

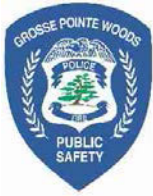
City of Grosse Pointe Woods
Department of Public Safety
Annual Report
2017



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CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



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May 01, 2018

Mayor Robert Novitke
Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236

Dear Mayor and City Council,

On behalf of the members of the Department of Public Safety, I am pleased to present the Annual Report for 2017 showing the crime statistics of the Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety. 2017 was a year of many accomplishments for the department. Our department has strived this past year to maintain a safe community and to deliver the best possible service to our residents and businesses.

We experienced 617 crimes in 2017, which represents a 5% decrease from the 649 reported in 2016. Our crime statistics show an 11% decrease in the crime of larceny, which continues to be the highest crime experienced in our community. We are pleased to report that the crime of burglary also decreased by 43%. Our statistics also show a 28% decrease in damage to property incidents, a 39% increase in fraud, and a 42% increase in DUI arrests.

There was a 42% increase in fire runs with 282 in 2017 compared to 199 in 2016. The number of actual fires increased from 25 to 29 although the amount of fire damage was reduced from \$330,787 in 2016 to \$45,500 in 2017.

An important resource for the community was established in November 2017 when the implementation of Smart911 technology was completed in our Dispatch center. Our dispatchers were trained for this service, which is free to all users through a State of Michigan grant. A 911 call is typically made under situations involving panic or the inability to communicate clearly. The Smart911 service provides accurate and necessary information to the dispatcher. The technology is currently in use by over 31.1 million residents in over 40 states.

The service enables both cellular and landline callers to create a profile, which can show the caller's address, medical condition, vehicle information, pet information, and any other pertinent details they would like to provide. Prior to the implementation of Smart911, dispatchers would not be able to see the cellular caller's address as they do when they receive a call from someone who has a landline. Having the accurate information needed in a crisis will save valuable time for our first responders and is especially vital for residents experiencing medical emergencies.

The department filled two part-time dispatch positions, one part-time Records position, and hired two new officers to maintain minimum staffing requirements. The achievement of becoming fully staffed at the end of December 2017, after a long period of being under-staffed, involved intensive training for the new employees, which continues into the new year.

A highly trained department is necessary for day-to-day operations, and in particular, for unexpected events such as the three major gas main leaks which occurred in the city in the spring of 2017. The leaks at Mack and Allard, Wedgewood, and Morningside and Coventry Lane caused evacuations. The combined efforts of Department of Public Safety and Public Works employees kept the situations under control.

As our officers work diligently to protect the community, it is our job to do our best to protect them. The purchase of twenty-one new bulletproof vests for our officers was required in 2017 to replace vests that were past the five-year expiration date.

The department's SCBA (Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus) equipment was replaced at the end of March 2017 with the grant money received from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG), bringing us up to the current NFPA standards. The upgraded equipment provides the officers with greatly enhanced features to help them safely do their jobs.

The annual replacement of five sets of fire gear at a cost of \$2,621.00 each and five prep radios at a cost of \$3,931.00 each continued in 2017. Other equipment has been replaced when necessary.

The department made the change from paper traffic citations to electronic tickets in July 2017. The technology for eCitations (electronic citations) already existed in our records management system known as CLEMIS, and is used by 76 percent of other departments who use CLEMIS. The benefits over the traditional paper-ticketing method include less data entry for court employees and records clerks, more time for officers to spend on patrol, fewer incorrect citations, and quick access to traffic violations and accident data. Our officers use the new electronic tickets while our parking attendants will continue to use paper citations until the city's parking meters are updated, at which time a new system will be implemented. The decision to continue to use paper parking citations for the parking attendants was made because a portable parking citation system would have been very expensive up front, would not have been supported by CLEMIS and would have not been compatible with the Court's GIS system.

The department's ambulance, manufactured in 2008, was sold in September 2017 to another city. The ambulance had been taken out of service in 2014 when the City of Grosse Pointe Woods privatized its ambulance service. Despite being in good condition, the ambulance was depreciating in value and had only been used once in the past three years.

A major focus of the department in 2017 was to closely monitor vehicles on the roadway with an increased visual presence. For the second consecutive year, the Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety was a recipient of the Traffic Safety Grant from the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning. The \$259,000 grant was distributed to ten Wayne County law enforcement agencies on October 1, 2017.

An amount close to \$20,000 received from the grant enables our officers to schedule special patrols which focus on impaired and distracted driving, the running of red lights and speed enforcement. During the 2016-2017 grant period, the department logged in 267 hours devoted to the grant. Forty-six arrests resulted from the 347 citations issued. The arrests were for unlicensed or suspended drivers, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, drug possession and/or warrant arrests. Additional traffic enforcement during holidays known for impaired driving has also been made possible due to the grant.

The protection of children in our community has always been a priority for the department. Regularly scheduled walk-throughs by officers at Grosse Pointe North High School and Parcels Middle School have helped to build a strong relationship between the schools and the Public Safety Department. Students have grown accustomed to seeing officers on a daily basis and can feel confident in knowing that their safety and protection is something that matters.

Our annual Public Safety Open House event included sessions on fire safety, a smoke house demonstration, a K-9 demonstration, a visit from the Michigan State Police Bomb Squad, child car seat safety inspections, and child fingerprinting. Last year's event, held on October 8, 2017, once again brought out record crowds.

As our officers work to the best of their ability to serve and protect the public, Chaplain Matthew Swiatek continues to provide a steady source of support and guidance for them whenever needed.

As you can see, much was accomplished in 2017 but there is much more work yet to be done in 2018.

I would like to thank the Mayor and City Council for their help and support as we move closer to bringing my vision for the department a reality. In addition, I would like to thank City Administrator/Police Commissioner Bruce Smith for his continued support and guidance. I would also like to express appreciation to the residents and business owners of Grosse Pointe Woods for their support and recognition of the efforts of the members of our Public Safety Department. Most of all, I would like to thank the members of my department for their hard work and dedication.

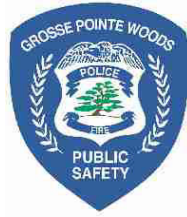
The safety and well-being of the members of this community will be my priority as I continue to work to the best of my ability to improve our department.

Respectfully yours,

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 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

Director of Public Safety

John G. Kosanke

Police Commissioner

Bruce Smith

Lieutenants

James Lefurgey

Keith Waszak

Sergeants

Brian Conigliaro

Walter Galat

David Gardzella

Matthew Muzia

Joseph Provost Jr.

Brian Urban

Public Safety Officers

Miles Adams

Mark Agnetti

James Arthur

David Empson

Darrell Fisher

Gerald Genna

Eugene Gunnery

Sean Gunnery

Joseph Hazuka

Anthony Hojnacki

Neal Kapoor

Timothy Livingston

Jeffry Martel

Martin Mitchell

Scott Nota

Kyle Seidel

Jarod Smith

Dennis Walker

Chaplain

Matthew Swiatek

Detectives

Kevin Bonk

Anthony Chalut

Detective/ Traffic Safety Officer

Ryan Schroerlucke

Clerk Dispatchers

Agnes Burcar

Patricia Czech

Heather Hernadi

Erin Leggett

Christopher McEveney

Gwendolyn Mitchell

Gregory Tourville

Code Enforcement

Debbie Reed

Parking Enforcement

Debra Fox

Carolyn Schefke

Confidential Administrative Assistant

Claudette Darga

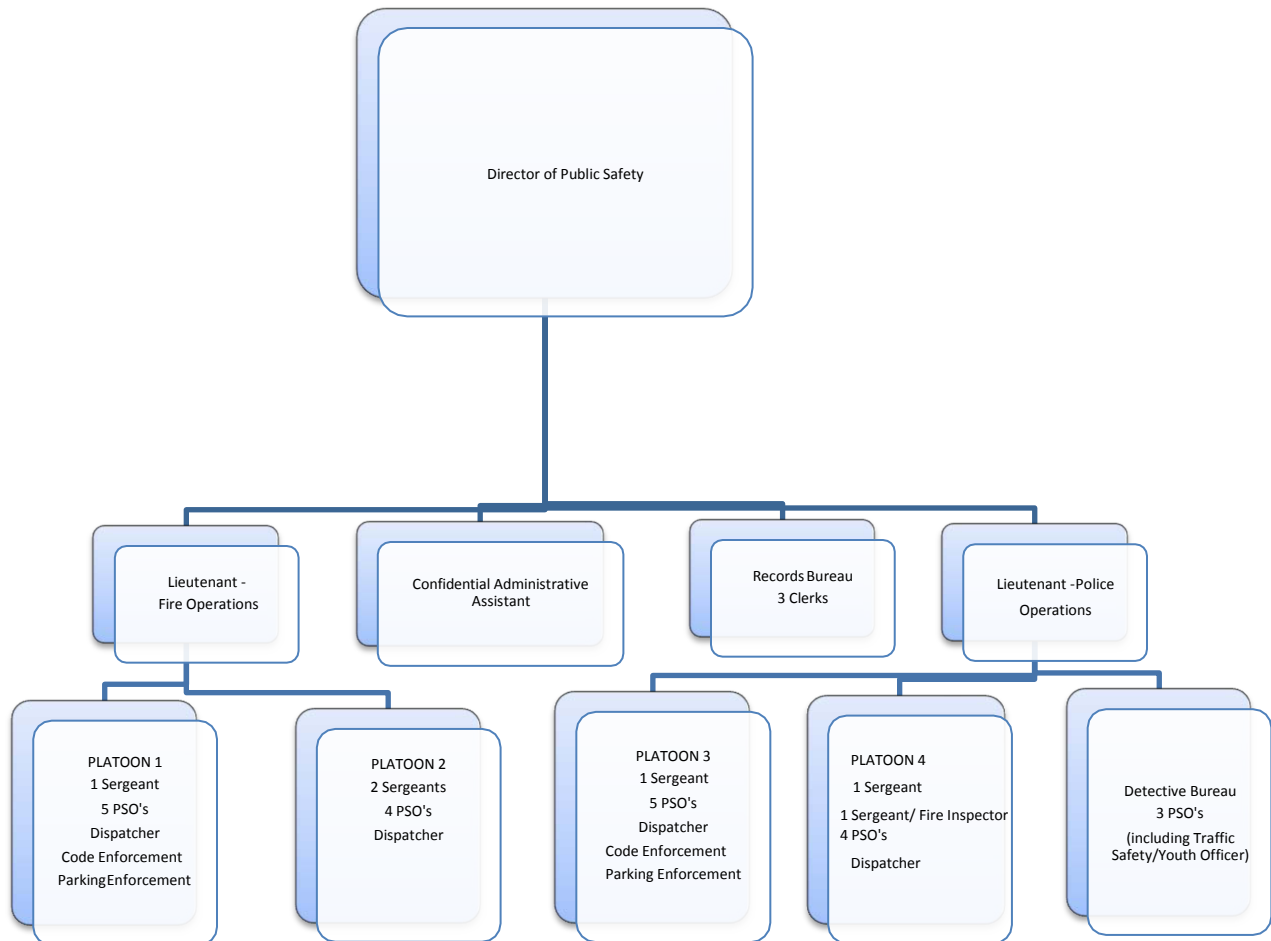
Records Department Clerks

Diana Cormier

Darlene Jepson

Tina Verbeke

ORGANIZATION CHART



Department Personnel:

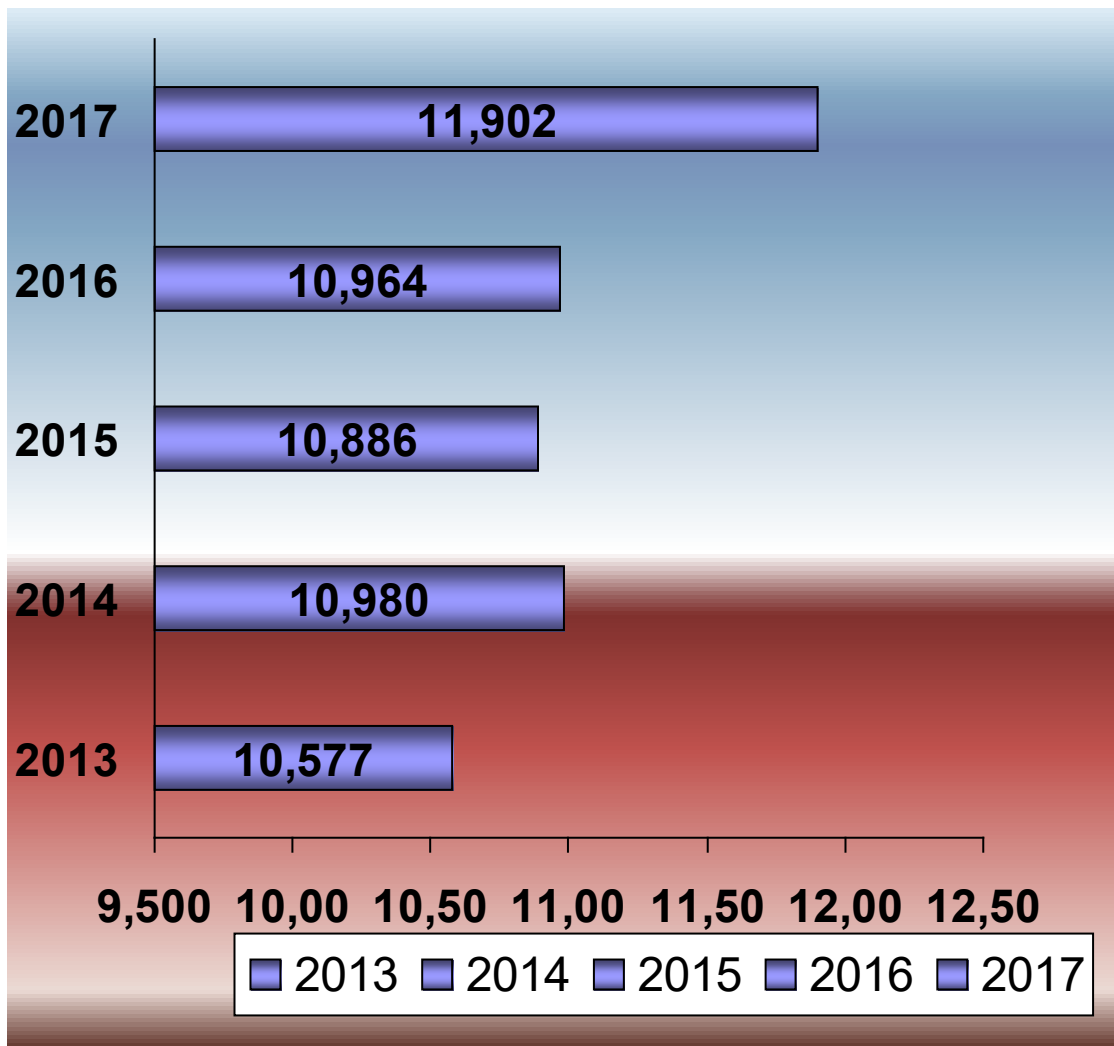
1 Director of Public Safety
1 Confidential Administrative Assistant
2 Lieutenants
6 Sergeants
21 Public Safety Officers
2 F/T Dispatchers
5 P/T Dispatchers
1 F/T Code Enforcement Officer
2 P/T Parking Enforcement Officers
1 F/T Administrative Clerk
2 P/T Administrative Clerks

TOTAL INCIDENTS 2013 - 2017

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 11,902 calls for service in 2017.

The five-year average is 11,062 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**

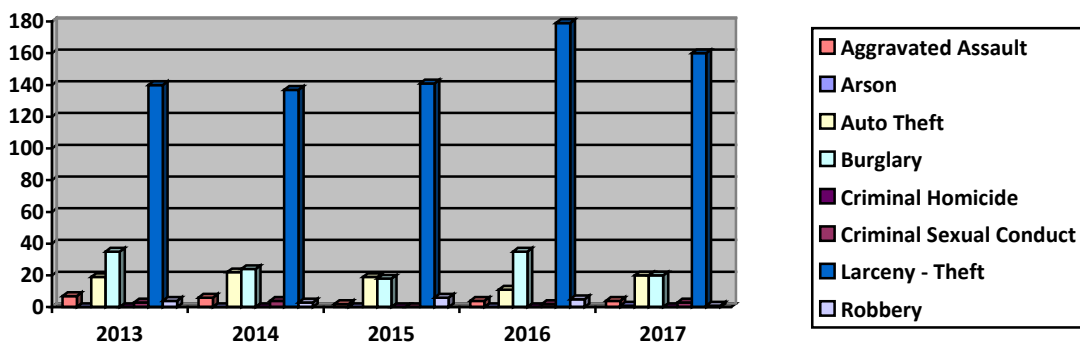
NON-INDEX CRIMES BREAKDOWN

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:

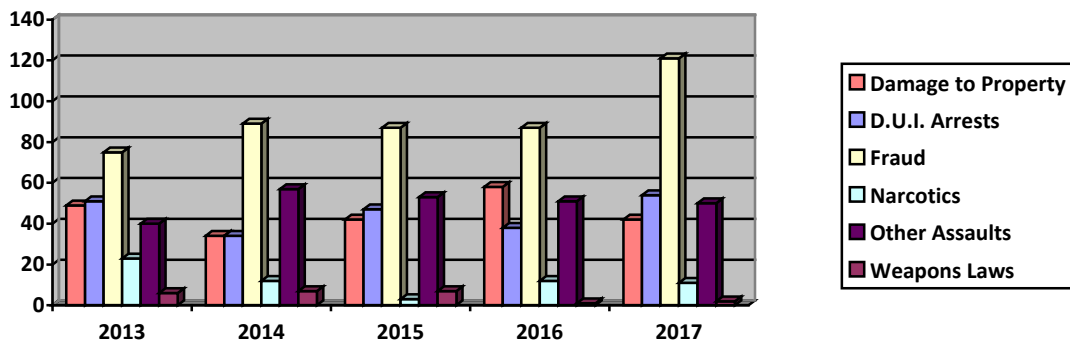
- **Curfew and Loitering Laws (persons under 18)**
- **Damage to Property**
- **Disorderly Conduct**
- **Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol**
- **Drug Abuse Violations**
- **Drunkenness**
- **Embezzlement**
- **Forgery and Counterfeiting**
- **Fraud**
- **Gambling**
- **Liquor Laws**
- **Offenses 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



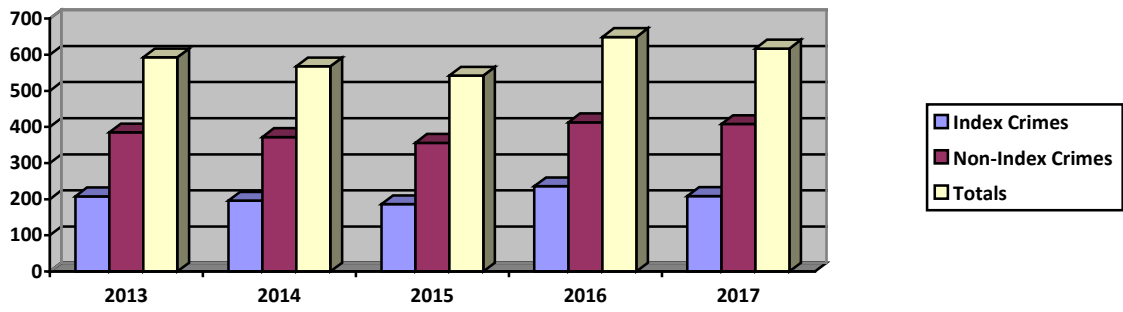
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Aggravated Assault.	7	6	2	4	4
Arson	0	0	0	0	1
Auto Theft	19	22	19	11	20
Burglary	35	24	18	35	20
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal Sexual Conduct	3	4	0	2	3
Larceny - Theft	140	137	141	179	160
Robbery	4	3	6	5	1

NON - INDEX CRIMES TOTALS



	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Damage to Property	49	34	42	58	42
D.U.I. Arrests	51	34	47	38	54
Fraud	75	89	87	87	121
Narcotics	23	12	3	12	11
Other Assaults	40	57	53	51	50
Weapons Laws	6	7	7	1	2

CRIME TOTALS



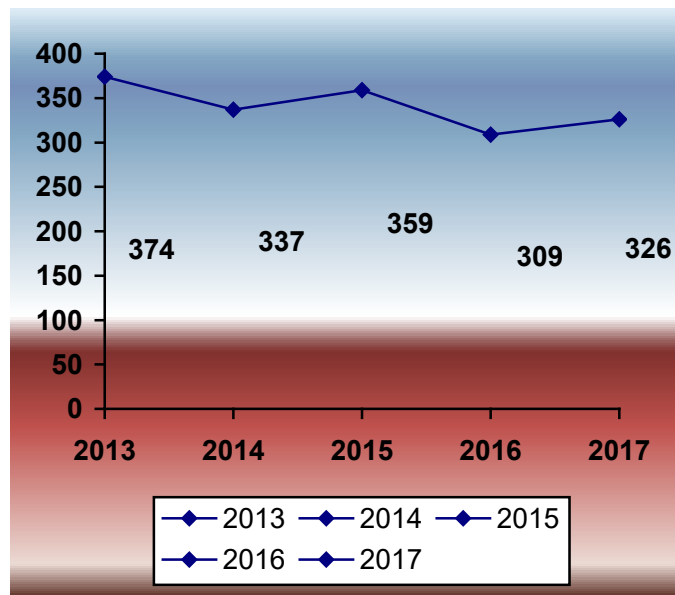
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Index Crimes	208	196	186	236	209
Non-Index Crimes	385	372	356	413	408
Totals	593	568	542	649	617

The 617 Index and Non-Index crimes reported this year represents a 5 percent decrease from last year. The five-year average is 594 Index and Non-Index crimes.

ARREST TOTALS 2013 - 2017

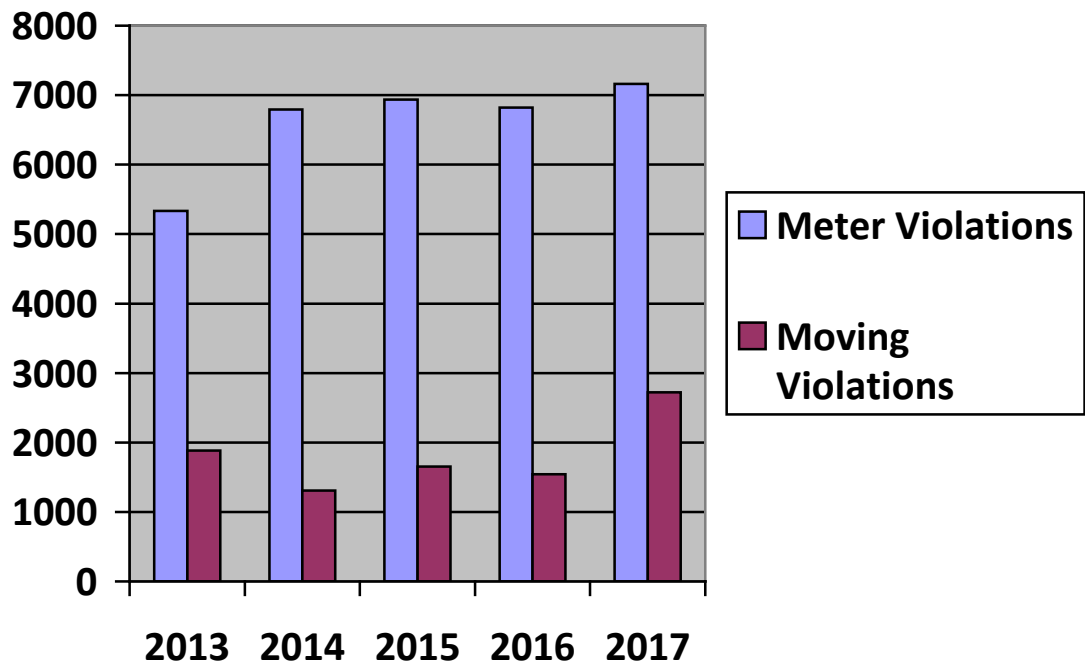
The five - year average is 341 arrests per year.

Arrests increased from last year by 5.5 percent.



MOVING AND METER VIOLATIONS

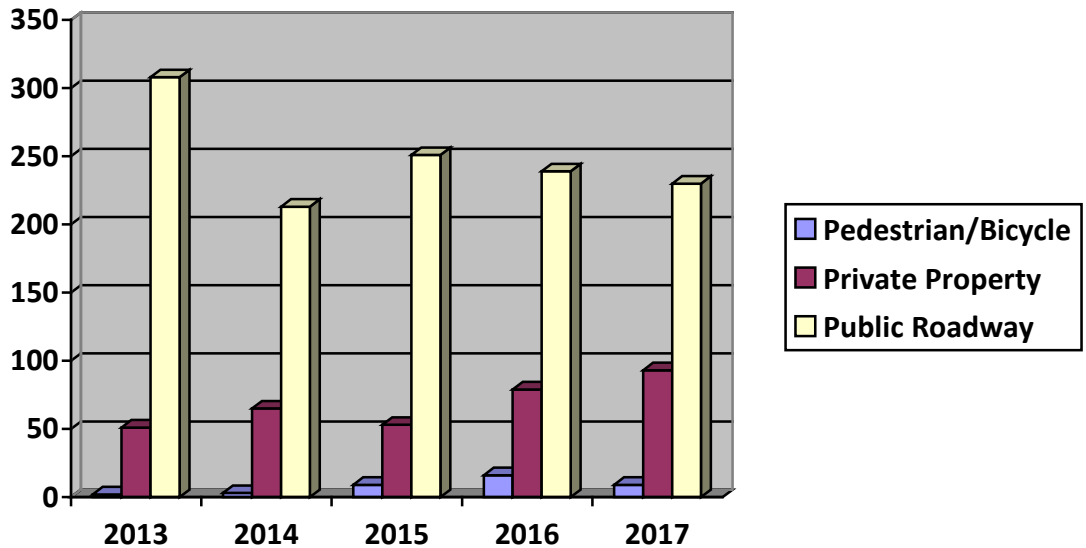
Using computers, updated radars, preliminary breath instruments, and mobile fingerprint readers in the patrol vehicles, the Public Safety Department continues to enforce traffic violations in the most effective manner possible.



	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Meter Violations	5333	6793	6938	6821	7164
Moving Violations	1883	1306	1652	1541	2724

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.



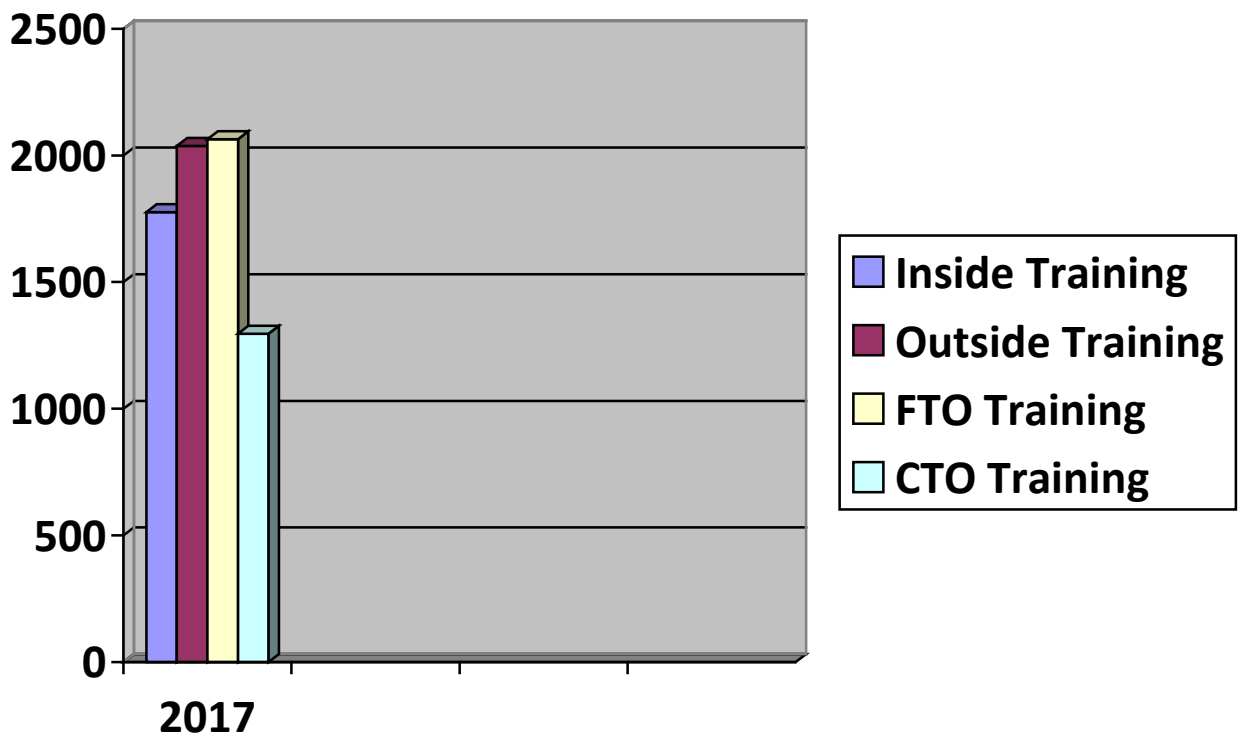
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Pedestrian/Bicycle	2	3	9	16	9
Private Property	51	65	53	79	93
Public Roadway	308	213	251	239	230

There were no fatalities in 2017.

DEPARTMENT TRAINING

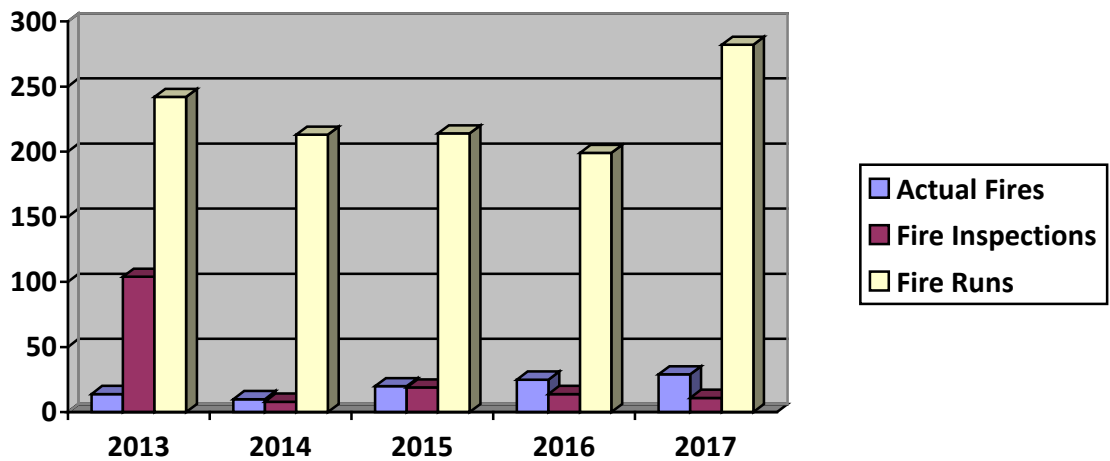
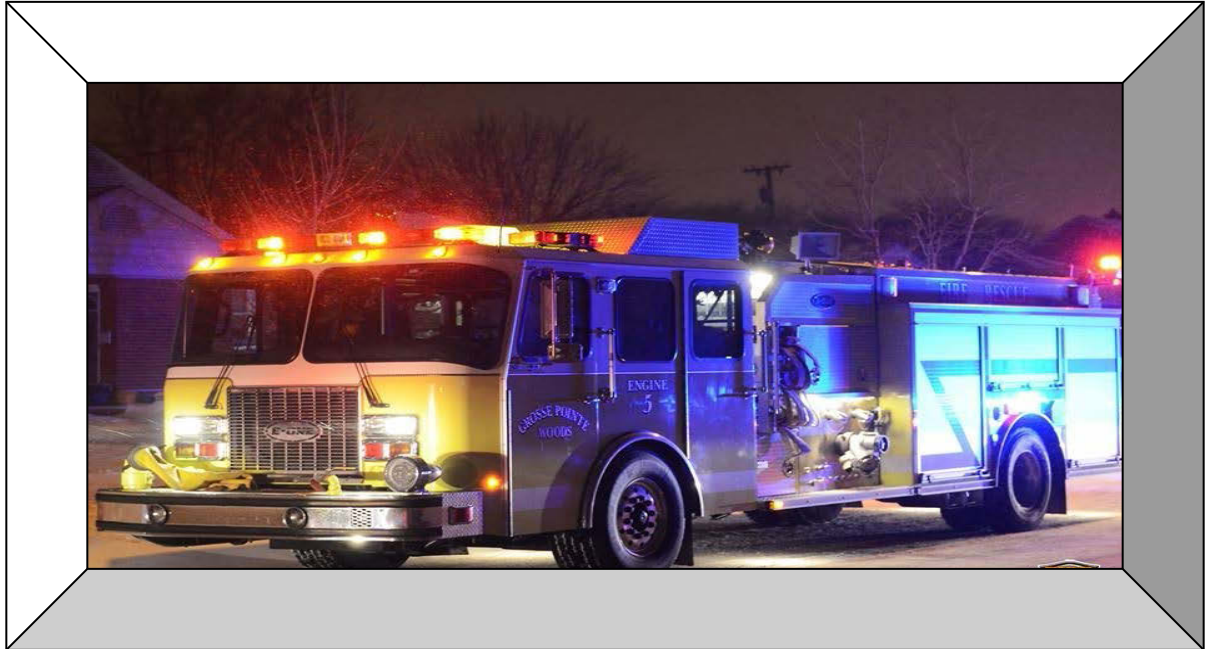
Members of the department work diligently with specialized rescue tools and fire equipment to train in preparation of any impending emergency. Members of the department attended 2,038 hours of Police and Fire training courses at local colleges and other training facilities in 2017 and participated in 1,776 hours of in-house training. The department received a total of 3,814 hours of training in 2017, a 9 percent increase from the 3,503 hours of training received in 2016 and a 67 percent increase from the 2,286 hours in 2015.

In addition, 2,064 hours were spent training new officers (Field Training Officer training known as FTO training) and 1,296 hours were spent training new dispatchers (Communications Training Officer training known as CTO training). The grand total of all department training in 2017 was 7,174 hours.



FIRE OPERATIONS

The Department prides itself on its quick response to all emergencies. In addition to eleven dwelling fires and one commercial building fire in Grosse Pointe Woods, our firemen also responded to seven vehicle fires, ten dumpster fires and eighty-one electrical related/power lines down incidents. We also provided mutual aid assistance for nine fires in Harper Woods and two fires in Grosse Pointe Shores. The reduction of fire inspections, which began in 2014, continued in 2017 due to the continued assignment to road patrol of the Sergeant who also serves as our Fire Inspector, allowing minimal time for inspections.



	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Actual Fires	14	10	20	25	29
Fire Inspections	104	8	19	14	11
Fire Loss	\$238,750	\$232,700	\$388,500	\$330,787	\$45,500
Fire Runs	242	213	214	199	282

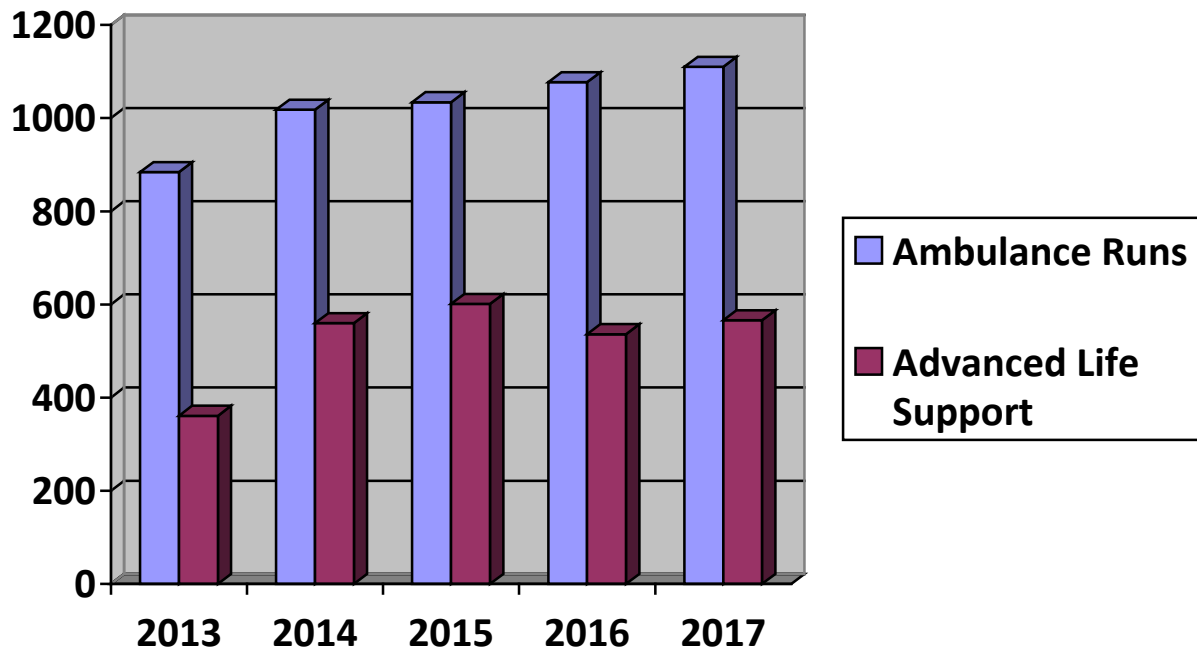
There were no fatalities or serious injuries resulting from the 29 actual fires in 2017.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

In the spring of 2014, the City contracted with Medstar Ambulance to provide dedicated emergency ambulance service. In addition, a public safety officer responds to every ambulance run. All of our patrol vehicles are equipped with Automatic External Defibrillators (AED's). The switch to a privatized ambulance service was designed to save the city money without sacrificing the quality of service or patient care for our residents.

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 1,110 ambulance runs in 2017 represents a 3% increase from the 1077 runs in 2016 and the 566 runs involving advanced life support represents a 5.6% increase from the 536 advanced life support runs in 2016.



	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Ambulance Runs	884	1018	1034	1077	1110
Adv. Life Support	361	560	601	536	566
% Adv. Life Support	41%	55%	58%	50%	51%

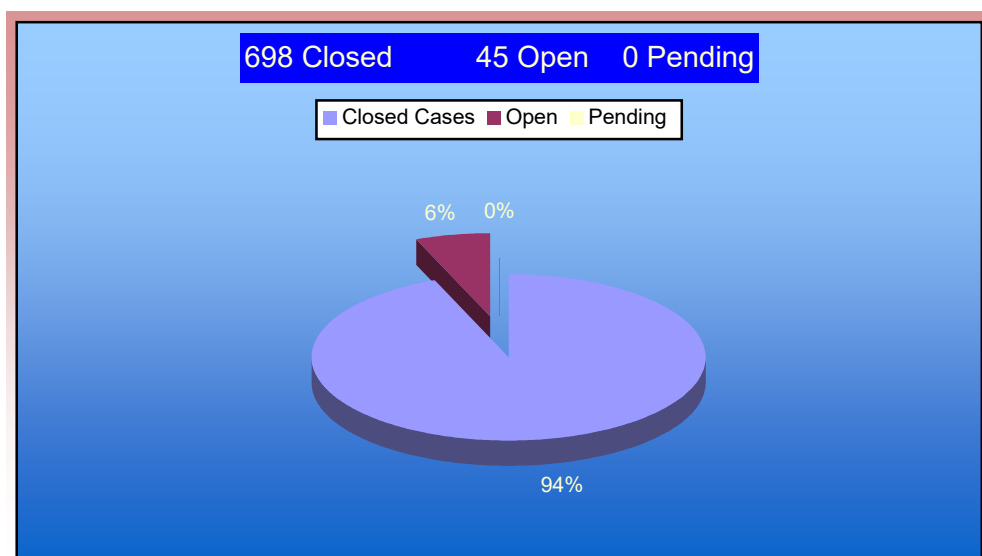
DETECTIVE BUREAU

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 Keith Waszak, consists of Detective Kevin Bonk, Detective Anthony Chalut, and Detective Ryan Schroerlucke. 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 Ryan Schroerlucke also serves as the department's Youth Officer by overseeing crimes and violations by persons under the age of 17. Detective Schroerlucke is a direct liaison with school administrators, teachers, and students and maintains an additional office in Grosse Pointe North High School.

Detective Schroerlucke is also responsible for the Community Crime Prevention Program and Traffic Safety, overseeing crossing guards, conducting traffic and speed studies, and investigating traffic-related incidents.



94% of the 743 Criminal Cases assigned to the Detective Bureau in 2017 are closed.

SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM (SRT)



The Special Response Team (SRT) is a specially trained law enforcement team comprised of 13 members of the five Grosse Pointe area departments and Harper Woods, which responds to potentially dangerous situations. 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.

SRT members underwent 200 hours of training in 2017 to keep their tactical skills at a high level. SRT members receive training in the areas of firearms, building entry tactics, hostage rescue tactics, search tactics, tactical medical aid, and K-9 integration. The two Grosse Pointe Woods officers who are members of the SRT are able to pass on the valuable training techniques they learned to other members of the department.

Although the SRT was only activated twice in 2017, they are essential in today's uncertain world. In February, they responded to a potential civil disturbance in front of a Grosse Pointe Farms restaurant. In December, the SRT was called out to conduct a search warrant at a house on Maryland in Grosse Pointe Park. The search produced over \$15,000 in cash as well as 4,000 Xanax pills, over one pound of marijuana, and dozens of other cannabis substances. One suspect was arrested and charged with several felonies.

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 operates under the guidance and supervision of Detective Ryan Schroerlucke.

Pictured above from left to right in the top row are: Kathleen Guertin, Renee Dicristofaro, Debra Miller, Marjorie Schneider and Ruiling Ruan. Pictured from left to right in the bottom row are Marjorie Warhurst, Charlotte Monaghan, Sharon Harden-Bullock, Mary Moore, Amy Biange, Alonzo Moore, Jean Segodnia, William Westwood, and Theodore Colborn. Not pictured are Frank Dicristofaro and Nancy Smialek.

AUXILIARY UNIT

The volunteer Auxiliary Unit is a vital resource for the Department. Not only do they assist officers at community events such as the Fire Safety Open House, but they also provide assistance at fire scenes, perform fire hose testing protocols, and perform other essential duties. They are an indispensable part of our community

The Auxiliary Unit underwent 666 hours of training and devoted 375 hours of service to the City of Grosse Pointe Woods in 2017. Three officers attended the Reserve Academy at Macomb College in December. The training entailed 150 hours focused on the subjects of Criminal Law, Subject Control, Firearms, and First Aid/CPR.

Our current Police Auxiliary Unit includes Captain David Podeszwick, Squad Leaders Jerome Haraburda and Charles Thomas, and Auxiliary Officers Evan Allemon, Ryan Allemon, Thomas Angellotti, Patrick Berns, Jose Carrion, Angelo Gritsas, Allen Herfi, Mark Higgins, Keith Kurtz, John Mowatt, and John Sabol. The department liaison is Detective Kevin Bonk.



Pictured above are Auxiliary officers doing CPR training.

OFFICER OF THE YEAR



The recipient of the 2017 Officer of the Year award is Officer Sean Gunnery, who joined the department in November 2014 after retiring from the City of Harper Woods, where he served as fire chief for eight years. Officer Gunnery has taken it upon himself to become actively involved with the community by doing multiple walkthroughs in our schools and hosting informative station tours with Cub Scout and Girl Scout troops.

Officer Gunnery is pictured above at the September 11, 2017 dedication ceremony at the AMVETS Post No. 57, which he co-organized with Kathy Sarvis-Adamski. The anniversary of the September 11 tragedy was commemorated with the unveiling of a permanent memorial made from a steel beam salvaged from the World Trade Center in New York. The project began 18 months earlier when the steel beam was donated to the Harper Woods Fire Department from the New York and New Jersey Port Authority.

Officer Gunnery's congenial personality and compassion for others has made a great impact on our community in the short time that he has been with the department.

SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR



Sergeant Joseph Provost has been awarded the Supervisor of the Year award for 2017. The ultimate good deed that a Public Safety officer can do is to save a life and Sergeant Provost did just that on January 23 when the department received a report of a truck in the road with the flashing hazard lights on. A driver who appeared to be in cardiac arrest occupied the truck.

Upon arriving at the scene, Sergeant Provost instructed an officer to shut off the running vehicle by reaching through the sunroof. Under difficult circumstances, he then administered chest compressions to the unconscious driver. Sergeant Provost was assisted in transporting the patient to a stretcher when Medic 5 arrived on the scene. Once in the ambulance, he ventilated the patient while simultaneously contacting Dispatch. The patient was expected to make a full recovery.

Sergeant Provost, who has been a member of the department for 15 years, was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2016. He is the department's sole certified fire inspector and is responsible for the fire-training portion of our FTO program. His additional responsibilities include coordinating our hydro testing, hose and ladder testing, pump operations, and the maintenance of our SCBA equipment. In addition to being a certified EMT, Sergeant Provost has amassed an abundance of wealth and knowledge from numerous training programs.

HONORS & AWARDS

Officer Gerald Genna, a ten-year veteran of the department, was honored on May 3, 2017 at the 35th annual Respect for Law Program sponsored by the Lakeshore Optimist Club. The event, which was attended by law enforcement officials from surrounding communities, was held at the Lochmoor Club in Grosse Pointe Woods.

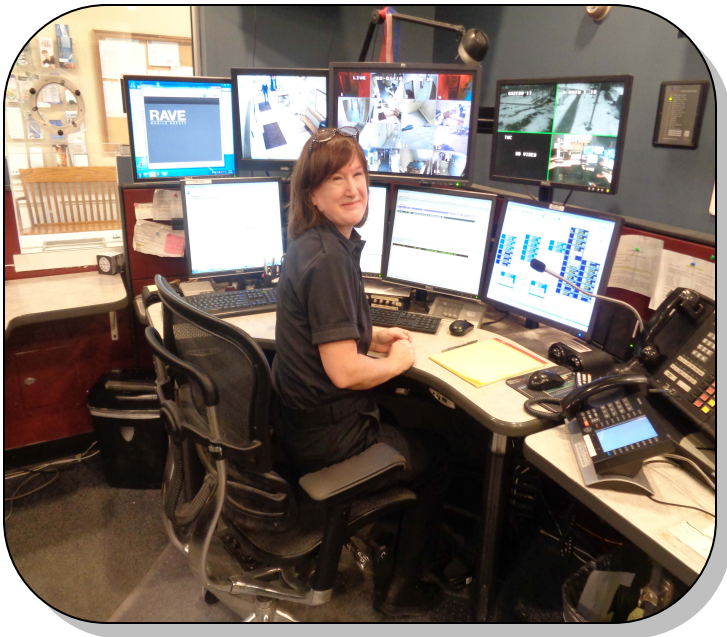
Officer Genna received his award for the alertness he displayed on March 29, 2016 when he noticed a suspicious subject riding a bicycle when he was out on routine patrol. After stopping the subject to question him, Officer Genna noticed that the dome light was on in a vehicle parked nearby. He requested that another officer investigate the vehicle and it was discovered that the vehicle had been tampered with and wet dew tracks led right to the subject's bicycle. Multiple stolen items were discovered inside the subject's backpack when Officer Genna placed him under arrest. The arrest cleared up multiple felony cases from various jurisdictions for financial device theft.



Officer Genna is pictured above on the right as he accepts the award from Attorney David Franks.

NEW HIRES

Five new members joined the department in 2017: two officers, two part-time dispatchers, and a part-time Records clerk.



The trio pictured above are Records Clerk Tina Verbeke, and new Officers Jarod Smith and Miles Adams. Tina, who retired as an assistant store manager after a long career in retail, comes to us with an abundance of energy and enthusiasm about her new job. Officers Smith and Adams came to us fresh out of the Macomb Police Academy – both officers also have previous experience as firefighters.

New part-time dispatchers Erin Leggett (pictured above on the left side) and Gwendolyn Mitchell (pictured above on the right side) are at the opposite ends of the spectrum when it comes to prior dispatch experience. Ms. Leggett has 26 years of experience as a 911 dispatcher, including 21 years as a dispatch supervisor. Although the world of dispatch is brand-new to Ms. Mitchell, she has proven to be an eager learner as well as someone who will be gracious and kind to the public that she now serves.

We extend a warm welcome to the newest additions to our department!

RETIREMENTS

Three valued members of the department retired in 2017.



The department lost over fifty years of combined experience in 2017 with the retirement of three longtime members.

Dispatcher Thomas Holloway (pictured at the top left) retired in April 2017 after 13 years as a part-time dispatcher, giving him the freedom to travel the world as he so desired.

The next to leave was Sergeant Richard Dutcher (pictured at the top right) who retired after 23 years of service. Sergeant Dutcher had been instrumental in the training of new officers and left behind a significant imprint on our FTO program.

Part-time Records clerk Diane Janis, who began her career in the Building Department, retired after 18 years of employment with the city. Diane is pictured in the center on the bottom photo, taken at her retirement luncheon. Also pictured from left to right are Code Enforcement Officer Debbie Reed, Administrative Assistant Claudette Darga, retired Records clerk Charlene Ortleib, and Dispatcher Agnes Burcar.

PUBLIC SAFETY OPEN HOUSE



The Public Safety Open House held on October 8, 2017 proved to be a popular event once again. Children and adults had the opportunity to interact with Police, Fire, and EMS personnel. The attendees learned how to escape from a burning house, how to extinguish fires from personal clothing, and tips on electrical safety.

One of the most popular presentations was the one made by the K9 team of Grosse Pointe Farms Officer Tim Harris and his partner Duke, pictured above.

Another special guest was Sergeant Scott Reynolds (pictured in the bottom right photo) from the 2nd District North Bomb Squad Unit of the Special Operations Division of the Michigan State Police.

Several Department members along with our five members of our Auxiliary team were invaluable in making this a memorable community event.



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Parents attending the annual event had the opportunity to have a free CD-ROM made with their child's digital photo, fingerprints, height, weight, and other information, which can be used to bring home a missing child. The children's fingerprinting service was provided by retired Monroe Police Department Sergeant Tom Jenkins (pictured in the bottom right corner) who represents the non-profit group Law Enforcement Education Program, known as LEEP. Car seat safety inspections were also offered for the second time at the event.



POLICE OFFICER'S PRAYER

The lives of far too many law enforcement officers have been cut short in recent times. We would like to take a moment to pray that such violence will never touch the members of our department.



*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,
And 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 those who trust me,
And compassion for those who need me...
And please, Lord, through it all,
Be at my side...*

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