

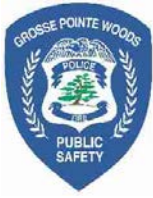
City of Grosse Pointe Woods
Department of Public Safety
Annual Report
2020



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CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



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April 01, 2021

Mayor Arthur W. Bryant
Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236

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 2020 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 impact of the challenges faced worldwide throughout the year 2020 will be felt for years to come. Law Enforcement professionals were challenged daily with learning how to fight crime and assist the public safely during the global pandemic in addition to keeping the peace during times of civil unrest and outcries to defund the police. The result in our department shows a significant change in statistics as well as the cancellation of annual community events such as the Public Safety Open House.

I am pleased to report that there was a 24 percent overall reduction in both Index and Non-Index crimes in 2020 with a total of 446 crimes reported compared to 586 in 2019. The overall reduction in crime can be attributed largely due to the Coronavirus pandemic which saw the temporary closures and reduction of hours in many non-essential businesses. The governor's Executive Stay-At-Home Order in the middle of the year changed the way that many people work as they had to adapt to new methods of working from home. As traffic on the roads decreased, so did crime.

There was a decrease in all of the major Index crimes with the exception of burglaries, which increased by two incidents, and Criminal Sexual Conduct, which increased by one incident. Of the four Criminal Sexual Conduct cases, two occurred more than ten years ago and were just reported in 2020. The other two incidents were also belated and no charges were pressed. Although larceny continued to be the highest crime reported in the community, the total of 73 incidents is the lowest total in this category since 2015 and is nearly 50% less than the 145 crimes in that category reported last year. There were no reports of arson or robberies.

Although fraud continued to be the highest Non-Index crime reported, it decreased by 10%. Decreases were also seen in the crimes of intimidation/stalking, hit & run, and non-aggravated assaults. D.U.I. arrests decreased by 45% from 33 in 2019 to 18 in 2020.

Crimes with increased totals since the previous year included public peace, sex offenses, and weapons laws. A significant increase was seen in Malicious Damage to Property which increased by 136% from 14 crimes to 33. Retail fraud also saw a jump from nine crimes reported in 2019 to 20 in 2020.

Our officers were kept busy with 284 fire runs in 2020, a 17% increase from the 243 runs in 2019. The number of actual fires increased by 118% from 11 to 24 and the amount of fire damage increased from \$73,600.00 in the previous year to \$366,150.00. The number of fire inspections decreased from 17 to 10. A severe storm on June 10 caused multiple fires, including one in which a family of six lost all of their possessions. Forty-three calls reporting damaged power lines were reported that day.

For the first time in five years, ambulance runs saw a slight decrease of five percent however the number of runs is still higher than the number reported in the years 2016 through 2018. Of the 1,396 ambulance runs in 2020, the number of advanced life support runs decreased 7.5 percent from 888 to 820.

As law enforcement officers throughout the nation are at a higher risk for exposure to the invisible droplets of the Coronavirus in the air due to their close proximity with the public, it became vital to change the methods of handling day-to-day business. The Public Safety lobby, in addition to City Hall, was closed to the public for much of the year and residents and business owners adapted to doing business over the phone or using the drop box outside. Officers were instructed to remain on the porches of residents unless it became absolutely necessary to enter the home.

In spite of utilizing PPE and following social distancing rules, the department was still hit hard by the virus in the month of December when over 25% of the staff became ill. The healthy members of the department pitched in during this difficult time to take on the increased workload and we were grateful to know that we had the support of our mutual aid partners if it was needed.

In addition, the department dealt with the year-long absence of Sergeant Brian Conigliaro, whose military stay on an Al Qaeda mission in Djibouti, Africa for the United States Naval Reserve was extended. We were proud to do our part to support the country and even prouder of Sergeant Conigliaro who has been serving as Senior Chief Master at Arms under difficult circumstances.

On April 01, 2020, the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores transferred its Dispatch and Lock-Up services to Grosse Pointe Woods. The change began upon acceptance of a \$500,000 State of Michigan grant in 2018 to upgrade and consolidate the Grosse Pointe Woods dispatch center. Building renovations in both areas had been completed in our facilities to enable this merger. Complex legal issues were worked out by the respective city attorneys. In addition, the department's rules and regulations were updated and reviewed by members of both departments. Grosse Pointe Woods now provides dispatch services and housing for prisoners from Grosse Pointe Shores, including bond collection. Dispatchers have a dedicated ring line for callers to Grosse Pointe Shores so they can answer them without confusion. Although the consolidation process was very involved, it provided the opportunity to update our dispatch center. The union between the Public Safety departments of the two cities is expected to last for many years to come.

The Executive Stay-at-Home Orders in the spring saw a number of requests from homebound residents for drive-by birthday greetings from officers. We did our part to bring this little bit of joy during somber times. In turn, the community has shown support for our efforts by expressing their appreciation with cards, gifts of food, and even yard signs.

Support was also given to department members in September when Ascension Health offered free non-invasive health screenings in a mobile unit parked near the Cook School House. The comprehensive exams were greatly appreciated.

The summer of 2020 will be remembered for demonstrations against police brutality triggered by the death of a Minneapolis resident at the hands of police. Department members were called out to assist in several walking protests for a local incident in Harper Woods.

The summer also brought with it the need for emergency purchases such as a malfunctioning computer in a patrol car which was no longer under warranty as well as a repair for the controller of the storm siren at the Lochmoor Country Club which had been damaged and burned by either a lightning strike or power surge. Another emergency purchase was necessary when the generator on the E-One Engine 5 fire truck broke down during a fire run in late October. The generator was unable to be repaired.

Another big project which took place in 2020 was the upgrading of Call Processing equipment necessary to connect to the Peninsula Fiber Network (PFN). The department accepted a subgrant from the State of Michigan in order to begin this process. It has been determined that the City will be responsible for three percent of the total cost. The project is still ongoing.

The department purchased eleven AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) units in 2020 to replace expired units throughout the City complex as well as in patrol cars. The medical devices are utilized to deliver electric shocks to someone who is experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. Upgrades made to the Public Safety lobby in 2020 included the addition of a bullet-proof glass window for the Records Department to ensure the safety and protection of our employees.

Funds from the department's drug forfeiture account were used to partner with the City of Grosse Pointe for the use of their new advanced police simulation training system, the VirTra Simulator. Costs were shared with the cities of Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe Park. As the area departments frequently work together through the mutual aid agreement, it is important to keep training levels on par. The VirTra simulator is designed to teach, train, and sustain both rookie and seasoned officers and equip them with the proper knowledge and skills to handle any type of situation. Officers have the opportunity to experience various situations on a large screen on which the scenarios change based on their actions and reactions.

The end of the year brought with it the request to purchase a new in-car-video system with up-to-date technology to replace the current equipment which had reached the end of its lifespan. Another major purchase request was for body cameras for all officers, including Code Enforcement, Parking, and Animal Control. Body cameras are a widely used tool which reduce complaints from citizens as well as the liability of the agency. The implementation of this tool will help to bring our department into the 21st century. It has been proven that people behave better when they know that they are being filmed. The end result is a decrease in crime, which is more important than ever due to the current situations involving policing in our country.

Two bright spots during 2020 were the addition to our staff of new officer Duncan Gill and the return of dispatcher Gregory Tourville who had retired from full-time status and came back as part-time. The department was sad to see the retirement of long-time employees Officer James Arthur and part-time Records Clerk Diana Cormier, who together had a combined total of 61 years of dedicated employment.

With 22 years of experience within the department, Detective Anthony Chalut earned a well-deserved promotion to the rank of Sergeant in April, 2020. The vacancy in the Detective Bureau was filled by Officer Kyle Seidel, who had often taken it upon himself to do investigative and surveillance work on his own while employed as an officer.

On a personal note, I celebrated my 30-year anniversary of service to the department last year and I have to admit that in all those years, there has never been a year quite like 2020. It has taught us all to appreciate what we have and not to take anything for granted, especially our health. It has been a challenging year but we have learned to adapt to the circumstances and to do the best that we can in any given situation.

In closing, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Mayor 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/Police Commissioner Bruce Smith for sharing the wisdom and knowledge he has gained throughout his career in Law Enforcement and continuing to provide support and guidance.

The department would not be where it is today if not for the invaluable support given throughout the years by the late Mayor Robert E. Novitke, who had served as the Mayor of Grosse Pointe Woods since November, 1990. His wisdom and friendship will be greatly missed.

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 2021, 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,

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

Chaplain

Pastor Matthew Swiatek

Lieutenants

David Gardzella

James Lefurgey

Lieutenant/DB Commander

Keith Waszak

Sergeants

Anthony Chalut

Brian Conigliaro

Darrell Fisher

Walter Galat

Joseph Provost, Jr.

Brian Urban

Public Safety Officers

Miles Adams

Mark Agnetti

Steven Calabro

David Empson

Duncan Gill

Eugene Gunnery

Joseph Hazuka

Anthony Hojnacki

Neal Kapoor

Timothy Livingston

Jeffry Martel

Martin Mitchell

Matthew Muzia

Scott Nota

Jarod Smith

Michael Verbruggen

Dennis Walker

Detectives

Kevin Bonk

Kyle Seidel

Detective/Traffic Safety Officer

Ryan Schroerlucke

Communications Dispatchers - Full-Time

Erin Bremer

Agnes Burcar

Patricia Czech

Communications Dispatchers - Part-Time

Amber McNeil

Gregory Tourville

Code Enforcement

Debbie Reed

Parking Enforcement - Part-Time

Debra Fox

Carolyn Schefke

Confidential Administrative Assistant

Claudette Darga

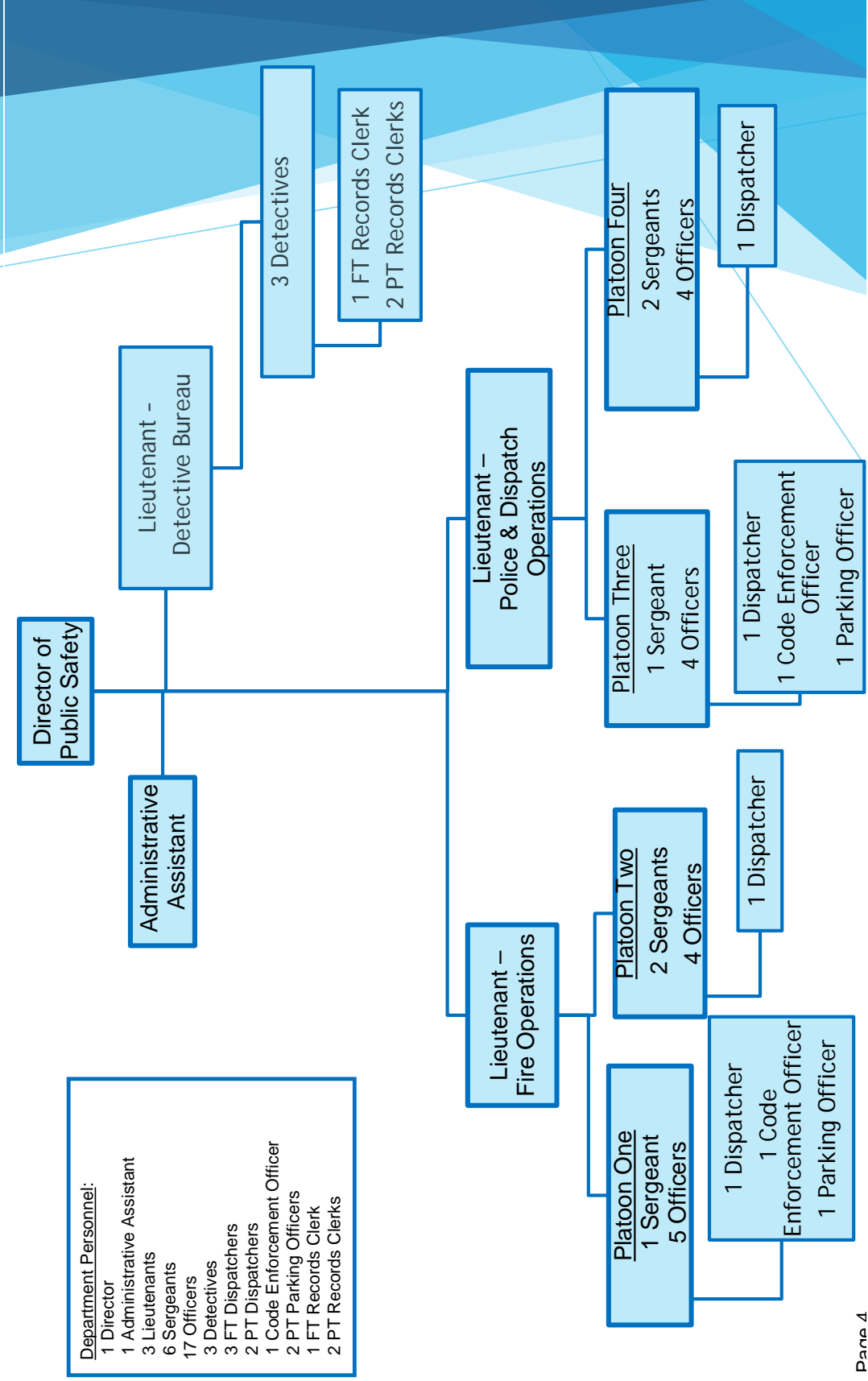
Records Department - Full-Time

Darlene Jepson

Records Department - Part-Time

Tina Verbeke

City of Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety Organization Chart 2020



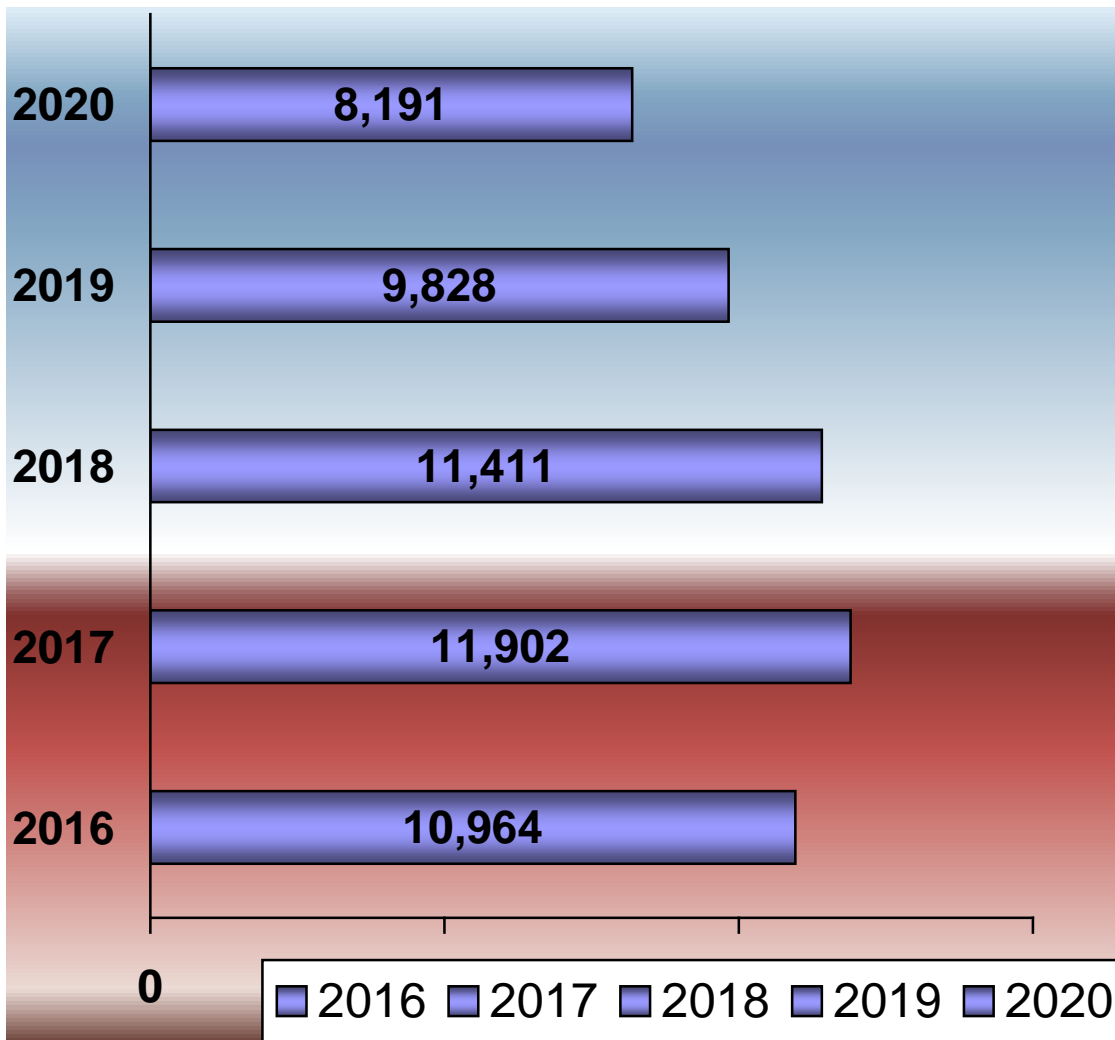
- Department Personnel:
- 1 Director
 - 1 Administrative Assistant
 - 3 Lieutenants
 - 6 Sergeants
 - 17 Officers
 - 3 Detectives
 - 3 FT Dispatchers
 - 2 PT Dispatchers
 - 1 Code Enforcement Officer
 - 2 PT Parking Officers
 - 1 FT Records Clerk
 - 2 PT Records Clerks

TOTAL INCIDENTS 2016 - 2020

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 8,191 calls for service in 2020.

The five-year average is 10,459 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**

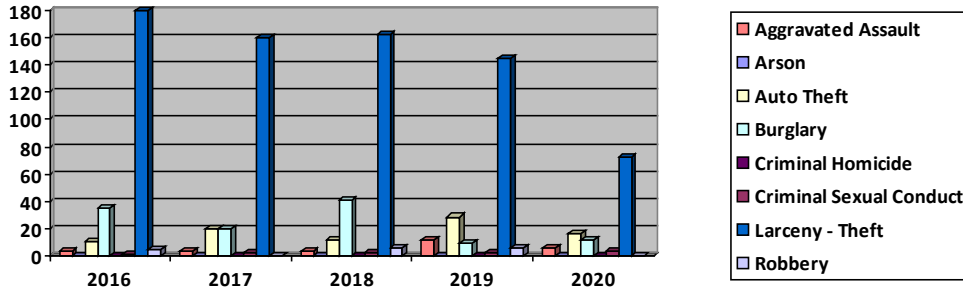
NON-INDEX CRIMES BREAKDOWN

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:

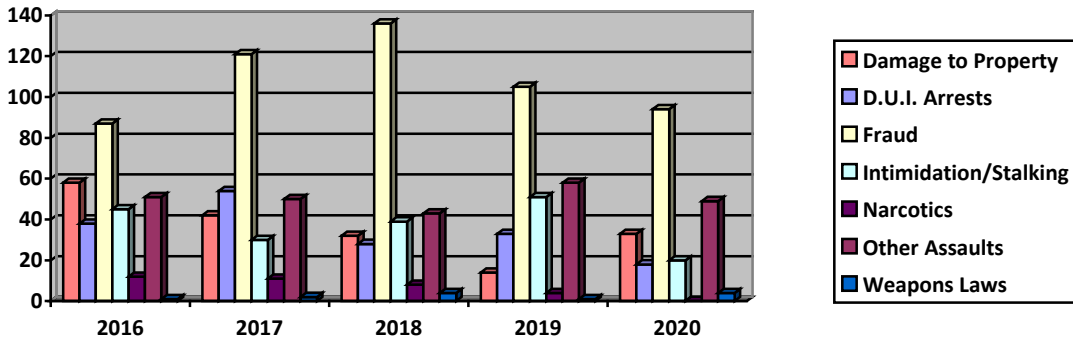
- **Curfew and Loitering Laws (persons under 18)**
- **Damage to Property**
- **Disorderly Conduct**
- **Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol**
- **Drug Abuse Violations**
- **Drunkenness**
- **Embezzlement**
- **Forgery and Counterfeiting**
- **Fraud**
- **Gambling**
- **Liquor Laws**
- **Offenses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



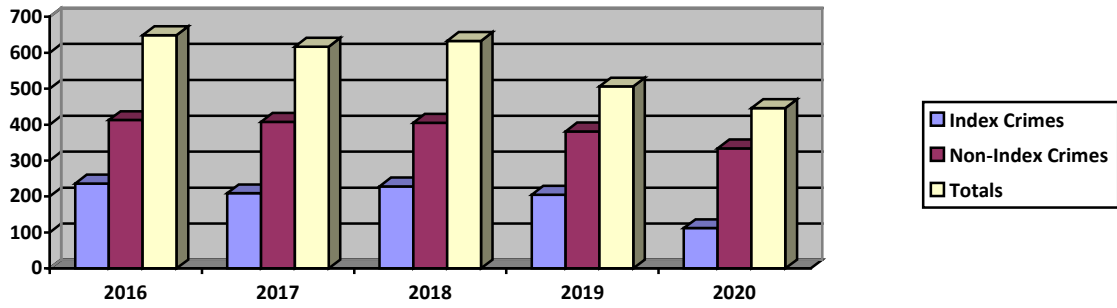
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Aggravated Assault.	4	4	4	12	6
Arson	0	1	0	0	0
Auto Theft	11	20	12	29	17
Burglary	35	20	41	10	12
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal Sexual Conduct	2	3	3	3	4
Larceny - Theft	179	160	162	145	73
Robbery	5	1	6	6	0

NON - INDEX CRIMES TOTALS



	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Damage to Property	58	42	32	14	33
D.U.I. Arrests	38	54	28	33	18
Fraud	87	121	136	105	94
Intimidation/Stalking	45	30	39	51	20
Narcotics	12	11	8	4	0
Other Assaults	51	50	43	58	49
Weapons Laws	1	2	4	1	4

CRIME TOTALS



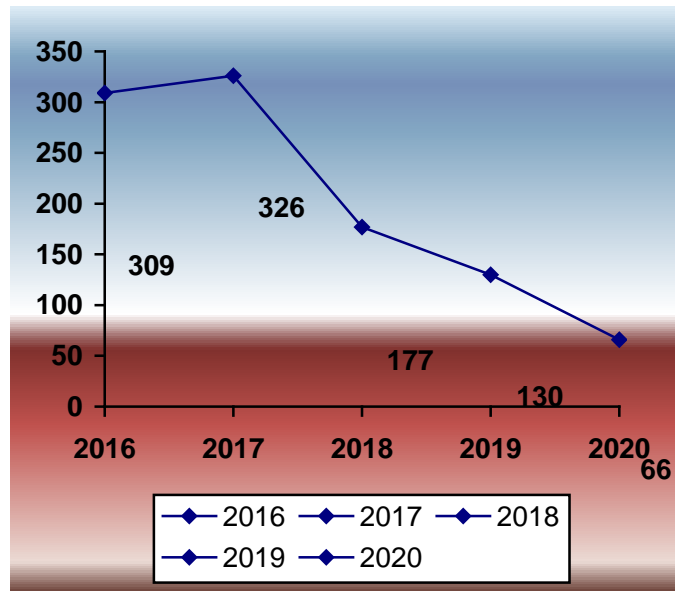
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Index Crimes	236	209	228	205	112
Non-Index Crimes	413	408	405	381	334
Totals	649	617	633	586	446

The 446 Index and Non-Index crimes reported in 2020 represents a 24 percent decrease from the 586 crimes reported in 2019. The five-year average is 586 Index and Non-Index crimes.

ARREST TOTALS 2016 - 2020

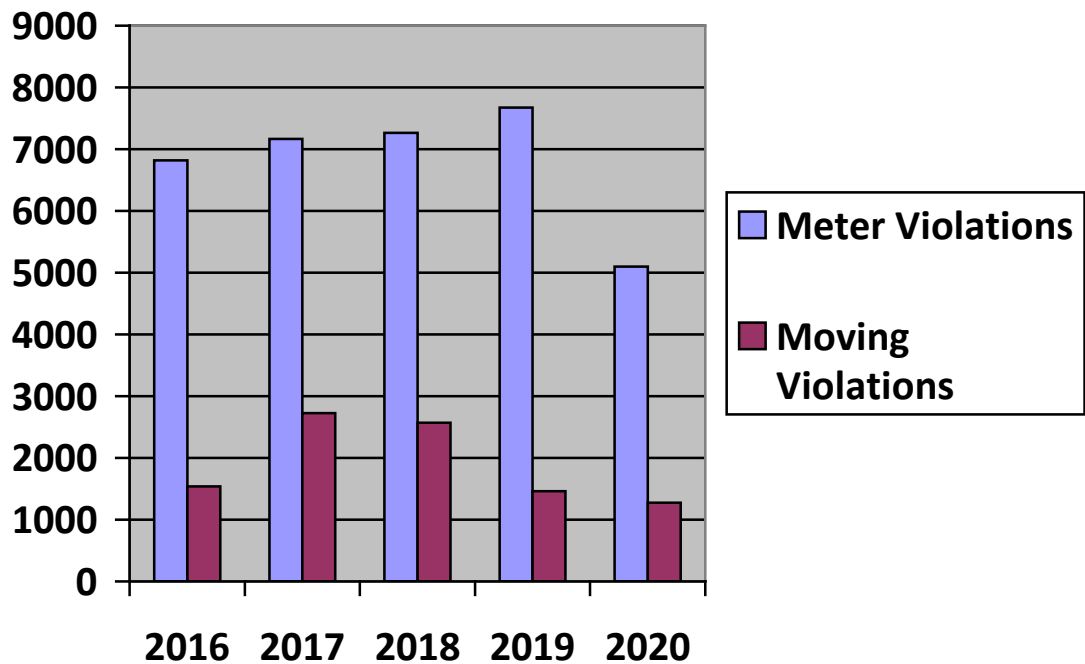
The five-year average is 201 arrests per year.

Arrests decreased from last year by 49 percent.



MOVING AND METER VIOLATIONS

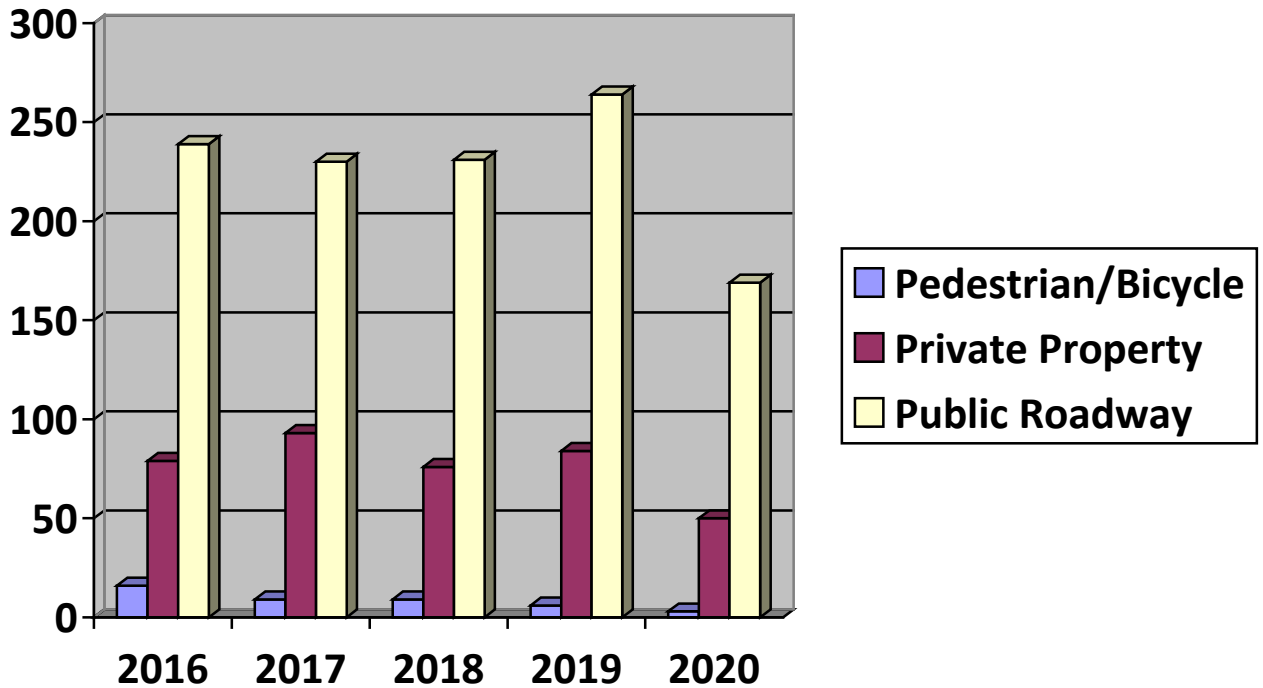
Using computers, updated radars, preliminary breath instruments, and mobile fingerprint readers in the patrol vehicles, the Public Safety Department continues to enforce traffic violations in the most effective manner possible.



	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Meter Violations	6821	7164	7263	7674	5101
Moving Violations	1541	2724	2569	1461	1273

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.



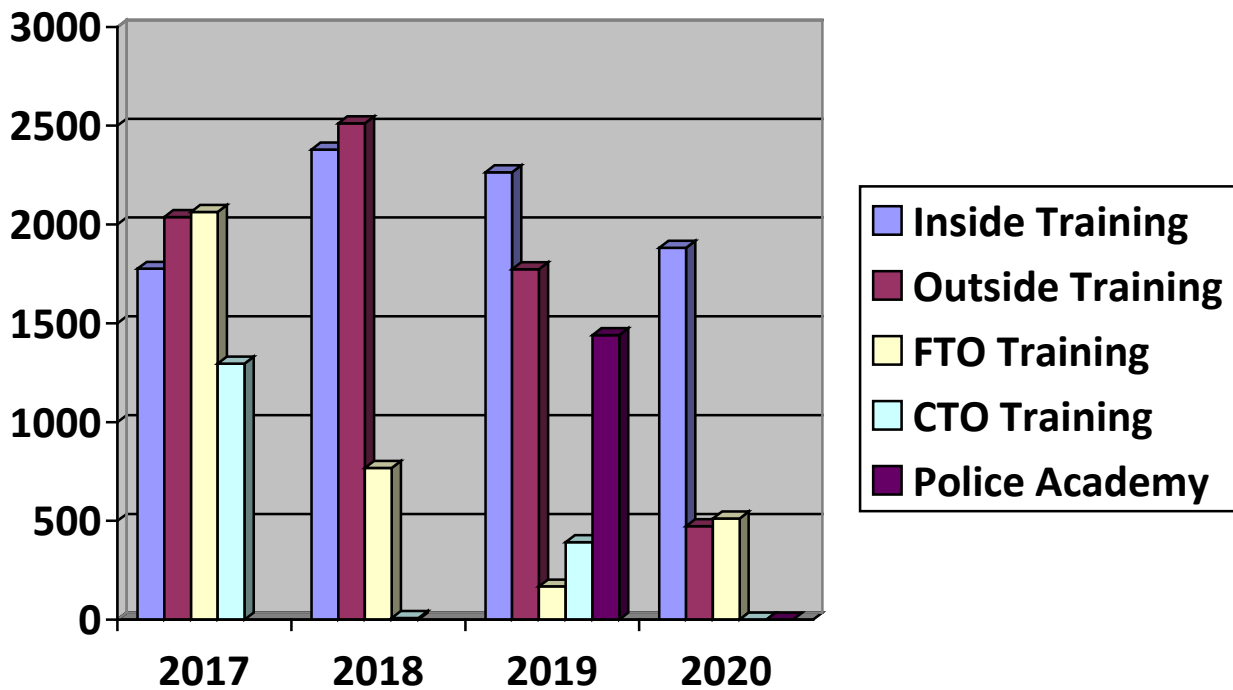
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Pedestrian/Bicycle	16	9	9	6	3
Private Property	79	93	76	84	50
Public Roadway	239	230	231	264	169

There were no fatalities in 2020.

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 473 hours of Police and Fire training courses at local colleges and other training facilities in 2020 and participated in 1,882 hours of in-house training. The department received a total of 2,335 hours of training in 2020.

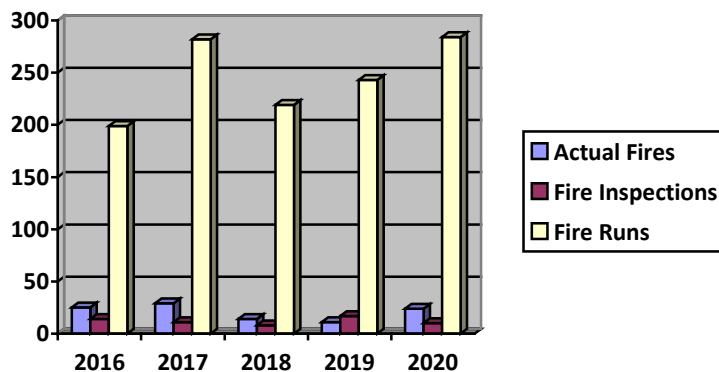
In addition, 512 hours were spent training a new officer (Field Training Officer training known as FTO training). The grand total of all department training in 2020 was 2,867 hours, a -52.50 percent decrease from the 6,039 total hours in 2019. The significant decrease reflects the impact that the global pandemic has had on gatherings of any kind.



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 eight residential dwelling fires in Grosse Pointe Woods, our firemen also responded to one vehicle fire, seven dumpster fires and 116 electrical related/power lines down incidents in 2020. We also provided mutual aid assistance for ten residential fires in Harper Woods and one residential fire each in Grosse Pointe Farms and Grosse Pointe Shores. Mutual aid was received by the department for six residential fires and two business fires.

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



	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Actual Fires	25	29	14	11	24
Fire Inspections	14	11	8	17	10
Fire Loss	\$330,787	\$45,500	\$827,500	\$73,600	\$366,150
Fire Runs	199	282	219	243	284

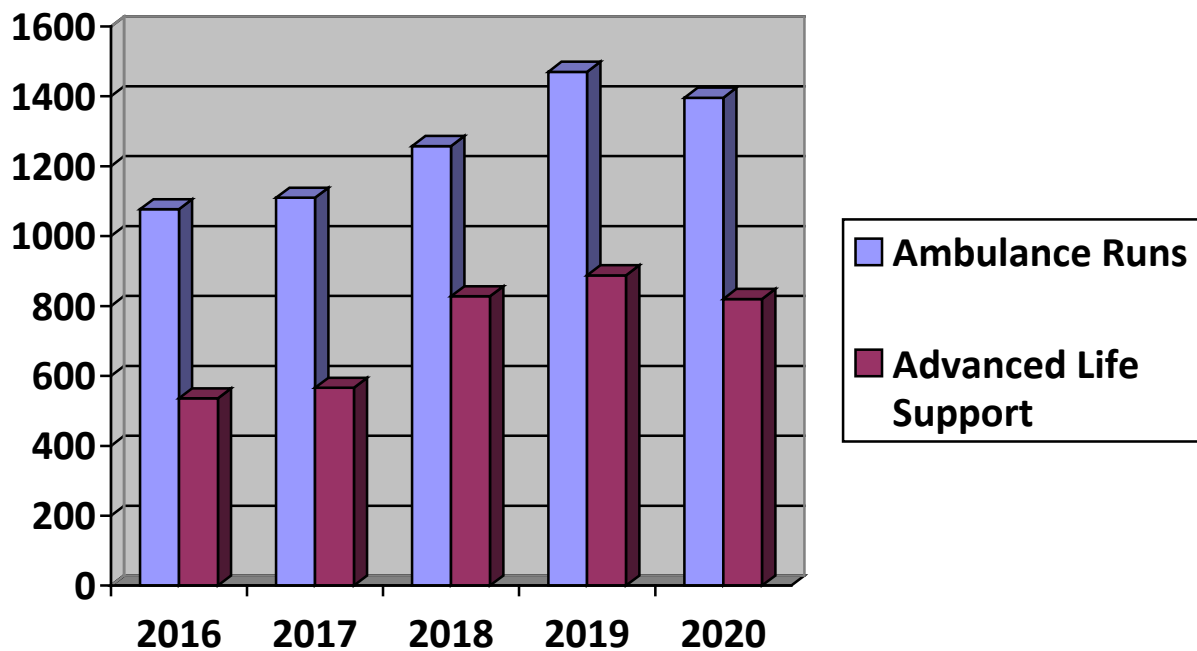
There were no fatalities or serious injuries resulting from the 24 actual fires in 2020.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

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

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 1,396 ambulance runs in 2020 represents a 5% decrease from the 1,470 runs in 2019 and the 820 runs involving advanced life support represents slightly more than a 7.5% decrease from the 888 advanced life support runs in 2019.



	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Ambulance Runs	1077	1110	1258	1470	1396
Adv. Life Support	536	566	828	888	820
% Adv. Life Support	50%	51%	66%	60%	59%

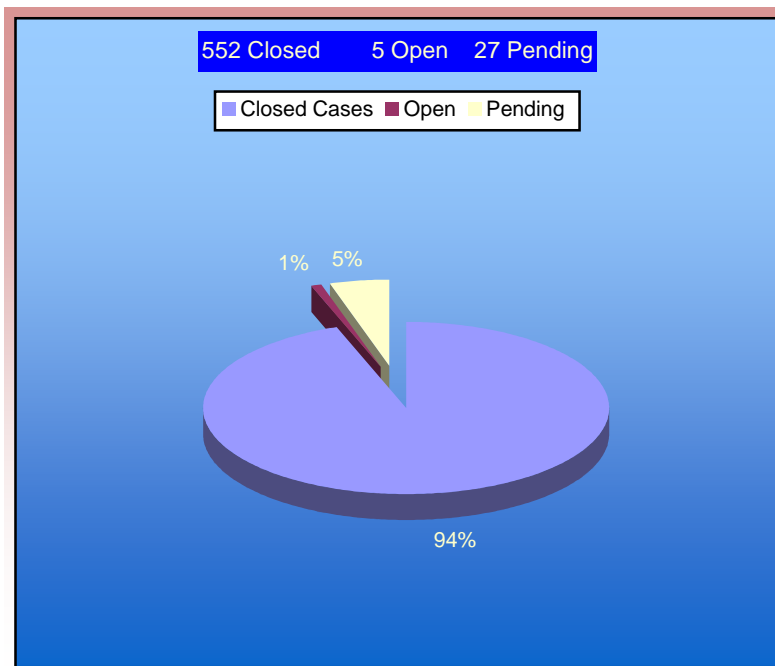
DETECTIVE BUREAU

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 detectives Kevin Bonk and Ryan Schroerlucke and Detective Kyle Seidel, who joined the team in April, 2020. 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 Seidel also serves as the department's Youth Officer by overseeing crimes and violations by persons under the age of seventeen. Detective Seidel is a direct liaison with school administrators, teachers, and students and maintains an additional office in Grosse Pointe North High School.

Detective Schroerlucke's additional duties include responsibility for the Traffic Safety programs, overseeing crossing guards, conducting traffic and speed studies, and investigating traffic-related incidents. Detective Bonk has served as the department liaison for the Auxiliary unit for seven years.



Summary of Case Assignments

94.50% of the 584 Criminal Cases assigned to the Detective Bureau in 2020 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 and one K-9, 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. The team operates under the leadership of Grosse Pointe Farms Sergeant Frank Zielinski.

In 2020, SRT members faced multiple challenges due to civil unrest and the Coronavirus pandemic. The team was activated four times for barricaded and warrant services and six times for protest/civil disobedience situations. Although the pandemic affected yearly training conferences, the officers learned to safely train together using PPE and social distancing.

The busy year began with a barricaded gunman situation in Grosse Pointe Park in March which lasted several hours until the team made entry into the residence and took the resident safely into custody. The team was activated again in June for a barricaded suicidal female subject in Harper Woods, which took several hours of negotiations until the subject surrendered.

The team was called out several times during the summer and fall to assist with walking protests in Harper Woods and one in Grosse Pointe City.

SRT members assisted Grosse Pointe Farms detectives with a search warrant in Warren in December which resulted in an arrest. The warrant was in regard to multiple charges of identity theft and fraud. The year ended with a call-out to Harper Woods for a domestic/shots fired situation. It was reported that the lone occupant was armed, highly intoxicated, and possibly hearing impaired. An armored vehicle was deployed and negotiations were conducted with a loudspeaker. A search of the residence was conducted after the subject surrendered hours later.

Although the Ohio Tactical Officers Association Conference in Sandusky, Ohio was cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic, SRT members were able to attend an annual week-long training session at a military training facility located near Grayling, Michigan. The facility includes a mock city, multiple firearm ranges and a 360-degree shoot house. The 1,000 yard range in the Marksmanship Training Center is Lake City, a short distance from Grayling, was utilized for firearms training. Total team training hours for 2020 were 176 hours.

The two Grosse Pointe Woods officers who are members of the SRT have the ability to pass on the valuable techniques they learn through their extensive training to other members of the department. Officer Miles Adams joined the team in December, replacing Officer Mark Agnetti who had been with the SRT for five years.

AUXILIARY UNIT

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 80 hours of training and devoted 293.50 hours of service to the City of Grosse Pointe Woods in 2020.

At the end of 2020, the Police Auxiliary Unit consisted of Captain Charles Thomas, Squad Leaders David Podeszwik and Evan Allemon, and Auxiliary Officers Ryan Allemon, Douglas Alexander, Jose Carrion, Allen Herfi, Mark Higgins, Keith Kurtz, Patrick Kyc, John Mowatt, John Sabol and Anthony Wimbush. Detective Kevin Bonk has been the department liaison for the past seven years.

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 has operated under the guidance and supervision of Detective Ryan Schroerlucke since 2015. At the end of 2020, the crossing guard team consisted of: Amy Biange, Patricia Bradley, Kenneth Carter, Maureen Carter, Theodore Colborn, Frank and Renee Dicristofaro, Kathleen Guertin, Sharon Harden-Bullock, Karen Kaled, Dana Linsdeau, Debra Miller, Charlotte Monaghan, Mary Moore, Jean Segodnia, Marjorie Warhurst, and William Westwood.

SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR

The recipient of the 2020 Supervisor of the Year Award is Sergeant Brian Conigliaro.



Although Sergeant Brian Conigliaro was not physically a part of the department in 2020, he represented our department with bravery and courage during his service to the country as Senior Chief Master at Arms for the United States Naval Reserve in Djibouti, Africa. Sergeant Conigliaro endured many sacrifices and less than ideal living conditions while working in support of Operation Al Qaeda for nearly two years, including all of 2020. In recognition of his outstanding achievements, we are awarding this twenty-year veteran of our department with the 2020 Supervisor of the Year Award.

NEW HIRES

One new officer was hired by the department in September 2020.

A recently retired full-time dispatcher re-joined the department on a part-time basis at the end of August 2020 after eighteen and a half years of service.



Pictured above with Director John G. Kosanke is Officer Duncan Gill who came to us with experience as a police officer with the City of Detroit. Although he is too young to have gained much experience, Officer Gill is dedicated to serving others and hopes to help improve the perception of officers in our country.

Pictured in the Retirement Section of this report is Dispatcher Gregory Tourville who re-joined the department on a part-time basis after a lengthy career in Law Enforcement, including 18.50 years as a full-time Grosse Pointe Woods dispatcher and almost 26 years as a Harper Woods police officer.

RETIREMENTS

Three valued members of the department retired in 2020.



Officer James Arthur retired in August with 24 years of dedicated service to the department. During his career, he received several Life Saving Awards. In 2002, Officer Arthur saved the life of a choking restaurant patron by performing the Heimlich maneuver. In 2010, he performed CPR on a resident in full cardiac arrest. Along with other members of his platoon, he blocked off traffic in front of the station in 2017 to safely keep people away from a fully engulfed DTE truck which had burst into flames. Attached to the truck was a container with 2,500 pounds of natural gas. Officer Arthur will be remembered by his fellow officers as a kind and gentle man who rarely complained or lost his temper. He is a true gentleman who will be missed by all who had the pleasure to work with him.



Records Clerk Diana Cormier left her part-time position in the department after 37 years of dedicated service. In addition to her dedication, she will be remembered fondly for adding a touch of royalty to the department with her British accent, home-made scones and Welsh cakes.

Dispatcher Gregory Tourville retired in July 2020 after 18.50 years with the department as a full-time dispatcher. Department members were grateful when he returned in August as a part-time dispatcher, bringing with him the wisdom gained from his lengthy Dispatch career in Grosse Pointe Woods in addition to almost 26 years of experience as a Harper Woods police officer. Dispatcher Tourville is known for his wry sense of humor which never fails to brighten the day of his co-workers.

POLICE OFFICER'S PRAYER

