

City of Grosse Pointe Woods
Department of Public Safety
Annual Report
2022

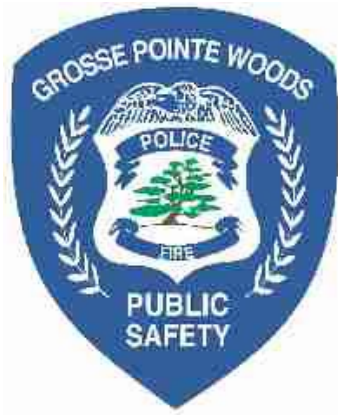


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CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



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April 01, 2023

Dear Mayor and City Council:

On behalf of the members of the Department of Public Safety, I am proud to present the Annual Report for 2022 showing the crime statistics of the Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety. The information contained in this report reflects the combined efforts of all department members who have worked together to make the City of Grosse Pointe Woods a safe and welcoming community.

The department kept busy throughout the year making improvements to policies and procedures, upgrading equipment, and working diligently to attract qualified employees in an era where Law Enforcement careers are not as popular as they once were. In addition, the department took on new responsibilities involving Code Enforcement which were previously handled by the Building Department until the retirement of Building Official Gene Tutag in August, 2022.

The main focus, of course, was to ensure the safety and well-being of the residents and business of the community by fighting crime. The department is pleased to report a 5.50% decrease in overall crime as the total of both Index and Non-Index crimes fell from 525 to 496. The highest Index crime reported continued to be Larceny with an increase from 107 crimes in 2021 to 110 in 2022. Robberies also rose from 1 reported in 2021 to 4 in 2022. An increase was also seen in Auto Theft which rose from 17 to 28, of which 8 vehicles were stolen from the Ascension St. John parking lot. Burglary increased from 11 to 14 crimes and Criminal Sexual Conduct rose from 1 to 4 cases reported. A decrease was seen in Aggravated Assault which went down from 5 incidents in 2021 to 4 in 2022. Consistent with the prior year, there were no incidents reported for either Criminal Homicide or Arson.

Significant decreases were seen in the Non-Index crimes of Fraud, D.U.I. Arrests, and Other Assaults. Although Fraud decreased from 107 to 88, it still remained the highest Non-Index crime reported. D.U.I. arrests decreased 48% from 21 to 11 incidents reported. Other Assaults went down from 44 to 34 and Narcotics decreased from 2 incidents to 1. Slight increases were seen in the Non-Index crimes of Damage to Property, Intimidation/Stalking, and Weapons Laws. Damage to Property was the second highest Non-Index crime reported, with 44 incidents in 2022 compared to 41 in 2021.

Also of note is Public Peace, a Non-Index crime which continued to be high with 38 incidents, although it was slightly lower than the 40 reported in 2021. A significant increase was seen in Obstructing Police which increased from 4 to 18 incidents. A dramatic drop was seen in Sex Offenses with an 80% reduction.

A change in the criminal justice system has caused certain crimes to no longer be considered arrestable offenses. Violations requiring court appearances are issued instead.

Although there was a 10% increase in ambulance runs which changed from 1307 in 2021 to 1440 in 2022, the number of runs involving advanced life support showed a significant 49% decrease from 784 in 2021 to 400 in 2022.

An essential upgrade to department operations took place in the early part of 2022 with the implementation of a Rifle Lease Purchasing Program. Through the program, new rifles and ammunition were purchased. The reason for the implementation of this program is to replace outdated and worn rifles with new rifles which have updated technology. Research has shown that the shooting accuracy of each officer greatly improves when they have their own specific rifle which they are familiar with. In the wake of an increasing number of active shooter situations throughout the country, it is important for officers to be as proficient as possible when split-second decisions are required. Another benefit to the program is the increased confidence that the officers will gain by being familiar with the rifle they are using. Officers received training on the new rifles in addition to the regular shooting training sessions they receive twice a year.

The opportunity to utilize additional office space arose upon the retirement of the city's Building Inspector. As the two offices in the space between the lobby and the Public Safety Supervisor's office became vacant, a decision was made by City Administration to allow both the Public Safety Department and the City Clerk's Office to share the space. Our department will use it for interviewing crime victims, which will allow the privacy we did not have when interviewing them in the lobby. We will also use the office space as a workplace for our two Fire Inspectors to document and review their plans as well as for our Field Training Officers to document the progress of newly hired officers. The City Clerk will only need the space during election periods so that elderly and handicapped residents will not have to climb up and down the stairs to vote as our building is not equipped with an elevator.

Another improvement to our facilities in 2022 was the installation of a new property room door in November. We also replaced a washing machine used primarily for prisoner laundry.

The purchase of 21 Life-Vac choking rescue kits in July will enhance our ability to save the lives of choking victims. The devices are portable and non-invasive.

The process of updating the department's obsolete locker room began at the end of the year with the purchase of new lockers which will be installed in 2023 after removal of the old lockers and painting of the rooms is done by Department of Public Works employees. The \$80,000.00 cost for the renovation of the locker room was approved by City Council in November. The current lockers, which were previously used in a school, are small and do not provide adequate storage for the officer's uniform and equipment. They have been in place since the Grosse Pointe Woods City Hall was built in the 1950's.

The department took delivery of two new Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicles in the early part of 2022 as replacements for well-used high-mileage vehicles in our fleet of patrol cars. An emergency repair to recondition the radiator in the Engine 5 fire truck was necessary at the end of the year.

Another high cost repair took place in the spring of 2022 when the motor in the Dispatch workstation ceased to function and it became necessary to purchase a new base, costing over \$10,000.00.

As it has become more difficult to find and recruit suitable experienced candidates for Public Safety positions nationwide, chances of finding a good candidate are increased when the department is able to offer to put recruits through the Police and/or Fire Academy when necessary. In order to make this possible, the department applied for the Local First Responder Recruitment and Training Grant in February 2022 so that the city can be reimbursed for the costs. The result of the application was a rejection letter from the State of Michigan received in May which explained that our department was among the 85% who were not chosen to receive funding due to the extraordinary amount of over 400 municipal governments applying with \$30,000,000 in requests for funding limited to \$5,000,000. We were encouraged to continue to apply for grant programs.

Although we were not successful with the Local First Responder Grant, we do have plans to utilize funding opportunities from the MCOLES Public Safety Academy Assistance Program and the Wayne County fire training program cover tuition costs for the Police and Fire Academies. These programs will afford us the ability to hire new recruits in need of training without burdening the city with an economic strain.

The MCOLES program will cover up to \$24,000.00 per recruit for academy costs and salaries while attending an academy. Funding for this program is available on a first-come first-serve basis until September 30, 2026 or until funds are exhausted, whichever comes first.

The Wayne County program receives funding from the State of Michigan's tax on fireworks sales to apply to fire training. As the state funds are divided by population, Wayne County gets a large majority due to its size. The funds are generally used to cover the costs of tuition for the fire academy however they may also be used for training props, in which case the props must be made available for use by anyone in the state.

The department continued to work with FEMA and the State of Michigan on another grant involving the losses incurred during the major flooding event in June 2021. Although the department's losses were limited to damage in the Detective Bureau, the grant also involves debris removal and catch basin clearing throughout the city. A new desk and carpeting were purchased for the Detective Bureau in 2022 to replace damaged items.

The grant offered by the Department of Justice for the replacement of bulletproof vests continues to be a valuable source utilized each year as vests either need to be replaced due to expiration or need to be purchased for new members of the department. Half of the cost of the eighteen vests purchased in 2022 was reimbursed through the program.

Community involvement continues to be an essential part of our daily activities. We continue to provide security services at public events such as sporting events, graduations, and public outings such as Music on the Lawn, the annual Fall Fest, and the annual Greek Fest held at the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church. Officers were called to a hockey tournament at University Liggett School in January due to an altercation in the parking lot with a report of a weapon on site. Officers also responded to a homecoming dance brawl at Grosse Pointe North in October. A false report of an active shooter at Grosse Pointe North in December caused a temporary lockdown of the facility.

Two of our uniformed officers were verbally attacked by an employee of a Grosse Pointe Woods urgent care clinic in July. The employee was terminated after the incident.

An incident with a happy ending took place in February when two English bulldogs were stolen from the front lawn of their residence and sold to a man in Detroit who brought them to the station a few days later after recognizing them from media reports.

Department members have continued to perform exceptionally well in their duties. Life-Saving awards were presented at a City Council meeting in May to Lieutenant Brian Conigliaro, Sergeants Brian Urban and Joseph Provost, and Officers David Empson, Matthew Muzia and Jarod Smith. In addition, crossing guard Maureen Carter was recognized with a Citizen Citation for her bravery when she remained in her intersection while instructing pedestrians to stay on the sidewalk as the driver of a vehicle disregarded her stop sign. The department is also proud of the efforts of SRT (Special Response Team) members Neal Kapoor and Duncan Gill who, along with their team members, were presented with a Unit Citation from the City of Harper Woods in November and were also given special recognition at a Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting in December.

Although there were no promotions in 2022, the department did welcome two new experienced full-time dispatchers, both of whom were previously employed with SERESA (South East Regional Emergency Services Authority), a consolidated dispatch center which serves the cities of Eastpointe, Fraser, Roseville, and St. Clair Shores. The work hours of our dispatchers were changed from 8-hour to 12-hour shifts to match the officers schedules. The department now has four full-time dispatchers, each dedicated to one of our four platoons. Dispatch salaries were increased in 2022 in order to remain competitive and attract and retain qualified employees.

Three department veterans, each with over 20 years of experience, retired in 2022 – Communications Dispatcher Agnes Burcar, Detective Kevin Bonk, and Officer Scott Nota. Detective Bonk spent 17 of his 22 years with the department in the Detective Bureau and also served as the liaison with the Auxiliary Officers. He was a familiar figure at our annual Public Safety Open Houses, having organized many of them. We wish all of our retirees well as they adapt to their new lifestyles.

In closing, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Mayor Arthur Bryant and members of Council for their continued support in helping to turn the department's aspirations for improvement into a reality. In addition, I would like to thank City Administrator Frank Schulte and Assistant City Administrator Susan Como for their support and guidance.

I would also like to thank the members of our Public Safety Department for their hard work and dedication and to Chaplain Matthew Swiatek for providing his guidance to them. The assistance and help provided by members of other departments within the city is also appreciated.

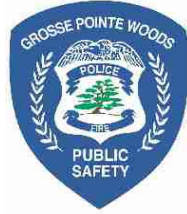
As we move into the future in 2023, my top priority will continue to be the safety and well-being of members of the community. I welcome suggestions from residents and business owners for improvements that can be made or for alerting us about problems which need resolutions. I will continue to work to the best of my ability to make this department the best that it can be.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John G. Kosanke".

John G. Kosanke, Director of Public Safety

MISSION STATEMENT



The Mission of the Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety is to continually strive to improve the safety and quality of life within our community. This will be accomplished through a broad based combination of traditional and innovative police, fire and emergency medical services while always protecting constitutional and basic human rights. All members of the Department will at all times stand accountable for their conduct.



INTRODUCTION



Director of Public Safety John G. Kosanke

Each year, the Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety prepares an annual report of crime statistics for the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, the Michigan Incident Crime Reporting (MICR), and the Federal Bureau of Investigation Uniform Crime Report (UCR). This data is compiled from offenses reported to the Department of Public Safety, monthly police reports, and individual crime incident reports.

The primary objective of this Annual Report is to provide a reliable set of criminal justice statistics for police administration, operations, and management. The localized study of crime data enables personnel to assess the influence of crime in areas, neighborhoods, and with people. Similarly, crime statistics permit analysis among neighboring jurisdictions and with those of similar populations and other characteristics. A broad examination of the crime data allows individuals to view the nature and movement of crime, underlying changes, and fluctuations throughout the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, the State of Michigan, and the United States.

The Department of Public Safety is committed to improving the reliability and validity of our crime reporting data. We are attempting to achieve this goal by a study and analysis of major crime indexes and understanding the impact of classification revisions mandated by the State. As a result, some offense categories have decreased, while others have increased. Our efforts are to provide a reporting system that will be more accurate, valid, reliable, and compatible with State and Federal standards.

DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

As of 12-31-2022

Director of Public Safety

John G. Kosanke

Chaplain

Pastor Matthew Swiatek

Lieutenants

Brian Conigliaro

James Lefurgey

Lieutenant/DB Commander

Keith Waszak

Sergeants

Mark Agnetti

Anthony Chalut

Darrell Fisher

Walter Galat

Joseph Provost, Jr.

Brian Urban

Public Safety Officers

Steven Calabro

Douglas Copple

David Empson

Duncan Gill

Eugene Gunnery

Joseph Hazuka

Anthony Hojnacki

Neal Kapoor

Timothy Livingston

Jeffry Martel

Martin Mitchell

Matthew Muzia

Jarod Smith

Dennis Walker

Detective

Ryan Schroerlucke

Detective/Traffic Safety Officer

Miles Adams

Communications Dispatchers - Full-Time

Scott DeLisle

Patricia Czech

Kristen Longtine

Amber McNeil

Communications Dispatchers - Part-Time

Meredith Williamson

Confidential Administrative Assistant

Claudette Darga

Code Enforcement

Norma Foster

Debbie Reed

Parking Enforcement - Part-Time

Debra Fox

Carolyn Schefke

Records Department - Full-Time

Darlene Jepson

Records Department - Part-Time

Kim Rupinski

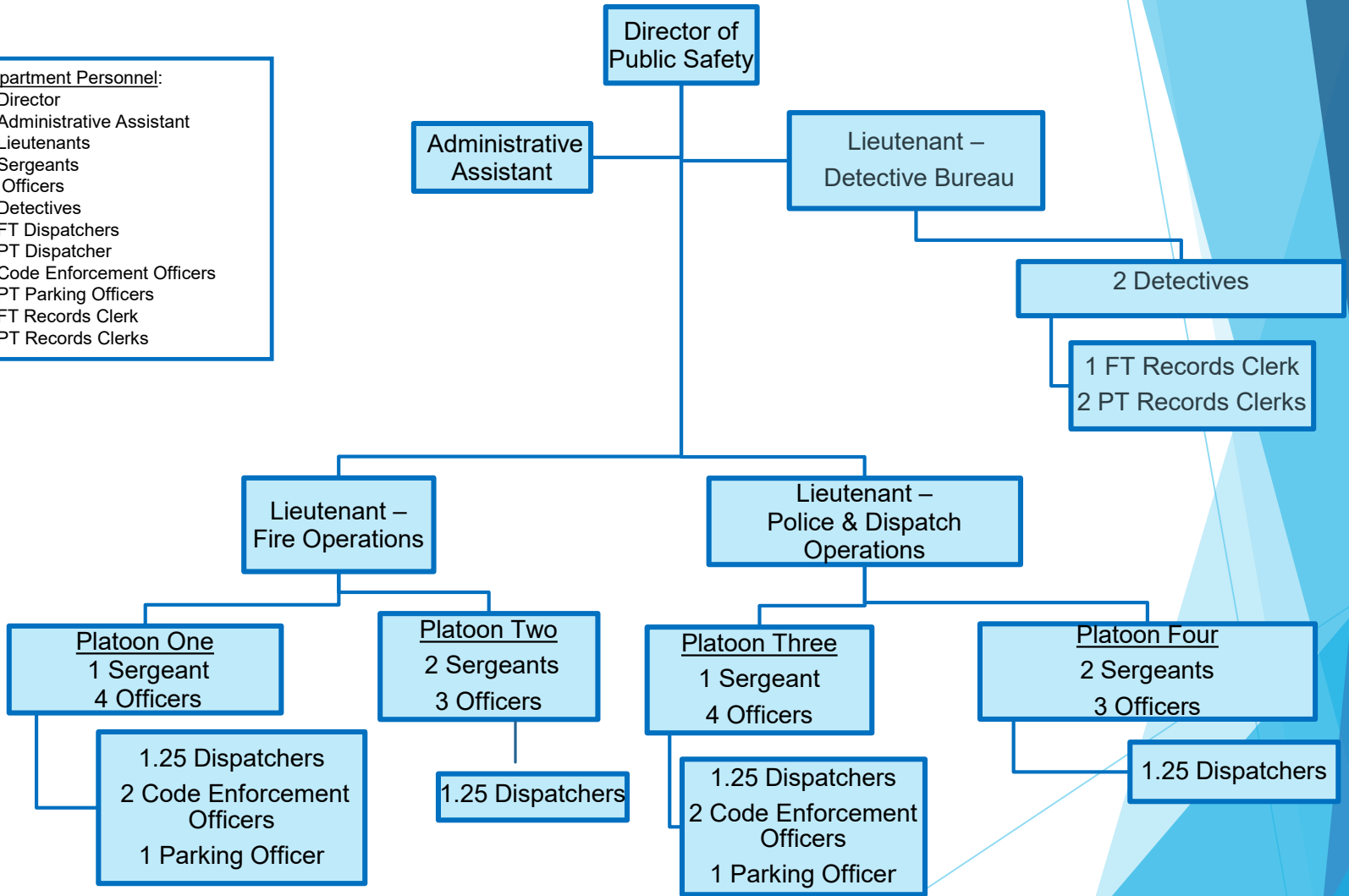
Tina Verbeke

City of Grosse Pointe Woods

Department of Public Safety Organization Chart

2022

- Department Personnel:
- 1 Director
 - 1 Administrative Assistant
 - 3 Lieutenants
 - 6 Sergeants
 - 15 Officers
 - 2 Detectives
 - 4 FT Dispatchers
 - 1 PT Dispatcher
 - 2 Code Enforcement Officers
 - 2 PT Parking Officers
 - 1 FT Records Clerk
 - 2 PT Records Clerks

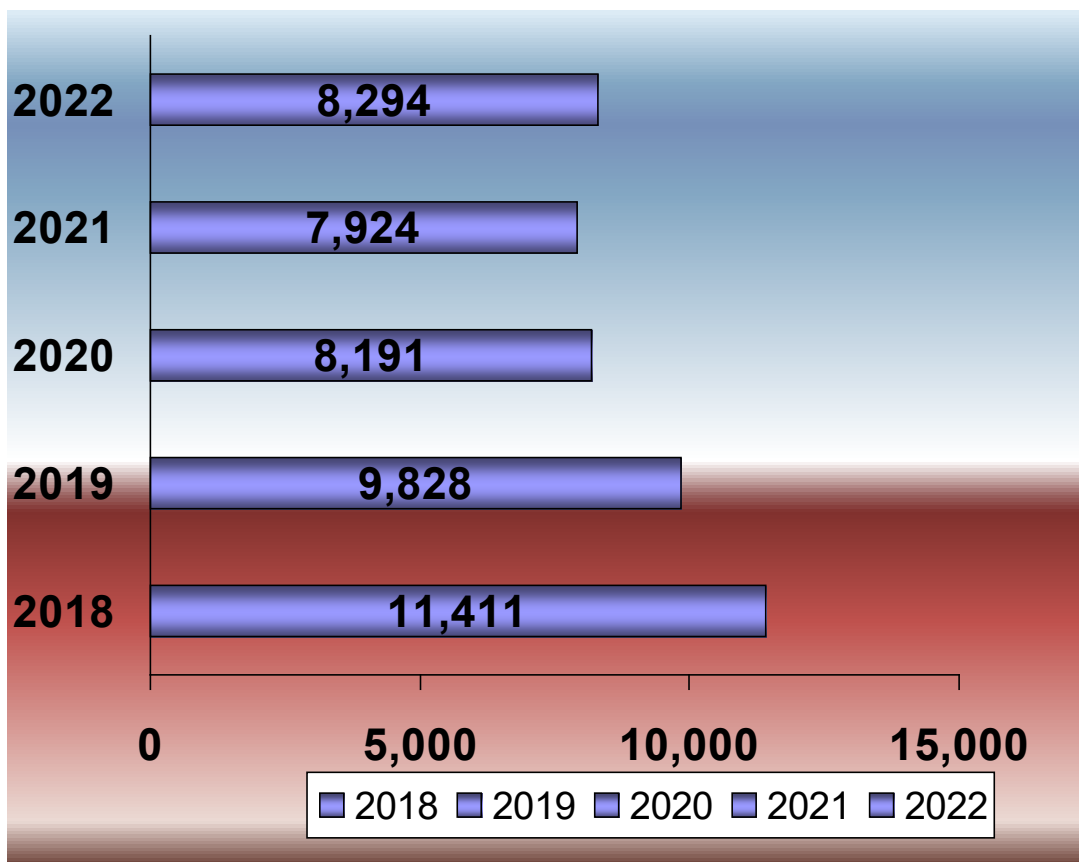


TOTAL INCIDENTS 2018 - 2022

Since the utilization of CLEMIS, the department has been able to successfully capture a wide magnitude of crime statistics. This valuable resource continues to enhance department operations with its ease of use and impressive capabilities.

The department responded to 8,294 calls for service in 2022.

The five-year average is 9,129 calls for service.



INDEX CRIMES BREAKDOWN

The National Crime Index is composed of selected offenses used to gauge fluctuations in the overall volume and rate of crime reported to law enforcement. Index Crimes are considered to be the most serious of all crimes reported.

These include the violent crimes of:

- **Aggravated Assault**
- **Arson**
- **Auto Theft**
- **Burglary**
- **Criminal Homicide**
- **Criminal Sexual Conduct**
- **Larceny - Theft**
- **Robbery**

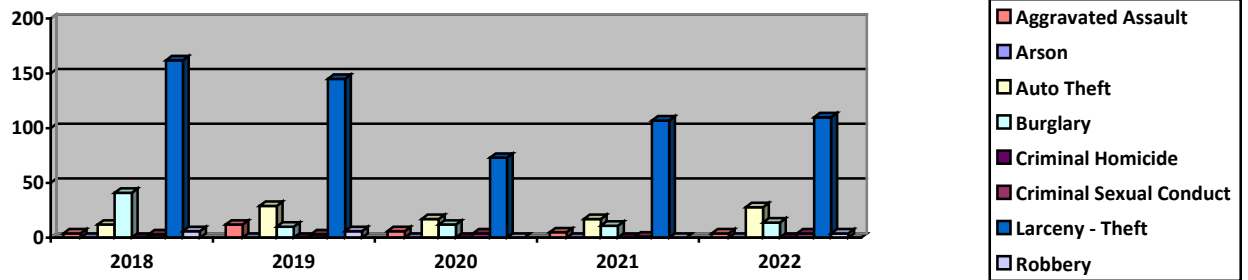
NON-INDEX CRIMES BREAKDOWN

Non-Index offenses encompass all other reportable classifications outside those defined as Index Offenses. Only arrest data involving the Non-Index offenses are reported to the FBI.

These include the crimes of:

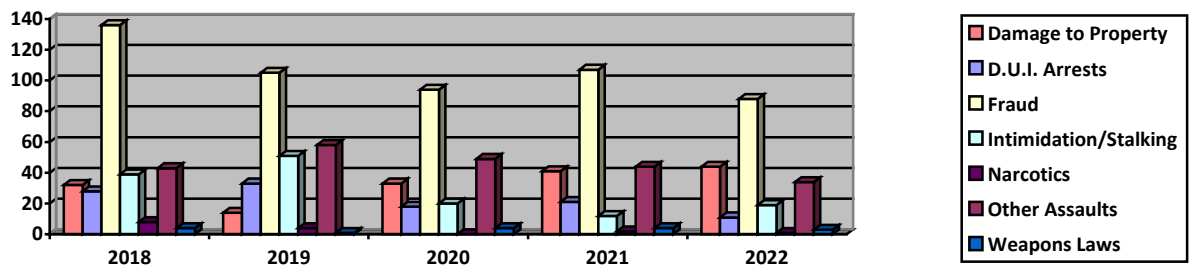
- **Curfew and Loitering Laws (persons under 18)**
- **Damage to Property**
- **Disorderly Conduct**
- **Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol**
- **Drug Abuse Violations**
- **Drunkenness**
- **Embezzlement**
- **Forgery and Counterfeiting**
- **Fraud**
- **Gambling**
- **Liquor Laws**
- **Offenses Against the Family and Children**
- **Other Assaults**
- **Prostitution and Commercialized Vice**
- **Runaways (persons under 18)**
- **Sex Offenses**
- **Stolen Property: Buying, Receiving, Possessing**
- **Weapons: Carrying, Possessing, etc...**
- **All Other Offenses**

INDEX CRIMES TOTALS



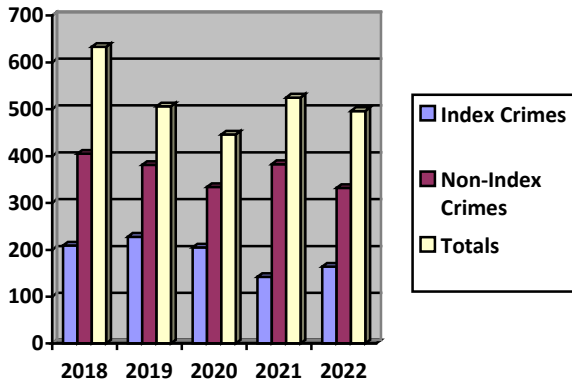
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Aggravated Assault	4	12	6	5	4
Arson	0	0	0	0	0
Auto Theft	12	29	17	17	28
Burglary	41	10	12	11	14
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal Sexual Conduct	3	3	4	1	4
Larceny - Theft	162	145	73	107	110
Robbery	6	6	0	1	4

NON - INDEX CRIMES TOTALS



	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Damage to Property	32	14	33	41	44
D.U.I. Arrests	28	33	18	21	11
Fraud	136	105	94	107	88
Intimidation/Stalking	39	51	20	12	19
Narcotics	8	4	0	2	1
Other Assaults	43	58	49	44	34
Weapons Laws	4	1	4	2	3

CRIME TOTALS 2018 - 2022



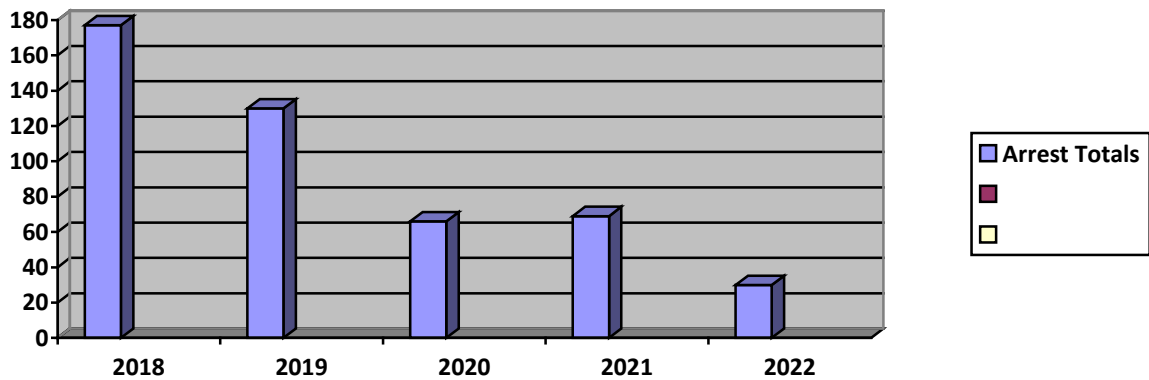
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Index Crimes	228	205	112	142	164
Non-Index Crimes	405	381	334	383	332
Totals	633	586	446	525	496

The 496 Index and Non-Index crimes reported in 2022 represents a 5.50 % decrease from the 525 crimes reported in 2021. The five-year average is 537 Index and Non-Index crimes.

ARREST TOTALS 2018 - 2022

The five-year average is 94 arrests per year.

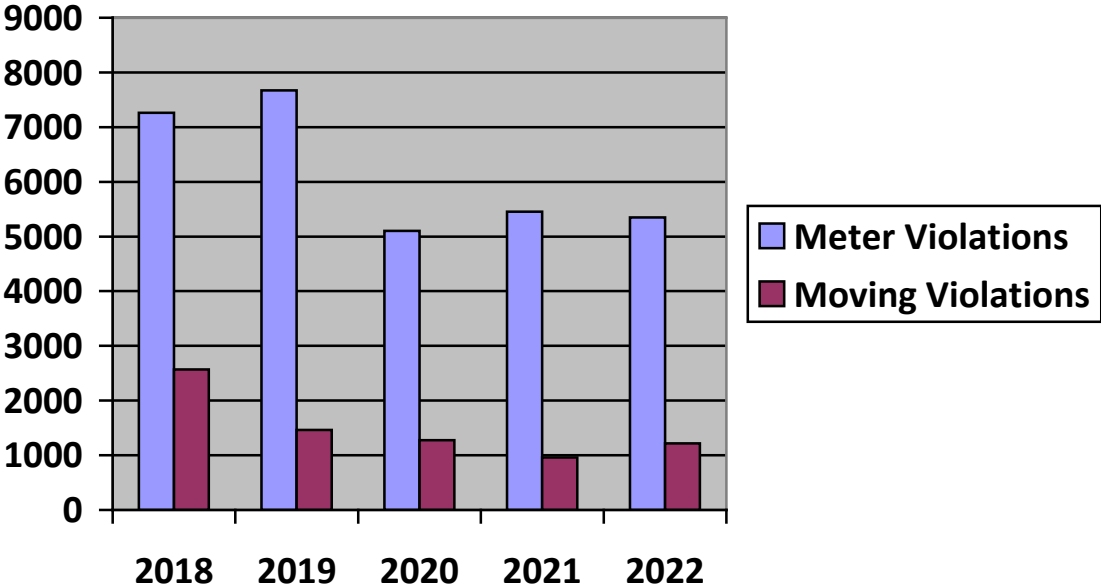
Arrests decreased from last year by 56.50 %.



	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Arrest Totals	177	130	66	69	30

MOVING AND METER VIOLATIONS

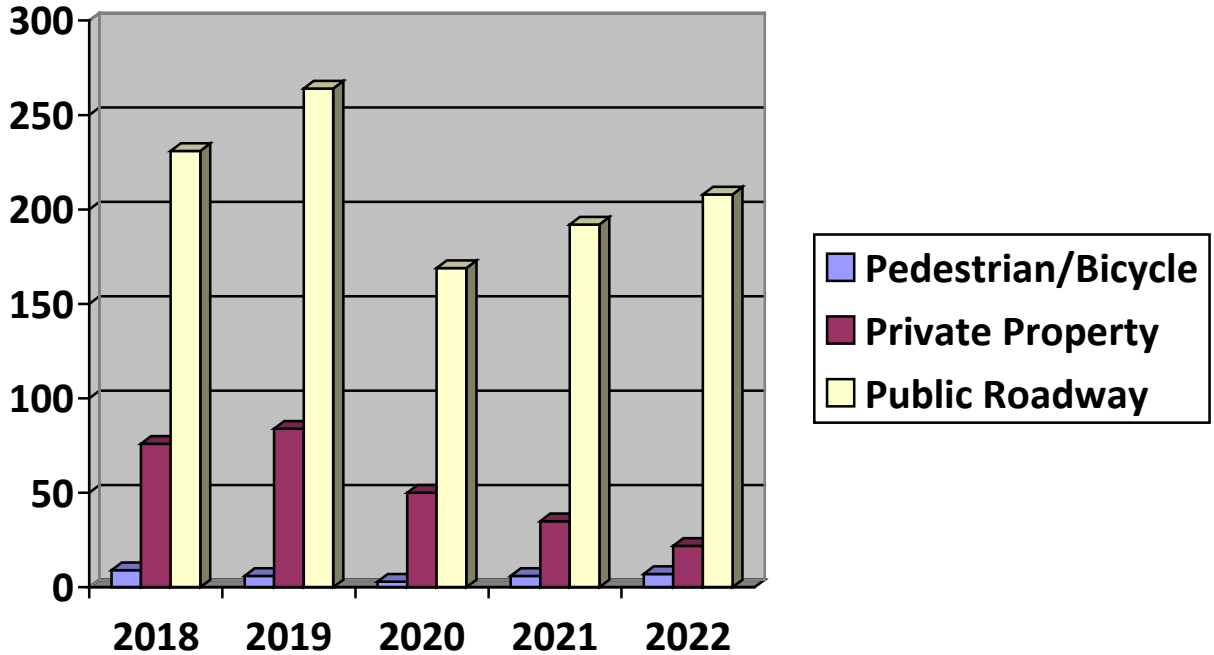
Using computers, updated radars, preliminary breath instruments, and mobile fingerprint readers in the patrol vehicles, the Public Safety Department continues to enforce traffic violations in the most effective manner possible.



	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Meter Violations	7263	7674	5101	5456	5348
Moving Violations	2569	1461	1273	958	1215

TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS

The statistics below include figures for private property accidents. The State of Michigan, for reporting purposes, does not include or record private property accidents. These types of accident reports are taken as a courtesy to citizens.



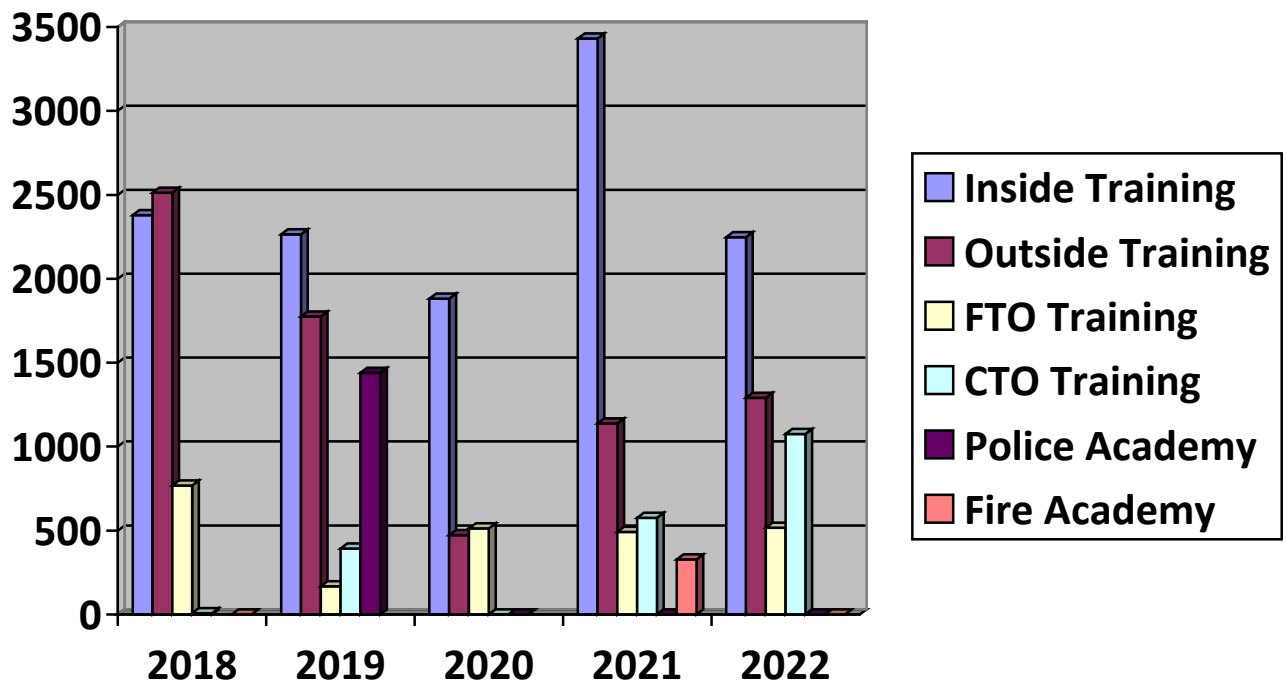
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Pedestrian/Bicycle	9	6	3	6	7
Private Property	76	84	50	35	22
Public Roadway	231	264	169	192	208

There were no fatalities in 2022.

DEPARTMENT TRAINING

Members of the department work diligently with specialized rescue tools and fire equipment to train in preparation of any impending emergency. Members of the department attended 1,290 hours of Police and Fire training courses at local colleges and other training facilities in 2022 and participated in 2,248 hours of in-house training. The department received a total of 3,538 hours of training in 2022.

In addition, 516 hours were spent to continue the FTO (Field Officer training) for an officer hired in 2021 and 1,075 hours were spent training three new Communications Dispatchers (CTO training). The grand total of all department training in 2022 was 5,129 hours, a 14% decrease from the 5,966 total hours in 2021. The department values training and encourages employees to grasp the opportunity whenever possible to continually grow in knowledge.



FIRE OPERATIONS

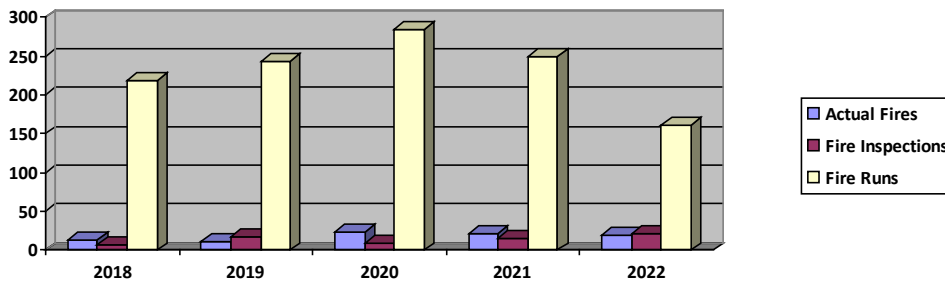
Our officers perform dual duties involving both police and fire and are quick to respond in either type of emergency situation. In addition to seven residential dwelling fires in Grosse Pointe Woods, our firemen also responded to one vehicle fire, twelve dumpster fires and 26 electrical related/power lines down incidents in 2022. We also provided mutual aid assistance for six residential fires and one vehicle fire in Harper Woods and one residential fire in Grosse Pointe City. Mutual aid was received by the department for four residential fires.

The department has two certified fire inspectors who are primarily assigned to road patrol duties.



All totals listed below are estimated.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Actual Fires	14	11	24	21	20
Fire Inspections	8	17	10	16	21
Fire Loss	\$827,500	\$73,600	\$366,150	\$1,255,000	\$413,400
Fire Runs	219	243	284	249	161



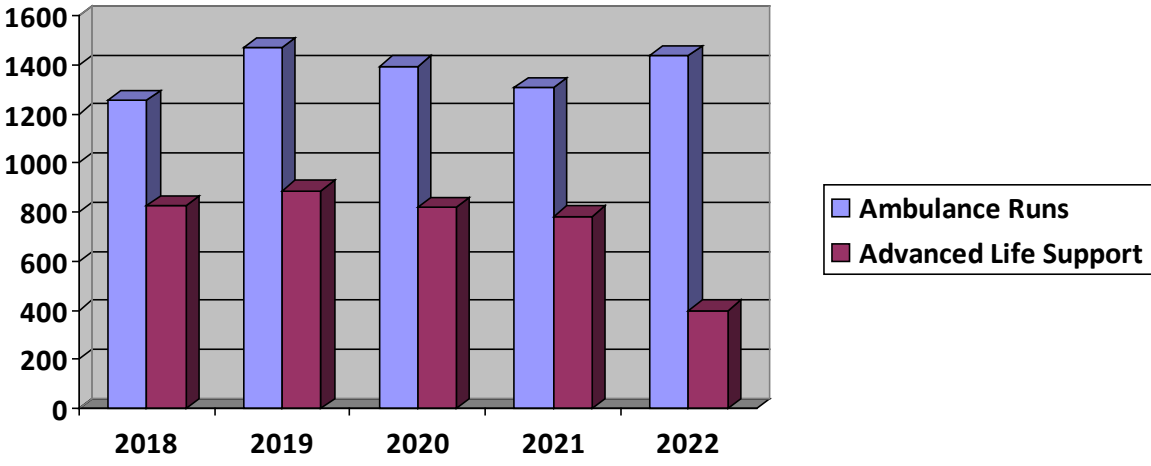
There were no fatalities or serious injuries resulting from the 20 actual fires in 2022.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Public Safety officers respond to every ambulance run. All of our patrol vehicles are equipped with Automatic External Defibrillators.

With enhanced technology and equipment, the paramedics from Medstar can begin advanced lifesaving procedures and transmit reports to area hospitals before the patient arrives.

The 1,440 ambulance runs in 2022 represents a 10% increase from the 1,307 runs in 2021. The total number of runs includes 466 runs which were cancelled en route, at the scene, or refused by the patient. The 400 runs involving advanced life support represents a significant decrease of 49% from the 784 advanced life support runs in 2021.



	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Ambulance Runs	1258	1470	1396	1307	1440
Adv. Life Support	828	888	820	784	400
% Adv. Life Support	66%	60%	59%	60%	27%

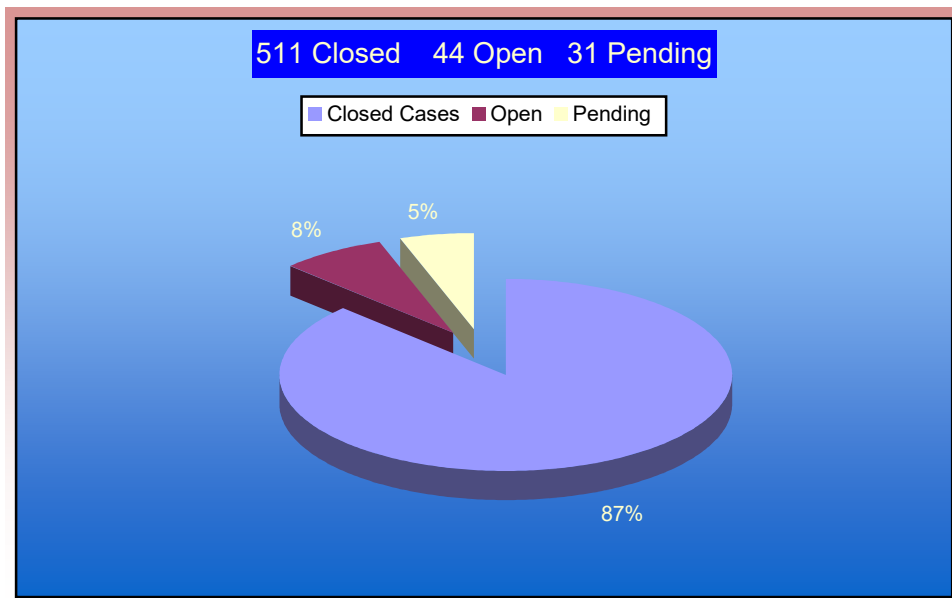
DETECTIVE BUREAU

The Detective Bureau is the Criminal Investigation Unit for the Department. The detectives assigned to this unit are responsible for investigating all crimes committed against persons or property in the community. They are on-call 24-hours a day to respond to a crime scene. All detectives receive specialized training to develop and enhance their investigative skills including attending legal update training and meetings with detective bureaus from neighboring jurisdictions. The Detective Bureau is also responsible for monitoring businesses that possess a Michigan liquor license to ensure compliance with Michigan liquor laws.

The Grosse Pointe Woods Detective Bureau, which operates under the supervision of Lieutenant Detective Bureau Commander Keith Waszak, consists of seasoned Detective Ryan Schroerlucke and Detective Miles Adams, who joined the team in June, 2022. Detective Kevin Bonk retired at the end of July, 2022 after serving the department for 22 years. The detectives are responsible for investigating crimes, collecting and preserving evidence, identifying perpetrators, interviewing witnesses, interrogating suspects, and preparing cases for successful prosecution.

In addition to criminal investigations, Detective Adams also serves as the department's Youth Officer by overseeing crimes and violations by persons under the age of seventeen. Detective Adams is a direct liaison with school administrators, teachers, and students and maintains an additional office in Grosse Pointe North High School.

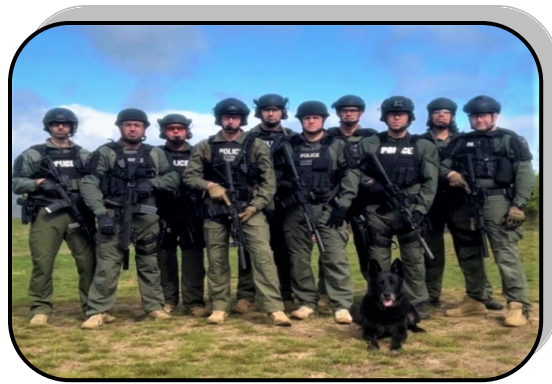
Detective Adams's additional duties include responsibility for the Traffic Safety programs, overseeing crossing guards, conducting traffic and speed studies, and investigating traffic-related incidents.



Summary of Case Assignments

87% of the 586 Criminal Cs assigned to the Detective Bureau in 2022 are closed.

SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM (SRT)



The Special Response Team (SRT) is a specially trained law enforcement team currently comprised of 12 members of the five Grosse Pointe area departments and Harper Woods. The team responded to potentially dangerous situations in 2022 under the leadership of Grosse Pointe Farms Sergeant Frank Zielinski. The SRT executes search and arrest warrants, intervenes in hostage situations, works on counter-terrorism missions, provides perimeter security for high-profile events, and provides assistance in other high-risk situations. The SRT team was activated four times in 2022, two of which were the most severe in the team's history.

The first activation took place in July when the team was called out to assist the Harper Woods Fire Department and EMS in response to a call from a woman who had been stabbed. The armed suspect was located in a home across the street. SRT members utilized their armored vehicle to safely rescue officers who had been taking cover behind a patrol vehicle. As this was underway, another person claiming to be a victim came running out of the home – this person was later identified as the actual suspect. The MRAP (mine resistant ambush protected) vehicle was used again to get fire personnel safely into their Harper Woods fire truck which was also at the scene. The SRT's armored vehicle was then positioned in front of the target house as additional SRT team members arrived. In a short period of time, a fire broke out in the home. SRT members simultaneously provided fire suppression activities while maintaining a barricaded situation throughout the night. A decision was made to breach the front door in order to introduce chemical munitions. In doing so, another victim was found near the door and carried to awaiting medical staff. With assistance from the Michigan State Police Bomb Squad, a robot was able to make entry into the home where another deceased victim was found. Upon entering the home, SRT members determined that the suspect was not inside and the Harper Woods Fire Department was able to completely extinguish the fire. All three victims succumbed to their injuries.

The SRT team encountered another dangerous situation when they were activated in early September in response to a shooting at another home in Harper Woods. As SRT members arrived at the scene, they were notified that a surviving victim had called 911 from within the home. The decision was made to make an immediate entry in order to rescue the victim. The MRAP vehicle was driven to the front door and SRT members used strategic tactics to make an entry. A female victim was found and taken to awaiting EMS staff. A deceased male was also found. The suspect was found in the basement holding a gun to his head. SRT members begged and pleaded with the armed suspect to lower his firearm but instead he taunted them that he would point the gun toward them. The officers were able to physically disarm the suspect and take him into custody by distracting him with a less lethal round. The surviving victim succumbed to her injuries.

In November, the SRT served an arrest/search warrant at a home in Detroit where it was believed that counterfeit money was being produced and also participated in the Grosse Pointe Christmas parade.

The SRT team completed over 150 hours of training per officer in 2022, with an additional 96 hours completed by the snipers on the team. The team attended the annual Ohio Tactical Officers Association Conference in Sandusky, Ohio, the Michigan Tactical Officers conference, and the annual week-long training at a military facility near Grayling, Michigan. Valuable training techniques learned by the two Grosse Pointe Woods officers who are members of the SRT were able to be passed on to other department members.

AUXILIARY UNIT



Pictured above from left to right in the back row are Auxiliary Captain Charles Thomas, and Auxiliary Officers Allen Herfi, John Sabol, Anthony Wimbush, and Joseph Shalla. Pictured from left to right in the front row are Auxiliary Officer Ryan Allemon, Squad Leader Evan Allemon and Auxiliary Officer Jose Carrion. Not pictured are Squad Leader Mark Higgins and Auxiliary Officers Keith Kurtz, Patrick Kyc and John Mowatt.

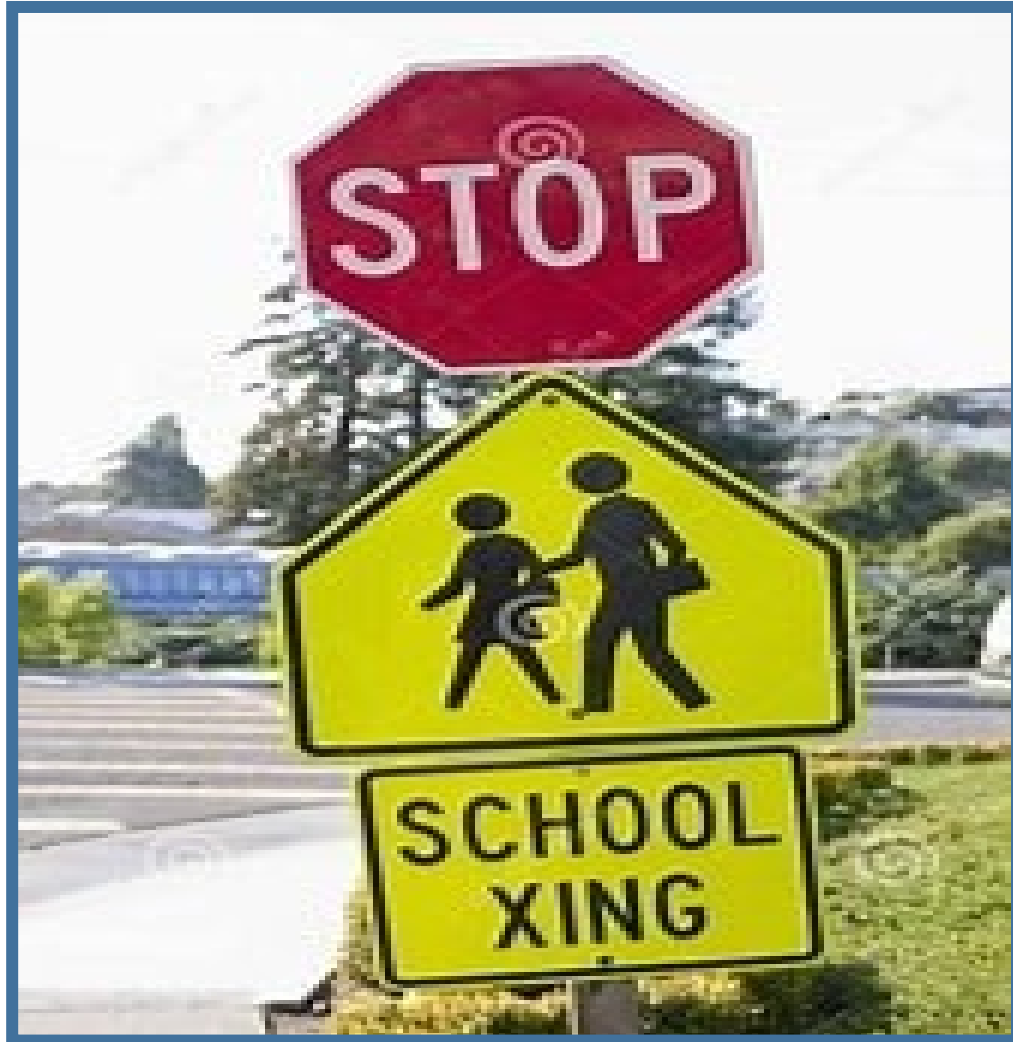
The Police Auxiliary Unit is a vital resource for the department. Not only do they assist officers at community events such as the Public Safety Open House, but they also provide assistance at fire scenes, perform fire hose testing protocols, and perform other essential duties. The role of an Auxiliary Officer is to assist and supplement our officers in the prevention of crime, protection of life and property, disaster operations, suppression of criminal activity, and preservation of peace. The auxiliary officers are an indispensable part of our community and their help is greatly appreciated.

The Auxiliary Unit underwent 154 hours of training and devoted 567 hours of service to the City of Grosse Pointe Woods in 2022.

At the end of 2021, the Police Auxiliary Unit consisted of Captain Charles Thomas, Squad Leaders Evan Allemon and Mark Higgins, and Auxiliary Officers Ryan Allemon, Jose Carrion, Allen Herfi, Keith Kurtz, Patrick Kyc, John Mowatt, John Sabol, Joseph Shalla, and Anthony Wimbush. Sergeant Joseph Provost replaced Detective Kevin Bonk as the department liaison after his retirement at the end of July.

CROSSING GUARDS

The parents of our community depend upon our Crossing Guard team for the safety of their children when walking or riding a bicycle on their route to school or home. No matter what the weather is, our team of dedicated guards is ready to guide and protect our children. We are deeply appreciative of their efforts.



Our Crossing Guard team is operating under the guidance and supervision of Detective Miles Adams. At the end of 2022, the Crossing Guard team consisted of: Kenneth Carter, Maureen Carter, Theodore Colborn, Frank and Renee Dicristofaro, Sharon Harden-Bullock, Lori Ann Huguenin, Karen Kaled, Roger Lanyon, Dana Linsdeau, Debra Miller, Charlotte Monaghan, Carol Naumann, Jean Segodnia, and Marjorie Warhurst.

HONORS & AWARDS



Five department members were recognized for their outstanding efforts at the 39th annual Respect for Law Program sponsored by the Lakeshore Optimist Club. The event, which was attended by law enforcement officials from the five Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods, and the 5th and 9th Precincts of Detroit, was held on May 4, 2022 at the Lochmoor Club in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Officers Empson and Smith were presented with awards for their efforts in saving the life of an unresponsive man with a history of cardiac arrest on January 12, 2021. Officer Muzia was recognized for repeatedly performing the Heimlich maneuver on someone who was choking and losing consciousness on February 13, 2021. Lieutenant Brian Conigliaro and Sergeant Brian Urban were acknowledged for administering CPR and hooking up an AED to save the life of a resident who did not have a pulse and was not breathing on December 27, 2021.



Pictured above with Mayor Arthur Bryant are (from left to right) Sergeant Brian Urban, Officer David Empson and Officer Jarod Smith. Lieutenant Conigliaro and Officer Muzia were not in attendance at the event. Pictured at the top of the page from left to right with their significant others are Sergeant Urban, and Officers Jarod Smith and David Empson.

HONORS & AWARDS



Pictured alongside Mayor Arthur Bryant are SRT members Neal Kapoor (to the left of the mayor) and Duncan Gill (to the right of the mayor). The group also includes members of the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council and Public Safety Director John G. Kosanke.

Grosse Pointe Woods SRT (Special Response Team) members Neal Kapoor and Duncan Gill received recognition for their efforts at City Council meetings in both Harper Woods and Grosse Pointe Woods.

A unit citation was received by the entire Eastern Wayne County Special Response Team, consisting of a group of highly trained officers from all five of the Grosse Pointe Cities and Harper Woods, on November 21, 2022 at a Harper Woods City Council meeting. The honor was given in recognition of the efforts of the team during a seven-hour standoff in July with an individual who had fatally stabbed his girlfriend and father and injured his mother. During the incident, officers were fired at as they rescued a baby who was dropped out of a bedroom window. The officers also battled flames as the home was allegedly set on fire by the suspect. The suspect eventually surrendered and was taken into custody.

The SRT officers were also praised for their efforts during a September incident involving an armed suspect who had fatally shot two victims. The officers captured the suspect after creating a ballistic barrier to shield themselves.

The City of Grosse Pointe Woods recognized the efforts of the two department SRT members at a City Council meeting held on December 19, 2022.

NEW HIRES

Two new full-time Communications Dispatchers joined the department in 2022.



Our dispatchers were switched to 12-hour shifts to coincide with the officer's schedules near the end of 2022. The addition of two new full-time dispatchers in 2022 brought our staffing level up to four full-time positions, one for each platoon.

The two new dispatchers are Kristen Longtine and Scott DeLisle. Kristen is an MCOLES certified police officer with dispatch experience from the SERESA and the City of Birmingham. SERESA stands for the South East Regional Emergency Service Authority, a consolidated dispatch center which serves the cities of Eastpointe, Fraser, Roseville, and St. Clair Shores.

Scott also was previously employed by SERESA and worked in operations support at a company in Troy. We welcome Scott and Kristen to our team.

RETIREMENTS

Three valued members of the department retired in 2022.



Pictured above on the top row from left to right are retired Detective Kevin Bonk, Communications Dispatcher Agnes Burcar, and Officer Scott Nota, all of whom had lengthy careers in the field of Law Enforcement

Detective Kevin Bonk had been with the department for 22 years, with an assignment to the Detective Bureau from 2004 to 2009 and again from the end of 2010 until his retirement in 2022. He was appointed as the department's liaison to the Auxiliary Officers in 2013. Detective Bonk was instrumental in coordinating our annual Public Safety Open House and had received many accolades for his investigative work, including a certificate from the FBI.

Communications Dispatcher Agnes Burcar continuously lit up the Dispatch room with her bright smile during her 34-year career with the department. Some of her most memorable moments included helping a father deliver a baby before help arrived and assisting a mother with a choking toddler. Her duties made a difference in the lives of many, including the senior citizens she contacted daily to make sure that they were safe and doing well.

Officer Scott Nota shared his infinite knowledge of mechanics and technology with his co-workers during his 24-year career. He will always be remembered for his kind and gentle nature and willingness to help.

PUBLIC SAFETY OPEN HOUSE



The beautiful weather on Sunday, October 9, 2022 helped to attract a significant crowd to the annual Public Safety Open House. The event gave attendees the opportunity to interact with Public Safety personnel and learn valuable safety tips.

A new presentation this year was made by SRT (Special Response Team) department member Duncan Gill and Sergeant Frank Zielinski from the Grosse Pointe Farms Department of Public Safety. The armored vehicle used by the SRT was on display and attendees had the opportunity to go inside and inspect it.

One of the most popular highlights of the event was the return appearance of the Harper Woods K-9 team of Officer Steven Johnson and his partner Kaiser. The entrance of Kaiser coming out of his special K-9 patrol car (with his picture on the door of the vehicle) was similar to the arrival of a rock star at a concert venue.

The annual Open House event would not have been possible without the hard work of event organizer Sergeant Joseph Provost. Director John G. Kosanke was on hand to meet and greet the public and answer their questions. Officer Timothy Livingston manned various aspects of the event and Harper Woods officer Eddie Tujaka ran the smoke house for us. In addition, the department is appreciative of the contributions made by Auxiliary Squad Leader Mark Higgins, and Auxiliary Officers Jose Carrion, Keith Kurtz, Patrick Kyc, Ryan Shalla, and Anthony Wimbush, all of were instrumental in helping to make the Open House a success.



PUBLIC SAFETY OPEN HOUSE

The annual Open House Event would not have been possible without the careful coordination of event organizer Sergeant Joseph Provost. Officers Duncan Gill and Timothy Livingston, along with six members of the Auxiliary team, were also invaluable in making this a memorable community event.



POLICE OFFICER'S PRAYER



A Policeman's Prayer

Lord, I ask for courage;
Courage to face and conquer
my own fears...
Courage to take me where
others will not go.
I ask for strength;
Strength of body to protect others...
Strength of spirit to lead others.
I ask for dedication;
Dedication to my job to do it well...
Dedication to my community to keep it safe.
Give me, Lord, concern;
For all those who trust me...
And compassion for those who need me
And, please, Lord, through it all;
be at my side.