching the description given by the witness. Ofc Uher stopped the subjects as they fled the scene and found them in possession of property from the vehicle they had entered.

- Ofc. Ken Uher arrested a 32-year-old male for domestic battery after police officers were dispatched to a residence for an unwanted subject.
- Sgt. Tom Cimbalista arrested Jaime A. Martinez of Stickney for driving while his license was suspended for driving under the influence.
- Ofc. Burrell arrested James L. Devries of Western Springs for criminal damage to property.
- Ofc. Russ Chorley arrested Alfredo Torres of Brookfield for unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia and unlawful possession of cannabis. Torres was apprehended by one of the Assistant Principals at LTHS.
- Ofc. Julie Burrell, Ofc. Russ Chorley, Ofc. Patrick Fulla and Squad Leader Edgar Herrera responded to a retail theft in progress at 45 S. LaGrange Rd, Hot Rags. Together, they apprehended a female juvenile from Berkeley and charged her with the retail theft.
- Ofc. Jerry Moncivais arrested a 51-year old homeless man and 54-year old homeless woman for Public Consumption of Alcohol.
- Sgt. Erik Berg cited two 15-year-old Brookfield boys for riding their bicycles on the flower boxes at the La Grange Rd. Depot.
- Inv. Dave Rohlicek arrested four employees of two La Grange businesses for Selling Tobacco to a Minor. This was part of the Tobacco Enforcement Grant.
- Squad Leader Miles Odom arrested an 18-year-old La Grange girl for Aggravated Battery, a 16-year old Brookfield girl for Battery and a 16-year-old La Grange boy for 2 counts of Battery that occurred during a fight between several combatants.
- Ofc. Patrick Fulla arrested a 39-year-old Maywood man for Possession of a Controlled Substance (Heroin), Felony Retail Theft and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Also arrested was a 52-year-old Maywood man for Felony Retail Theft. Recovered during the traffic stop were four cell phones and a Bluetooth Headset that had just been stolen from Walgreen's.
- Ofc. Patrick Fulla arrested two 19-year-old Brookfield youths for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia after observing a suspicious vehicle parked on the top deck of the parking garage.

## TRAINING

- Lt. Bill Trzeciak and Sgt. Tom Cimbalista attended Anti-Terrorism training in Joliet.
- All three shifts successfully completed the on-line Police Law Institute training on Driving while License Revoked & Armed Violence; Temporary Restraint – Handcuffing; Operating Emergency Vehicles.
- Sgt. Andy Peters also conducted the Fall weapons exercise.
- Ofc. Patrick Fulla completed Internet Safety Instructor training sponsored by IDOA.
- Squad Leader Steve Ljubenko attended the regular TLOC meeting.
- Sgt. Andy Peters also conducted department-wide firearms training involving reloading exercises and transitions from patrol rifle/shotgun to handgun.
- Chief Holub, Sgt. Marge Kielczynski, Inv. Rob Wardlaw and Inv. Dave Rohlicek, all completed a Media Relations training class sponsored by the West Suburban Chiefs of Police, and taught by former WGN News Anchor Rick Rosenthal.

## COMMUNITY RELATIONS

- Ofc. Vic Filipek assisted the Park District with crowd control reference a demonstration at Gordon Park.
- Inv. Rob Wardlaw and Inv. Dave Rohlicek assisted Cossitt School with their "lock down" drill.
- Squad Leader Edgar Herrera and Ofc. Craig Balon conducted station tours for the Boy Scouts.
- The Auxiliaries and day shift officers assisted the Rotary Club for their 5K run through town.
- Squad Leader Miles Odom conducted an "Officer Friendly" safety presentation to Tiger Scouts at the Library.
- The Afternoon shift visited 4 block parties.
- Six local youths completed 8 hours of Community Service by washing and waxing the squad cars and cleaning out the Sally port and garage.
- Sgt. Andy Peters and Squad Leader Herrera represented the department at the University of Illinois at Chicago's Law Enforcement Career Fair.

## AUXILIARY POLICE UNIT

The Auxiliary Unit assisted with traffic at the Thomas Jefferson presentation at LTHS. Assistance was also provided for the 5K- Pilgrim Run and Halloween Walk. For the Month of November, the

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members of the Auxiliary Unit donated 189 hours with the events mentioned above and by conducting House Checks, "Light-Out" lists and Patrol duties.

## DECEMBER

### CASE FILES

The Day shift completed 27 case files, which included: 1 burglary, 2 burglary to motor vehicle, 6 theft, 4 identity theft, 2 battery, 1 domestic battery, 1 criminal trespass to motor vehicle, 1 assault, 1 aggravated assault, 3 harassment by telephone, 1 unlawful possession of cannabis, 2 unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia and 2 suspicious activity.

Case Reports on the Afternoon shift were taken for the following incidents: 3 Disorderly Conducts, 2 DUI's and one each for Residential Burglary, Stolen Motor Vehicle, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Recovered Property, Theft, Child Neglect and a Death Investigation.

The Midnight Shift completed 4 additional case files for Theft, Criminal Damage to Motor Vehicle, Domestic Trouble and Theft. Some of their other activities include: 278 Parking Tickets, 182 Safety and Premise Checks and 46 Citations, 4 Accident Reports and 309 calls for service. The midnight shift worked 34 ¼ hours of overtime due to shift shortages.

### ARRESTS

- Squad Leader Herrera arrested Jeffrey Behnke of Brookfield for driving while revoked and on a contempt of court warrant out of DuPage County.
- Squad Leader Herrera arrested Jeffrey Behnke again, this time on a Cook County warrant for failure to appear in court on a previous arrest from December 1, 2008 for driving while revoked
- Ofc. Fulla arrested LTHS student Francisco Marcial of Hodgkins for unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia at school.
- Ofc. Balon arrested LTHS student Carl Young of La Grange Park for unlawful possession of cannabis at school.
- Ofc. Murray arrested an LTHS student, specifically a male juvenile from La Grange Park, for unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia at school.
- Ofc. Uher had 6 criminal arrests including 4 Misdemeanor arrests for Unlawful Possession of Alcohol by a Minor, 1 Misdemeanor arrests of a homeless subject for Criminal Trespass to

Property and 1 Felony Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance (Ecstasy).

- Ofc. Uher also had 2 DUI arrests.
- Squad Leader Ljubenko had 1 arrest for driving with a suspended license
- Ofc. Fulla arrested a 43-year old La Grange woman for DUI, Endangering the Life of a child and several traffic violations after she was observed disobeying a red light
- On December 22nd, Ofc. Fulla arrested a 22-year old Evergreen Park man for a Suspended Driver's License and No Insurance after stopping the man for speeding. An outstanding warrant from Oak Brook PD for Suspended Driver's License was also served.
- On December 21st, Officers Moncivais and Tountas arrested a 59-year-old Orland Park man for DUI, No Insurance and Speeding after he struck a vehicle stopped at a red light.
- On December 26th Officers Pacana and Fulla assisted Willowbrook Police Department in the arrest of a 25-year-old La Grange woman who had stolen a purse.

Overall, Christmas Eve was relatively quiet from the police perspective. New Years Eve also came and went with little activity. However at around 5:00 AM we saw plenty of activity, which included a call to the LMH Emergency Room for assistance with intoxicated subjects, an ambulance call for an overdose of a combination of alcohol, ecstasy and cocaine, and a call for a reported fight at a residence. No arrests were made in any of these calls.

### COMMUNITY RELATIONS

- Sgt. Strasser assisted with a lockdown drill at Ogden Ave. School.
- Squad Leader Herrera attended the Senior Center's annual Christmas party.
- The members of the La Grange Police Auxiliary worked 152 hours in total during the month of December.

## CRIME DATA

Our crime statistics for 2008 are displayed in the chart below. Overall we experienced a significant increase in criminal activity (53.6%), primarily in the area of thefts. The majority of those thefts are attributable to one individual, who was arrested in November.

<b>Part I Offenses</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b># Change</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Homicide	0	0	0	0%
Reckless Homicide	0	0	0	0%
Criminal Sexual Assault	0	1	-1	-100%
Robbery	2	2	0	0%
Aggravated Assault/Battery	4	6	-2	-33%
Burglary	36	38	-2	-5%
Theft	229	130	99	76%
Motor Vehicle Theft	7	5	2	40%
Arson	3	1	2	200%
<b>Total Part I Offenses</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>54%</b>
<b>Total Part I Offenses Cleared</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>-30%</b>

  

<b>Patrol Activities</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b># Change</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Number of Calls Taken	18,221	13,759	4,462	32%
Accident Reports Taken	739	724	15	2%
Felony Arrests	23	56	-33	-59%
Misdemeanor Arrests	175	212	-37	-17%
D.U.I. Arrests	23	28	-5	-18%
Compliance Citations Issued	1,597	1,482	115	8%
Traffic Citations Issued	1,643	2,107	-464	-22%
Parking Tickets	9,319	9,168	151	2%
Juvenile Arrests	19	87	-68	-78%
Prisoners Held In Lock-Up	74	81	-7	-9%

  

<b>Drug Crime Statistics</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b># Change</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Cannabis Control Act	25	12	13	108%
Controlled Substances Act	4	10	-6	-60%
Hypodermic Syringe/Needle Act	0	1	-1	-100%
Drug Paraphernalia Act	6	6	0	0%
<b>Total Drug Arrests</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>21%</b>



## POLICE CONDUCT COMPLAINTS

To maintain public confidence, the Department must be able to investigate and resolve complaints and allegations of misconduct against its employees, while preserving the rights of the employees and the public. The objective of any internal investigation is to seek the truth. To that end, the Department investigates complaints against the Department or its employees. Here is a table showing the formal complaints registered in 2008.

Date	Nature of Complaint	Finding or Disposition
02/01/08	1. Officer refused to take a motorist assistance call due to cold weather	1. Officer was issued a Letter of Reprimand and counseled
07/31/08	1. Inappropriate police response  2. Discrimination 3. Failure to provide prompt medical attention  ▪ Complaint was submitted by daughter of accuser	1. Unfounded as to inappropriate police response; the complaint was more of a disagreement with the disposition 2. Unfounded as to discrimination 3. Confirmed that a delay occurred in sending an ambulance  • Result was counseling about medical needs (even minor ones) being a priority

## POLICE AWARDS AND RECOGNITION PROGRAM

As part of our continuing awards program, we regularly issue a variety of awards or letters to our officers. Listed below are the awards that were issued in 2008, along with the criterion for each category.

### 1 Life Saving Medal

An award for an act in the line of duty that, through disregard of personal safety or prompt and alert action, results in saving or prolonging a life.

### 1 Meritorious Service Medals

An award for creditable accomplishment, bringing public or professional acclaim to himself or herself, to the department, or the police profession, as a result of showing initiative, devotion to duty or service to the public.

### 9 Unit Citations

An award for a group or team of employees who in concert have performed an exceptionally valuable act in the line of duty, including an investigation, tactical operation or other endeavor leading to a major arrest, a significant arrest, a key accomplishment in the area of crime prevention or community service.

### 3 Education Achievement Medals

One award for obtaining a bachelor's degree and two for obtaining a Master's Degree

### 7 Special Event Medals

An award for a national or historic event or a professional accomplishment, which is worn in remembrance of the event or accomplishment.

### 3 Letters of Commendation and 1 Letter of Appreciation

Issued by the Chief of Police based upon the Chief's knowledge of an occurrence, or upon the recommendation of another member of the department, typically the Watch Commander during the shift in which the performance occurred.

### 2 Citizen Awards

Issued by the Chief of Police to a private Citizen based upon the Chief's knowledge of an occurrence, or upon the recommendation of another member of the department for their assistance and or contribution to the prevention of crime.

**NOTE:** The Chief's Office also received more than 35 letters, memos, phone calls, or E-mails in praise of actions performed or services rendered by the various units or individual members of the La Grange Police Department.



## TRUCK ENFORCEMENT

In 2008 we increased the number of truck enforcement details. We focused our attention on possible overweight and over length violations, poor or improper driving behaviors (i.e., speeding, red light violations) and other significant traffic offenses. However, the vast majority of violations were minor safety-related errors such as driving in the wrong lane, unsafe equipment, or failure to carry trip tickets. Hired back on overtime, our Police Officers conducted 15 separate truck details in 2008 with the following results:

Truck Detail Statistics	Totals for 2008
Number of hours worked	100.5
Number of citations	345
Number of verbal warnings	7
Number of Warrants	1
Number of Suspended Licenses	2

## TOBACCO ENFORCEMENT

The Illinois Liquor Control Commission/Tobacco Enforcement Grant program mandates us to conduct three compliance checks throughout the year. We conducted compliance checks on all of our licensed sellers in February, May and November of 2008 by using a minor attempting to purchase tobacco. The following is a list of Tobacco Compliance Checks including the results:

Tobacco Enforcement Statistics	Totals for 2008
Number of establishments licensed to sell tobacco	10
Number of Compliance Checks conducted at all locations	3
Number of Violations	5

## PART-TIME POLICE PROGRAM

The Part-Time police officers were tasked with duties related to traffic and pedestrian safety and enforcement, patrolling the Central Business District, and other tasks as directed. They also provided assistance and support to the Full-Time Officers with arrests, report writing, and other related patrol duties. Their activity levels are represented in the graph below.

Part-Time Police Officer Activities	Totals for 2008	Monthly Average
Criminal Arrests	6	0.5
Traffic Citations	414	34.5
C-Tickets	363	30.3
P-Tickets	371	30.9
Foot Patrols	294	24.5
Stop Cards/Safety Notices	539	44.9
Premise Checks	190	15.8

We were fortunate to have a dynamic group of officers working for us Part-Time. Not only has their presence been noticed by residents, but we have had no turnover or loss of personnel in the Part-Time Ranks.



## LA GRANGE AUXILIARY POLICE

The La Grange Auxiliary Police Unit is a 100% volunteer organization whose main purpose is to supplement and enhance the La Grange Police Department. The members of the Auxiliary Police Unit put in a total of 2710 unpaid hours during 2008 assisting the regular police department and the citizens of La Grange. This would translate into more than \$84,000 of salary if based upon the pay of a patrol officer. Almost 289 of those hours were spent checking closed homes while the residents were on vacation and listing street lights that were not functioning. Approximately 325 hours were spent on training through the Northeast Multi Regional Training unit and in-house programs.

The unit started the year with seventeen officers and ended the year with fifteen officers although we lost two additional officers so far in 2009. Two new officers were added during the year while four others left the unit. While we seem to attract many applicants, it is difficult to find qualified applicants that meet the high standards we demand.

In addition to supporting the regular officers by riding along during the busy evening hours, Auxiliary officers also did numerous walking and Segway patrols in the Central Business District. One Auxiliary officer is a certified Segway training officer with eleven others being trained in its use. This allowed numerous Segway patrols of the Central Business District either partnering with regular officers or in pairs. The Segways were also successfully used for the Pet Parade, the Craft Fair in July and the West End Art Fair.

The unit also was called upon to aid in numerous events throughout the year providing essential manpower to the police department when needed, freeing up regular officers for patrol duties. A few of these events were:

- Riding in a squad car as a second officer to assist on calls and to act as a back-up.
- Bike registrations and rodeos at the local elementary schools.
- La Grange Garden Club plant sale at Kiwanis Park in May
- Special Olympics Torch Run in June
- The CEP 5K Run in June
- The Pet Parade and carnival in June
- The two-day Craft Fair in July
- Park District Annual Family Fest at Denning Park in August
- Two day West End Art Fair in September
- The Halloween Walk in October
- Homecoming parades in September and October for Lyons Township High School, St. Cletus and St. Francis Xavier
- The Rotary 5K Pilgrim Run in November
- The Christmas Walk in December

## POLICE DEPARTMENT OBJECTIVES FOR 2009

1. Perform heightened enforcement on several levels including directed traffic posts and monthly truck details, with adjacent communities when possible.
2. Continue with our CBD vigilance and interaction with youth.
3. Continue liaisons with citizen, business and service groups and organizations.
4. Evaluate the need for additional full-time personnel in order to more effectively respond to increasing demand for specialized police services.
5. Evaluate Parking Ticket Management program.
6. Continue to cultivate part-time Police Officers, with the focus being on traffic enforcement and in support of the existing departmental functions and patrols.
7. Evaluate and select a vendor for photo enforcement for rail crossings and intersections.
8. Evaluate and select a vendor for speed-warning signs in selected locations.
9. Continue to explore funding opportunities through the Office of Homeland Security and with other Federal, State, and County agencies to improve our service and preparedness levels.
10. Continue working with the Village Manager regarding various traffic safety projects.