

# Meridian Township Police Department



## 2011 Annual Report

# **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Meridian Township Police Department is committed to establishing and maintaining partnerships in our community; and with understanding, cooperation and equality we strive to enhance the quality of life and protect the rights of our community.

## **VALUES**

### ***COMPASSION***

We care for and empathize with our fellow human beings.

### ***COURAGE***

We face danger to ensure the safety of others.

We will stand up for what is right.

We will be brave when others may not.

We strive to eliminate fear through our actions.

### ***EXCELLENCE***

We employ those who strive to achieve a higher standard.

We listen to our employees and the members of our community to continually improve our effectiveness and reliability.

We strive to exceed community and professional expectations.

### ***FAIRNESS***

We will treat all individuals impartially.

We will act in a just manner.

We appreciate different points of view.

We exercise discretion appropriately.

### ***INTEGRITY***

We will fulfill our mission in its entirety using sound principles, honesty and sincerity.

### ***RESOURCEFULNESS***

We can be relied upon for help and support.

We have the ability to deal with situations effectively.

We build on our mutual experiences to effectively resolve problems.

### ***RESPECT***

We value the rights and beliefs of others.

We are courteous.

We treat others as we expect to be treated.

We appreciate diversity.

### ***WORK ETHIC***

We are self-motivated and self-directed.

We do what is asked and strive to achieve expectations.

We hold ourselves to a higher standard.

# PERSONNEL

## Officers

Police Chief David Hall

Lieutenant Greg Frenger  
Lieutenant Ken Plaga

Sergeant Dawn Sawallich  
Sergeant Don Lound  
Sergeant Lana Howell  
Sergeant Scott Dawson  
Sergeant Brad Bach  
Sergeant Bart Crane  
Sergeant Andrew McCready

Officer Leslie Diebolt  
Officer Scott Stratton (\*)  
Officer Dale Hausermann  
Officer Jon Wicks  
Officer Kelly Blask  
Officer Gayelord Mankowski  
Officer Kristi Lysik  
Officer Paul Rambo  
Officer Dave Metts  
Officer Judy Hood  
Officer John Free

Officer Chrissy Scaccia  
Officer Jeff Adams  
Officer Curt Squires  
Officer Brett Reed  
Officer Erin Linn  
Officer Brian Canen  
Officer Greg Harris  
Officer Charles Glumb  
Officer Andrew Tobias  
Officer Richard Grillo  
Officer Christopher Lofton  
Officer Aaron Hubbard  
Officer Robert Jurhs  
Officer Jonte Slack  
Officer Kyle Royston  
Officer Edward Besonen  
Officer Rebecca Payne  
Officer Peter Menge (\*\*\*)  
Officer Kevin Harvey (\*\*)

## Support Staff

Carol Hasse, Department Secretary  
Andrew McEntee, Property Technician

Cindy Cummings, Records Supervisor  
Lynne Bodell, Records Technician  
Carrie Gross, Records Technician  
Mary Glee, p/t Records Technician (\*\*\*)

(\*) Retired in 2011  
(\*\*) Hired in 2011  
(\*\*\*) Resigned in 2011

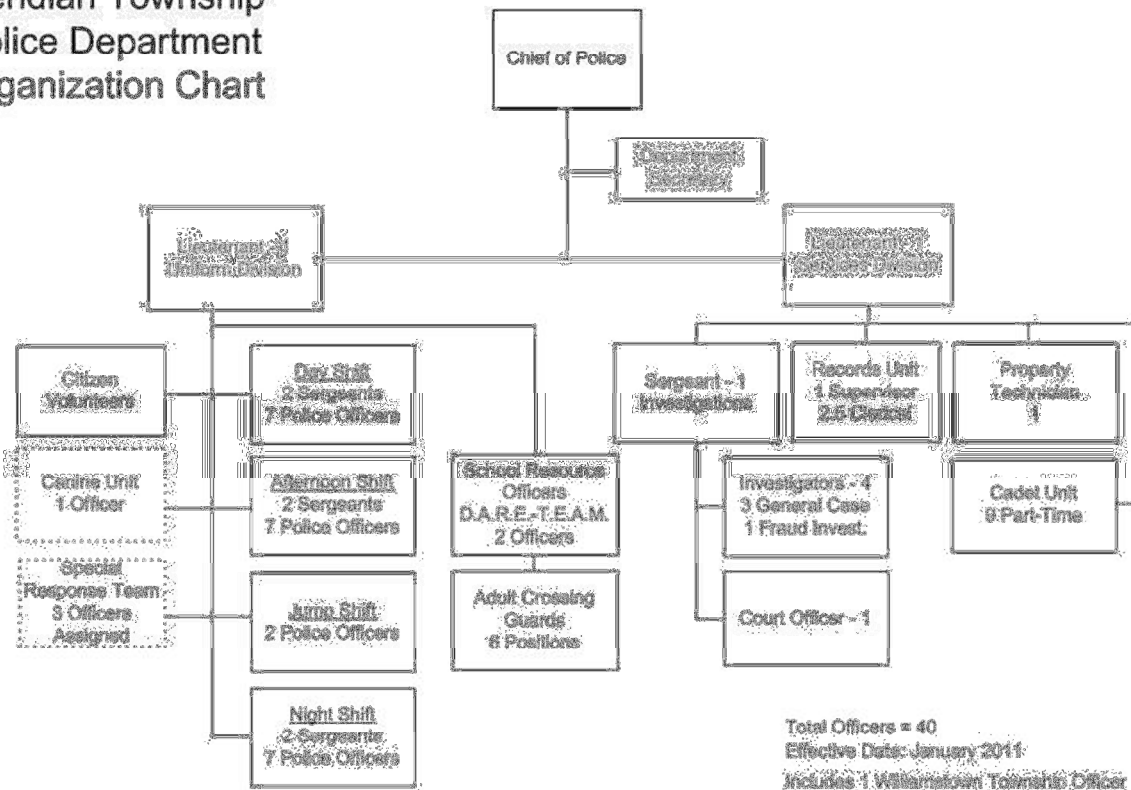
## Cadets

Cammy Alberts\*  
Scott Foote\*  
Andy Foreman\*\*  
Lesley Fox\*\*  
Nic Hoornstra\*\*  
Brandon Knapp  
Lindsay Kruger\*\*

Chuck Lieblich\*  
Craig Long  
Ronald Maynard\*\*  
William Starbird  
Nicholas Wagner

\* Hired in 2011  
\*\* Resigned in 2011

# Meridian Township Police Department Organization Chart



Total Officers = 40  
 Effective Date: January 2011  
 Includes 1 Williamstown Township Officer  
 Authorized December 2010, Effective January 2011

## ADMINISTRATION

During 2011, the command structure of the Department remained consistent with 2010 and included the Chief of Police and two Lieutenants. Each of the two Divisions within the Department, Uniform Division and Services Division, was led by one of the Lieutenants.

## UNIFORM DIVISION

The Uniform Division consists of road patrol officers, the Canine Unit, and the School and Community Resource Unit. Beginning January 2011, Meridian Township entered into an agreement with Williamstown Township to provide police services. The contract provides for 80 hours of police patrols each week. Calls for service outside the 80 hours are billed separately. As a result of the contract, the Township Board authorized hiring one additional patrol officer. The Patrol Division provides 24/7 road patrol to Meridian and Williamstown Townships utilizing 24 officers and 6 sergeants. The School and Community Resource Unit officers teach DARE and TEAM lessons in the Haslett and Okemos School Districts.

In 2011, there were 13,512 calls for service (excluding traffic stops), 6,057 written police reports (written reports may have multiple offenses), and 978 arrests. Officers issued 3,666 citations with a total number of 3,888 charges (each citation can include up to three charges). Williamstown Township statistics are not included in these numbers but provided in the addendum.

<b>2011 Written Reports</b>	
Alarms	755
Traffic Crashes	911
All Other	4,391
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,057</b>

### Yearly Comparisons:

<b>Written Reports</b>			
<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
6,804	6,274	6,152	6,057

<b>Calls for Service</b>				
<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
17,159	14,093	13,577	13,600	13,512

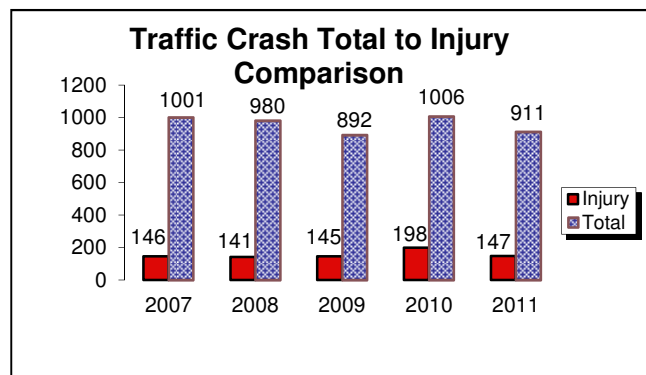
<b>Arrests</b>				
<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
1,398	1,270	1,259	932	978

<b>Citations</b>					
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
Citations Issued	6,918	5,235	5,528	4,622	3,666
Total # of Charges	n/a	5,918	6,147	5,224	3,888

<b>CALLS FOR SERVICE AS RECEIVED FROM DISPATCH</b>			
911 Hang Up	120	Mental	79
Abandoned Vehicle	118	Missing Person	36
Admin	176	Minor In Possession	35
Alarm	760	Motorist Assist	496
Animal Call	378	Noise	453
Assault	90	Obscene	5
Assist	24	Operating While Intoxicated	77
Bar Check	87	Operating Under Influence of Drugs	3
Break In	191	Peace Officer Complaint	90
Business Check	7	Personal Injury Accident	106
Canine Assist	6	Personal Protection Order	114
Check Area	366	Pickup Property	142
Check Subject	797	Police Assist	227
Check Vehicle	526	Police Pursuit	2
Civil	197	Private Property Accident	288
Code Violation	19	Probation	72
Community Meeting	25	Property Damage Accident	901
Conservation Violation	1	Prowler	9
Court	12	Receive/Conceal Stolen Property	6
Criminal Sexual Conduct	36	Reckless Driving	86
Curfew Violation	3	Retail Fraud	261
Disorderly Conduct	24	Robbery	9
Death Investigation	32	School Walk Through	258
Domestic	338	Security Check	135
Drugs	102	Shots	27
Driving While License Suspended	152	Sex Offender Registration Violation	30
Family Trouble	37	Special Assignment	19
Fight	19	Subpoena Service	107
Fire Assist	82	Suicide	64
Fireworks	52	Threat	97
Follow-up	355	Suspicious Situation/Person/Vehicle	366
Foot Patrol	30	Traffic Hazard	139
General/Non-Criminal	171	Traffic Stop	6354
Fraud	276	Trash/Littering Complaint	18
Harassment	187	Trespass	24
Hit and Run	90	Trouble with Subject	121
Incapacitated Person	13	Unlawfully Driving Away an Automobile	50
Indecent Exposure	5	Unknown Injury/Accident	5
Juvenile	57	Unwanted Person	178
Lock	0	Utility/Wires Down	48
Larceny	486	Vehicle Impound	30
Liquor Law Inspection	88	Warrant Arrest	569
Lost Property	39	Weapon Violation	19
Malicious Destruction	193	Welfare Check	296
Medical Assist	648		
<b>TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE: 19,866</b>			

<b>WRITTEN OFFENSE REPORTS*</b>			
Alarm Response	755	Lost/Found Property	9
Arson	6	Medical First Responder	211
Assault	269	Miscellaneous Criminal Offense	1
Burglary	195	Miscellaneous Non-Criminal Offense	526
Conservation	11	Motor Vehicle Theft	26
Conspiracy	1	Negligent Homicide/Manslaughter	2
Criminal Sexual Conduct	42	Obscenity	6
Damage to Property	159	Obstructing Justice	196
Disorderly Conduct	51	Obstructing Police	17
Embezzlement	12	Ordinance Violation	2
Extortion	1	OUI of Liquor or Drugs	90
Family Abuse/Neglect/Other	24	Parental Kidnapping	2
Forgery/Counterfeiting	12	Public Peace Other	39
Fraud	177	Retail Fraud	252
Health and Safety	33	Robbery	12
Hit and Run Motor Vehicle Accident	154	Stolen Property	12
Incapacitated/Mental Health	101	Traffic Civil	1093
Intimidation/Stalking	78	Traffic Criminal	288
Investigation/Inspection (Non-Criminal)	510	Trespass	29
Juvenile Offenses/Runaway	31	Vagrancy	1
Larceny	431	Violation of a Controlled Substance	81
Liquor Violations	96	Weapons Offense	13
<b>TOTAL WRITTEN REPORTS: 6,057</b>			
<i>*Some written reports have multiple offenses</i>			

Officers investigated 911 traffic crashes in 2011 compared to 1,006 in 2010. These included personal injury, property damage, and hit and run accidents. Of the total, 147 accidents involved injuries. In 2011, there was one traffic crash which resulted in three fatalities.



## **TRAFFIC SAFETY**

Traffic safety continued to be one of the major concerns for the Department. Traffic issues were addressed in various ways. An example of this was utilizing directed patrols. Officers were assigned to designated locations during times when offenses were known to occur. In addition, the speed awareness trailer(s), patrol motorcycles,

and semi-marked patrol vehicles were all tools utilized to address community concerns about traffic safety in the Township. The adult and youth citizens' police academies provided information and education on safety issues, and the school resource officers discussed safety and traffic issues with students.

Meridian Township continued to maintain its relationship with the Ingham County Road Commission. The Commission provided input and assistance regarding traffic safety and flow issues.

### **TRAFFIC CRASH INVESTIGATION TEAM**

Five officers are trained in advanced crash investigation and investigate crashes involving serious injuries or fatalities. The team assists by preserving evidence at the scene, taking photographs and measurements, and preparing scaled diagrams. Speeds, direction of travel, and points of impact are established through reconstruction of a crash scene. The team conducts follow up investigation, interviews witnesses, and locates pertinent information for prosecution when necessary. The team works with the Ingham County Prosecutor's Office, Medical Examiner's Office, and the Michigan State Police during the investigation process. Using funds received from a grant, new accident laser reconstruction hardware and software were purchased. This allowed the Department to update equipment which will make reconstruction easier and the ending product professional looking and extremely accurate. The team responded to two traffic crashes during 2011 - one in Meridian Township and one in Williamstown Township (see addendum).

- A seventeen-year-old male crashed his vehicle on Hagadorn Road near Bennett Road. Three occupants died. The investigation found alcohol and speed were the causes of the crash. Three other individuals were also charged with providing alcohol to the driver at a party in Meridian Township.

### **VOLUNTEERS**

The Department continued to utilize volunteers to assist in police operations. Volunteers assisted with fire lane and handicap parking enforcement as well as data entry and statistical compilation. The Department actively sought new ways to utilize volunteers. In 2011, over 125 hours of volunteer service were provided.

### **COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICERS**

The Department continued its commitment to community policing. Officers kept in regular contact with neighborhood leaders in their assigned neighborhoods. Neighborhood concerns were addressed and assistance was provided in areas of law and code enforcement. Many officers were part of neighborhood networks and participated in social events and outings. The Uniform Division Commander administered the community policing program, and each sergeant was assigned a group of officers to ensure community needs were being met. As done annually on the first Tuesday in August, the Department promoted and participated in National Night Out events. Many neighborhoods held events to support community involvement in crime prevention.



## **ADULT CROSSING GUARDS**

Meridian Township Police continued to maintain crossing guards for Haslett, Okemos, and East Lansing School Districts. The cost incurred for the six crossing guards is shared between the Township and the school districts. Crossing guards continued to be trained through the Department to ensure safe pedestrian traffic was provided for students going to and from school. The need for crossing guards is determined by utilizing the AAA assessment tool. AAA is also a source for training materials and information for our crossing guard program.

## **CANINE TEAM**

After 10 years of service, K-9 Asta retired in August. She and her handler, Officer Canen, were trained in article searches, area searches, tracking, building searches, aggression control, and drug detection. When the Department's canine team was not available, service was requested from neighboring departments. The 2012 budget includes funds for a replacement canine team.

<b>Team Activity Numbers</b>	
Calls Handled By Meridian's Canine	10
Calls Handled By Other Departments	19
Call Outs To Other Departments	5
Total Calls For Service	34
<b>Activity Type</b>	
Drug Search	12
Suspect Track	21
Building Search	3
Evidence Location	0

## **SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM**

The Department has three officers assigned to the East Lansing Special Response Team (SRT). The SRT functions on an on-call capacity and had seven activations in 2011. The specially trained officers respond to high-risk search warrants, arrest warrants, drug raids, civil unrests, and other tactical situations. The SRT trained one day per month and attended one multi-day training so specialized tactical and surveillance training, along with the use of specialized equipment, could be received. Two officers from MTPD are specifically trained as negotiators and are valuable resources to the SRT.

## **SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY RESOURCE UNIT**



The Department continues its presence in the Okemos and Haslett School Districts by providing uniformed officers to instruct D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance and Education) and T.E.A.M (Teaching Education and Mentoring).

In August, the officers attended the D.A.R.E. Officer Association of Michigan Annual Conference. The main focus of the conference was the introduction to the new D.A.R.E elementary curriculum. The curriculum was reviewed and updated to coincide with the changes elementary kids are facing in today's world. This new program will have

presentations on responsibility, bullying, conflict resolution, positive ways of communicating, peer pressure, and drugs. The D.A.R.E. program generates beneficial discussions with students, teachers, and officers. It also generates discussions with parents and guardians.

The T.E.A.M. officers continued to provide instruction for elementary, middle, and high school students. Teachers have many curriculum requirements and T.E.A.M. meets many of those goals. A flexible curriculum allows teachers to choose topics that best fit their lesson plan.

In addition to D.A.R.E and T.E.A.M., the officers continued to be a resource for the schools regarding their School Emergency Response Plans. The officers were present for practice drills at all education levels. It is important for students to have a safe learning environment and to practice how to react in a crisis situation.

The Unit continued to have requests for presentations at all grade levels regarding internet and cell phone safety and bullying and cyber bullying. Due to the rising use of social media by students, it is vital that these officers work with school staff to educate students to prevent bullying and violent behaviors.

In 2011, the officers continued the implementation of canine use in both school districts. This activity has proven to be a proactive effort. The officers also attended school science fairs and, partnering with Meridian Township Parks and Recreation, hosted a picnic for less fortunate children at Hawk Island Park.

In addition to continuing a positive relationship with the students and staff of the schools, the officers were an important component to the Department's community policing efforts. The officers attended the M.A.B.A. Expo (Meridian Area Business Association). This was a great opportunity to communicate with business owners and residents. The officers also participated with other community events such as TRIAD (Tri-County on Aging), the Halloween Open House at the Department (over 300 residents attended), and the annual Christmas party hosted for over 100 local children of need.

<b>Number of Classes Held in 2011</b>	
D.A.R.E	231
T.E.A.M.	275
Other Presentations	15
<b>Total for 2011</b>	<b>521</b>

\*Due to road patrol staffing, the School and Community Resource Officers did not return to the schools until October 1, 2011.

## **SERVICES DIVISION**

The Services Division provides non-patrol support services to the Department. These services include investigations, records management, property and evidence management, training, the cadet program, and information systems maintenance.

### **INVESTIGATIONS UNIT**

The Investigations Unit consists of a supervisor, a fraud investigator, three general

investigators, and one court services officer. Personnel in the unit rotate every three years from road patrol duties. The Investigations Unit responded to and investigated 430 complaints during 2011.

<b>Complaints Investigated Per Year</b>	
<b>2007</b>	442
<b>2008</b>	442
<b>2009</b>	493
<b>2010</b>	490
<b>2011</b>	430

The following table lists the types of offenses investigated. The total number of offenses investigated (463) is higher than the assigned number of complaints (430) because some complaints involved more than one type of offense.

<b>Investigations Unit Yearly Comparisons – Meridian Township</b>					
<b>* Homicides are the fatal crash and death of a newborn</b>					
<b>Crime</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
Homicide	2	0	0	0	2*
Kidnap	0	0	0	3	0
Criminal Sexual Conduct	26	31	25	26	28
Robbery	14	5	27	9	14
Assault/Stalking	18	26	10	34	30
Arson	1	2	6	2	1
Extortion	1	0	0	2	0
Burglary	48	74	97	95	62
Larceny	68	75	136	100	90
Unlawful Driving Away Auto	13	13	10	8	6
Forgery	17	12	4	11	3
Fraud	113	99	151	115	109
Embezzlement	15	18	5	11	4
Stolen Property	3	1	9	1	3
Malicious Destruction of Property	7	5	13	3	6
Retail Fraud	11	5	19	21	22
Drugs	10	10	19	9	8
Sex Offenses	9	9	0	2	6
Obscene Material	2	1	4	4	4
Child Abuse	5	4	5	9	6
Liquor Law Violation	0	0	4	1	2
Obstructing Police	2	0	4	6	1
Obstructing Justice	7	6	2	6	1
Warrant Arrest for Other Agency	0	0	1	5	1
Weapons Offense	1	1	2	5	0
Public Peace	15	10	7	7	4
Hit & Run Accident	1	2	2	2	0
Health and Safety	0	1	0	1	0
Invasion of Privacy	4	0	0	0	0
Conservation	0	0	0	0	0
Juvenile Runaway	2	2	4	4	9
Traffic Offenses	0	0	0	3	0
Juvenile Violation	0	0	0	0	0
Civil Custody	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	3	0	1	0
Accidents Other	0	0	1	0	0
Accidents Other, Shooting	1	0	0	0	0
Suspicious Situations	6	1	6	12	18
General Assist	12	10	3	7	7

Death Investigations	5	14	16	16	<b>13</b>
Missing Persons	2	2	1	1	<b>3</b>
<b>TOTAL OFFENSES INVESTIGATED</b>	442	442	593	542	<b>463</b>

In 2011, the Investigations Unit continued 112 investigations from 2010, 430 reports were assigned, 234 reports were closed, 171 reports were inactivated, and 137 will continue to be investigated in 2012.

<b>2011 Report Dispositions</b>	
Continued from 2010	112
Assigned in 2011	430
Cleared in 2011	234
Inactivated in 2011	171
Continued in 2012	137

When an investigation is completed and to be reviewed for charges, the investigator is responsible for taking the warrant request to the Ingham County Prosecutor's Office. There were 99 cases reviewed by the Prosecutor's Office. Of the 99 cases, five were petitions for juvenile offenders. This is down from 117 cases in 2010.

<b>Investigations Warrant Requests &amp; Petitions for 2011</b>			
	<b>Felony</b>	<b>Misdemeanor</b>	<b>Totals</b>
Requested	73	26	<b>99</b>
Issued	27	5	<b>32</b>
Denied	8	2	<b>10</b>
Diversion	2	0	<b>2</b>
Unknown*	36	19	<b>55</b>

\* Case disposition pending

A total of \$64,200 worth of stolen property was recovered in 2011. The majority of the recovered stolen property was returned to the victims.

The Investigation Unit Supervisor reviewed all written reports taken by patrol officers. When a complaint lacked investigative leads, a letter was sent notifying the victim that the complaint would not be investigated. The letter also informed the victim that the case may be opened if new information surfaced that may assist in furthering an investigation. There were approximately 460 letters sent in 2011.

In 2011, 88 school notification letters were sent to the Haslett, Okemos, and East Lansing School Districts administration offices (there were no school incidents in Williamstown Township). These notification letters were completed any time a crime occurred on school property, on a school bus, at a school sponsored event, within 1,000 feet of school property, or posed a significant threat or imminent danger to students, staff, or school property.

Members continued participation in a number of boards and task forces. These included Elderly Death Review Board, Child Death Review Board, Capital Area Sexual Assault Response Team, Pediatric Sub Committee for Abuse and Sexual Assault, Michigan Association of Check Investigators and Tri-County Loss Prevention, Crime Stoppers, and Tri-County Sex Offender Task Force (TriSort). Most meetings were held once a month to discuss cases of concern or interest, problem solve, create county-wide protocol, and share information on suspects and trends. The investigators also

participated in weekly area detective meetings to discuss current crimes, share intelligence, and foster working relationships between agencies.

2011 cases of interest:

- Three teenagers died in a vehicle crash on Hagadorn Road north of Bennett Road. The intoxicated driver and his front seat passenger survived. Investigators learned the teen had been drinking at a party in Meridian Township. The three residents of an apartment provided beer and liquor to the teen. The driver was charged with three counts of operating while intoxicated causing death. He pled guilty to one count operating while intoxicated causing death and received a sentence of 4-15 years in prison. The three men who hosted the party were charged with three counts of supplying alcohol to a minor causing death and one count of selling alcohol without a liquor license. They pled guilty to one count of conspiracy to supply alcohol to a minor and were sentenced to county jail time and probation.
- Two subjects entered a local business and attempted to purchase over \$2,000 worth of merchandise using cloned credit cards. The suspects were stopped and a search of their vehicle revealed thumb drives containing credit card and personal information from thousands of victims. The two subjects were arrested and the case was submitted to the FBI. The suspects were charged with federal crimes.
- A former high school teacher was convicted of six counts of criminal sexual conduct for sexually assaulting a student. The suspect was sentenced to 15-30 years. The case was investigated by Meridian Police even though the crimes occurred in Eaton County. The man is awaiting prosecution in Ingham County for similar acts with the same victim that occurred in Meridian Township.
- Four vacant homes were stripped of copper pipes and a cell tower in Haslett had copper wiring stolen. A short time later, a neighboring jurisdiction apprehended four people for similar acts. The suspects confessed to the cell tower theft and were charged for their crimes.
- A male and female attempted to cash a stolen check with a victim's identification at a drive-through window of a local bank. A patrol officer in the area was able to locate the vehicle. Two subjects were arrested after several checks and identifications were confirmed stolen from victims in Michigan as well as surrounding states. The FBI was contacted and linked the two suspects to a larger ring of criminals traveling throughout the United States committing similar crimes. The FBI charged the suspects federally.
- Medical marijuana was stolen from an apartment. The suspect was not identified and the case is inactive.
- A Child Protective Services referral was received indicating a teenage boy was shown pornography and given marijuana by his father. The Ingham County Prosecutor's Office issued one count of delivering marijuana to a minor.
- A two-year-old boy had his hand severed in a meat grinder at his parent's restaurant. There were no criminal charges issued and Child Protective Services provided assistance to the family.
- A male was exposing himself to Asian females while they would wait for a CATA bus. On the third incident, the victim was able to provide a suspect and vehicle description. An investigator located the vehicle and arrested the suspect. The suspect confessed to the crime as well as two other reported incidents. The suspect was charged with three counts of aggravated indecent exposure.
- A victim reported two men with guns attempted to break into his residence. Upon further investigation, it was determined that the victim knew the suspects, and the

victim owed the suspects money for drugs. The Ingham County Prosecutor's Office issued charges for attempted armed robbery against one of the suspects.

- The Michigan State Police Crime Lab was able to identify a suspect from a business breaking and entering that had occurred in 2010. The suspect was identified from blood that was left behind at the crime scene. The suspect was interviewed and confessed to the crime as well as another Township business breaking and entering incident. The Ingham County Prosecutor's Office issued two charges for breaking and entering.
- A suspect wrote a bad check to a local business for furniture; shortly thereafter, the Investigations Unit received information that the same suspect was wanted in Iowa for similar incidents. Investigators were able to locate the suspect, obtain a confession, and recover the majority of the furniture for the business. The Ingham County Prosecutor's Office issued charges, and the police agency in Iowa extradited the suspect for charges.
- Meridian Township assisted Lansing Township with child forensic interviews on three small children. The children witnessed their father stab their mother multiple times and needed to be interviewed immediately. A Meridian Township investigator conducted the interviews and assisted with that portion of the investigation. The suspect was charged with assault with intent to commit murder by the Lansing Township Police.
- A resident living near a local business noticed a suspicious vehicle occupied by several males driving around the business. The resident contacted the police, and officers arrived at the business just as one of the subjects was going to enter it. Through investigation, it was determined that the suspects were preparing to rob the business. The suspects confessed to the robbery of another business in the Township a few weeks prior. The Ingham County Prosecutor's Office would only charge one suspect and anticipates additional charges after the other suspect resolves his case in court.
- A string of larceny from autos and buildings at two local fitness clubs had been occurring. A witness was able to describe a suspect and vehicle and an investigator was able to develop a suspect based on video surveillance and witness identification. The suspect denied the allegations; however, the Prosecutor's Office issued charges for two counts of larceny from auto.
- A mother of two juvenile daughters reported the biological father inappropriately touched them on several occasions. The mother explained similar acts also occurred in Bath Township. Investigators from Meridian and Bath Police Departments worked together on the investigation. The suspect had previously been convicted of a sex crime and was a registered sex offender. The suspect was charged with criminal sexual conduct.
- Three subjects entered a convenience store, became belligerent with the clerk, attempted to steal items, and began to argue with a customer of the store. The subjects chased the customer, physically assaulted him, and stabbed him with a knife. The victim was able to call a nearby friend while he was running from the suspects, and the victim's friend arrived and fought back with golf clubs. The victim received medical treatment for a stab to his hand and the suspect was admitted to the hospital with head and facial injuries. The Ingham County Prosecutor's Office issued charges against all three suspects for assault with intent to commit great bodily harm and ethnic intimidation.
- A resident reported being robbed at his apartment. The victim's dog and drugs were stolen. The suspects later called the victim and offered to sell the dog back. The

meeting was arranged, and the suspects were arrested when they arrived with the victim's dog.

- A number of larcenies were occurring at a nursing home and a suspect was named. The suspect was interviewed and confessed stating he had a heroin addiction. The Ingham County Prosecutor's Office issued charges for the larcenies.
- A subject was returning from an area gambling establishment. When the victim exited his vehicle at his apartment, he was assaulted by four men and robbed. The investigation was inactivated with no suspect leads.
- A teenage female reported that a 22-year-old male acquaintance stole her bicycle tire from her bike while she was at the Meridian Mall because she would not perform a sexual act. Through investigation it was determined that the suspect was also texting the minor sexually explicit photographs of himself. The suspect confessed but continued to send sexually explicit photographs to another minor female. The Ingham County Prosecutor's Office issued charges for criminal sexual conduct and distributing obscene material to minors.
- Throughout the year, there were several daytime home invasions both in Meridian Township as well as Williamstown Township. There were several different groups of individuals arrested by surrounding agencies for similar acts. Once the subjects were lodged in jail, the number of home invasions decreased. In addition, two separate suspects confessed to home invasions and charges were also issued.
- In November, the Investigations Unit began an investigation into a death of an infant. The case is still under investigation.

## **COURT SERVICES**

The Court Services Officer is a liaison to the courts, the Ingham County Prosecutor, and the Township Attorney. The CSO seeks warrants and juvenile petitions for the Department as well as arraigning persons that are arrested for Meridian Township and Williamstown Township charges. The CSO also verifies registered sex offenders on a quarterly basis and participates with Tri-SORT on an annual address verification sweep.

	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
Arraignments	329	301	282	227	<b>131</b>
Subpoenas Served	2050	1890	1906	1333	<b>1031</b>
Warrants Into LEIN	579	577	622	168	<b>0</b>
Personal Protection Orders	51	53	58	51	<b>71</b>
Warrant Requests	1196	1024	1210	779	<b>783</b>
Warrants Signed by CSO	535	481	521	439	<b>379</b>
Twp. Attorney Requests	182	137	328	250	<b>105</b>
Total Petition Requests	152	174	107	98	<b>93</b>
Retail Fraud Requests	277	307	457	297	<b>207</b>
OWI Requests	180	152	121	100	<b>52</b>
Assault Requests	101	91	91	68	<b>44</b>
Assault Requests-Domestic	259	265	190	159	<b>190</b>
Larceny/Fraud Requests	92	77	60	55	<b>50</b>
Narcotics Requests	117	92	74	61	<b>61</b>

## **RECORDS UNIT**

The Records Unit consists of a supervisor and two full-time and one part-time records technicians. In 2011, when the Department began providing police services to Williamstown Township, the Records Unit began managing separate reports and data for the Williamstown Township jurisdiction. This included providing services to the

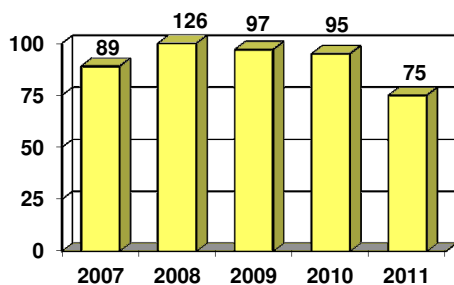
residents of Williamstown Township. The unit maintained criminal records databases, verified registered sex offenders quarterly registrations, issued permits to purchase pistols, conducted local background checks, handled requests for information from the public by telephone and the service counter, created and maintained several statistical tables, and answered the overflow telephone calls to the Department.

All Michigan Incident Crime Reporting (MICR) incidents continued to be validated as to the appropriate reporting codes and required field entries. This process insures the Department's data is submitted accurately to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's annual publication of the "Crime in the U.S."

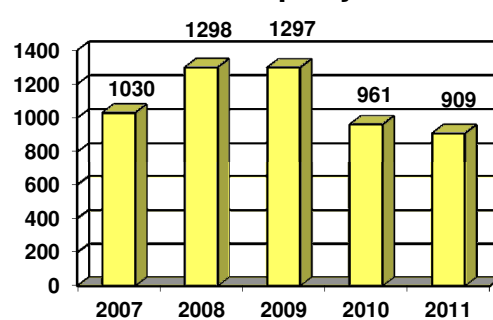
### Annual Crime Reporting Summary

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	% Change 2010-2011
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	1	0	0	1	100
Rape and Attempted Rape	30	44	24	29	29	0
Robbery	23	23	22	22	12	-45
Aggravated Assault	36	58	51	44	33	-25
<b>Total Part 1 Violent Crime</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>-21</b>
Burglary	190	218	203	172	186	-8
Larceny	801	1024	1058	761	692	-9
Vehicle Theft	32	39	26	19	25	32
Arson	7	17	10	9	6	-33
<b>Total Part 1 Property Crime</b>	<b>1030</b>	<b>1298</b>	<b>1297</b>	<b>961</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>-5</b>
<b>Total Part I Offenses</b>	<b>1119</b>	<b>1424</b>	<b>1394</b>	<b>1056</b>	<b>984</b>	<b>-7</b>
OWI Arrests (Liquor or Drugs)	180	152	123	113	90	-20
Traffic Accident – Roadway	1005	992	892	1005	917	-9

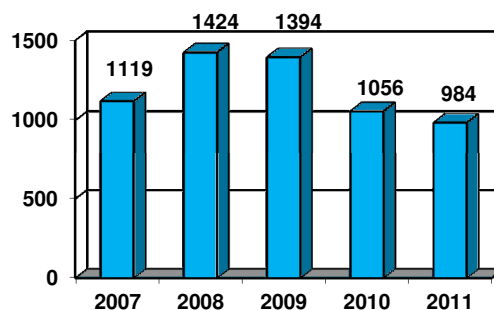
#### Part 1 Violent Crimes



#### Part 1 Property Crimes



#### Part 1 Offenses





## **TRAINING**

Officers begin their careers with over 650 hours of training in the police academy. That training is crucial, but continuous training is necessary to provide the public with the best police services possible.

In 2011, 3,840.5 training hours were conducted. The training schedule consisted of the following:

- 34 hours of scheduled Department training
- 10 hours of Quarterly Firearms Training and Active Violence Training
- .75 hours of Roll Call Training

The Department hosted Interview and Interrogation training and a legal update course. The Township received free tuition for hosting the interview course. In addition, instructors from outside agencies taught some scheduled training at no cost to the Department. Those instructors were from CARES, the ICSD, and the Meridian Township EMS/Fire Department. The Meridian Township Police Department began utilizing the Capitol City Rifle Club in Williamston Township for firearms training. This range was used for all three training sessions in 2011. In September, officers completed the annual firearms qualification for the Michigan Coalition on Law Enforcement Standards. Officers from Williamston PD attended the training and were certified by our trainers.

## **MID-MICHIGAN POLICE ACADEMY**

The Department continued its commitment to provide a patrol sergeant as a liaison with the Mid-Michigan Police Academy at Lansing Community College. Our involvement with the Academy ensures that, as a Department, we influence and support recruit instruction and the quality of future law enforcement officers in our community. The sergeant monitored recruits, conducted inspections, and conducted course presentations. In addition, the sergeant provided performance critiques for academy cadets during scenario-based instruction. This effort is offset by scholarship funds made available to the Department by Lansing Community College. A portion of those funds were used in 2011 to pay for one officer's Medical First Responder class at L.C.C.

## **CITIZENS' ACADEMY**

Twenty-one citizens successfully completed the thirteenth Citizen's Academy which the Department hosted in the fall. Participants learned about the Department, the role of police officers in the community, the criminal justice system, and citizen involvement in policing.

## **YOUTH CITIZENS' ACADEMY**

The fifth Youth Citizens' Academy was hosted in the spring of 2011. Seventeen young people graduated. The attendees learned about the Department organization, tactics, CSI, use of force, traffic enforcement, laws, and investigations. The group was enthusiastic and rated the program very informative.

## **CITIZEN SATISFACTION SURVEY**

A total of 1,200 citizen satisfaction surveys were mailed to victims and complainants involved in traffic accidents and other calls for service. The surveys were used as a tool to monitor customer satisfaction with the Department's services. In 2011, a total of 272 surveys were returned. The 22.6% response rate was an increase over 2010.

### **Citizen Satisfaction Survey for Sworn Personnel**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Rating of Excellent/Good</b>
Helpfulness	95%
Friendliness	96%
Knowledge	95%
Quality of Service	96%
Professional Conduct	96%
Response Time	90%

### **Rating of Emergency and Non-Emergency Dispatch Service**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Rating of Excellent/Good</b>
Helpfulness	98%
Friendliness	97%
Knowledge	95%
Quality of Service	96%
Professional Conduct	98%

\* Not all questions generated a response.

## **CITIZEN SERVICE COMPLAINT SUMMARY**

The Department investigated 19 formal citizen service complaints during 2011. Below is a summary of the findings.

- 4 Sustained – Sufficient evidence exists to support the allegation and further action was taken.
- 2 Not sustained – Insufficient evidence existed to support or refute the allegation.
- 13 Exonerated – The incident occurred but was lawful or proper.
- 0 Unfounded – The alleged incident did not in fact occur.

## **AWARDS**

The 2011 Awards Ceremony was held on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Numerous awards were presented and it was a very enjoyable evening.

- Five citizens received Civilian Commendation Awards.
- Four citizens and two organizations received Certificate of Appreciation Awards.
- Two officers and three dispatchers received Meritorious Service Awards.
- Nine officers (four from neighboring agencies) and three dispatchers received Unit Citation Awards.
- Eight officers (four from neighboring agencies) received Citation of Valor Awards.
- Two officers received Life Saving Awards.

The Officer of the Year Award was presented to Officer Judy Hood. A thirteen year veteran of the Department, Officer Hood is a hardworking and dedicated officer who serves the community well. She is consistently one of the top officers in number of arrests made and can be counted on daily to do her job with pride; furthermore, as a Field Training Officer, she is a resource for young officers and is always willing to assist when help is needed.

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

In 2011, the Department increased the usage of social media to keep the public informed. The Department webpage, Nixle, Twitter, Facebook, Google +, and Blogger.com are all sites utilized.

Three warrant arrests can be traced to social media efforts. One felony assault warrant turned himself in due to coworkers seeing him on Facebook; one felony fraud warrant turned herself in due to friends telling us where she was located; one criminal bench warrant turned herself in because we were given her work location.

A number of suspects have been identified in various investigations. A breakdown is as follows:

- One illegal use of a credit card suspect.
- Two retail fraud and arson suspects were identified.
- Two retail fraud suspects were identified and confessed to the crime.
- Four retail fraud suspects were identified.
- Two fraud suspects that gave an elderly male counterfeit checks.

The Department's semi-monthly reports were uploaded to our Google Docs account and a link for people to view them was placed on our blog. Department press releases, crime prevention tips, and helpful links for the community (e.g. links to animal control, schools, etc.) were also made available on our blog,

### Nixle:

This service is used to send out alerts for blog entries, many of our road closures due to accidents, and when a breaking and entering occurs in a residential neighborhood. Our breakdown of contacts for Nixle is illustrated below:



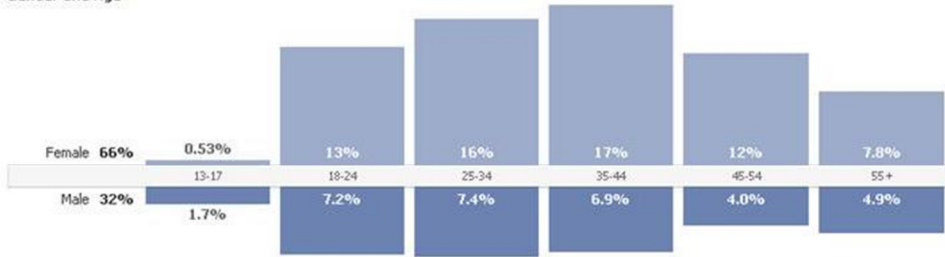
The screenshot shows the Nixle interface for Meridian Township Police. It includes a navigation bar with 'Overview', 'Message Center', 'Groups', 'Nixle Dial', and 'Collect Contacts'. The 'Groups' section is active, showing 'Public Groups' and 'Nixle Interconnect / Private Groups'. A table lists public groups, with one group named 'Nixle Wire' having 1302 contacts, 1013 mobile numbers, and 1087 emails. A summary row at the bottom indicates 'Total Unique Contacts: 1302 1013 1087'.

Group Name	Description	Keyword (0 of 50 in use)	Contacts	Mobile	Emails	Created	Actions
Nixle Wire	Citizens registered through nixle.com or mobile zip code opt-in	None <a href="#">Add One Now</a>	1302	1013	1087	5/16/11	
Total Unique Contacts:			1302	1013	1087		

## Facebook:

There were approximately 750 people who “liked” our Facebook page. The graph breaks down the demographics of our fans.

### Gender and Age?



### Countries?

731 United States of America  
11 Canada  
8 Spain  
1 Mexico  
1 France  
1 Afghanistan  
1 Hong Kong

### Cities?

183 Lansing  
94 Okemos  
28 East Lansing  
22 Ypsilanti  
18 Howell  
12 Mason

### Languages?

723 English (US)  
20 English (UK)  
3 Traditional Chinese (Taiwan)  
1 French (France)  
1 Arabic

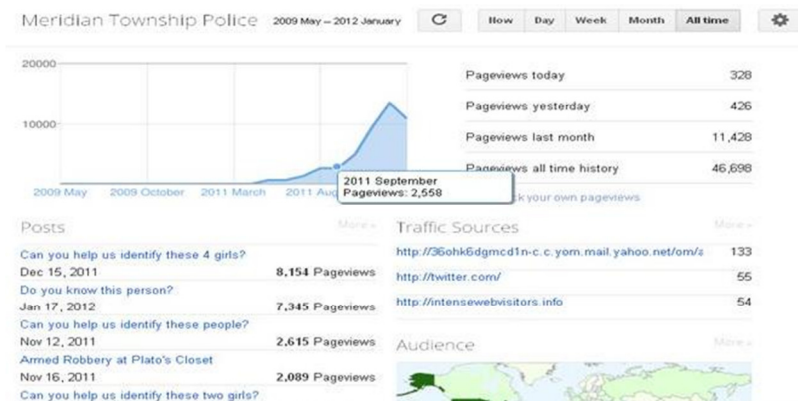
## Twitter:

There were 349 followers on Twitter. Twitter was used to update many of the same items we use with Nixle, but Twitter allowed the Department to have conversations with residents, other agencies, businesses, etc. Twitter is a word-based, micro-blogging site with the ability to share pictures and videos.

## Blog:

Our blog is our “newspaper” and all social media traffic was driven to this site. The picture below illustrates the following statistics:

- 46,698 total page views
- Our information is viewed in many countries (including Great Britain, Russia, Turkey, Australia)
- Highest viewed post was seeking information on the identity of suspects. (8,154 page views).



## Google +:

This is an emerging social media platform and was used essentially the same way as Facebook. This site is used mainly to drive social media efforts when people do google searches. In the private sector, this is termed "SEO" (Search Engine Optimization).

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT 2011 GOAL BASED ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

- Worked cooperatively with HOM-TV on 19 interviews regarding various law enforcement topics. Topics included fraud, the no texting while driving law, child safety and the enhanced OWI (drunk driving) law.
- Conducted two alcohol compliance checks of licensed establishments. A total of 102 establishments were inspected and 13 violations were found.
- Conducted the Youth Citizens' Academy in the spring. Approximately 21 high school students participated.
- Conducted the Citizens' Academy in the fall and 21 participants graduated.
- Continued participation in the planned consolidation of Ingham County's dispatch services. A target date of April 2012 is planned for the opening of the new Ingham County 911 Dispatch Center.
- The Department hosted an Interview & Interrogation course. A total of 13 officers attended. One officer was from Meridian Township.
- Firearms qualifications were combined with the Williamston Police Department.
- Area department training coordinators planned a consolidated training program for 2012 regarding civil disturbance unit training. Two officers from Meridian Township will attend instructor training in Alabama.
- Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) units were installed and put into operation. Meridian Township received 4 units and East Lansing, Michigan State University, Ingham County Sheriff's Office, and Lansing each received 3 units.
- Three parking enforcement volunteers were trained and provided fire lane and handicap parking enforcement. Cadets also continued to be utilized for parking enforcement duties. A total of 209 parking violations were written in 2011.
- Continued to coordinate the Office of Highway Safety Planning grant "Michigan Safe Communities" for Ingham County to reduce alcohol related crashes and youth alcohol issues. Applications for the Michigan Communities Grant were submitted and an additional grant was acquired for 2012.
- High crash areas within the Township were identified; specific areas of concern, such as school zones and neighborhoods, were targeted, and the speed trailers were utilized in an effort to reduce traffic issues.
- Two verification sweeps of registered sex offenders in the Township revealed one person in violation.
- Quarterly meetings of the Tri-SORT (Tri-County Sex Offender Task Force) were attended.
- The Department attended regular meetings with the Community Planning & Development Department regarding code enforcement issues. Officers conducted sweeps of neighborhoods seeking code violations and submitted reports identifying violations.
- Nixle.com participation rate increased to 1,032 contacts, 1,013 mobile subscribers, and 1,087 email subscribers.
- The Department continued to increase information distribution via social media tools such as Facebook, Twitter, and the Department blog.

- The Department hosted five child safety seat events. Officers inspected 41 child seats and 16 seats were distributed.
- Email became available in the patrol cars.
- Citizen surveys continued to be utilized for necessary follow up.
- Officers participated in 41 community activities. Examples of community activities included neighborhood meetings, Cub Scouts, science fairs and ID events at the schools, safety presentations at local businesses, sexual assault awareness meetings.

# **Meridian Township Police Department**

## **Williamstown Township Police Services**



# **2011 Annual Report Addendum**

**Williamstown Township  
2011 Annual Report  
Police Services**

2011 signified a new beginning for law enforcement services in Williamstown Township. With the prospect of reduced law enforcement service from the Ingham County Sheriff's Office, rural townships were compelled to consider the implications the lost law enforcement coverage would have on their communities. Williamstown Township government placed the question before the voters. The question was whether or not to bring in additional revenue to the Township in the form of an assessment for expanded police services. Residents supported the concept of additional revenue, leaving the Williamstown Township Board the responsibility of developing the concept into actual police services.

With counsel from area residents, the Williamstown Township Board chose to collaborate with Meridian Township. The regional effort was supported unanimously by the Meridian Township Board, and beginning January 1, 2011, Meridian Township Police began providing police services to Williamstown Township. Williamstown Township requested 80 hours of weekly assigned patrol at a yearly cost of \$171,700. Assigned patrol hours totaled 4,259.25. For calls-for-service outside of the Williamstown Township assigned patrol hours, Meridian Police responded at a rate of \$45 per hour. There were 285.75 such hours and the Township was billed a total of \$12,858.75 for those calls-for-service. The amount billed also included hours Meridian investigators spent on cases needing further investigating.

<b>2011 Williamstown Township Statistics</b>	
<b>Written Reports</b>	326
<b>Calls for Service</b>	1,369
<b>Calls for Service (excluding traffic stops)</b>	859
<b>Arrests</b>	14
<b>Citations Issued</b>	220
<b>Total Number of Charges</b>	249

<b>2011 Written Reports</b>	
Alarms	45
Traffic Crashes	119
All Other	162
<b>Total</b>	<b>326</b>



<b>CALLS FOR SERVICE AS RECEIVED FROM DISPATCH</b>			
911 Hang Up	14	Minor in Possession	1
Abandoned Vehicle	3	Motorist Assist	39
Admin	4	Noise	5
Alarm	46	Obscene	2
Animal Call	31	Operating While Intoxicated	6
Assault	5	Operating Under Influence of Drugs	1
Assist	6	Park	3
Attempt Warrant Pickup	5	Peace	3
Bar Check	1	Personal Injury Accident	17
Break In	24	Personal Protection Order	3
Canine Assist	1	Pickup Property	6
Check Area	21	Police Assist	28
Check Subject	26	Probation	1
Check Vehicle	38	Property Damage Accident	117
Civil	14	Prowler	1
Community Meeting	1	Reckless Driving	12
Death Investigation	1	Security Check	23
Domestic	16	Shots	4
Drugs	2	Sex Offender Registration Violation	1
Driving While License Suspended	4	Suicide	6
Fight	3	Suspect Vehicle	7
Fire Assist	15	Threat	3
Fireworks	8	Suspicious Situation	17
Follow-up	23	Traffic Hazard	43
General	3	Traffic Stop	509
Fraud	12	Trespass	2
Harassment	6	Trouble with Subject	10
Hit and Run	10	Unlawfully Driving Away an Automobile	4
Juvenile	3	Unknown Injury/Accident	2
Lock	1	Unwanted Person	2
Larceny	21	Utility/Wires Down	5
Lost Property	1	Vehicle Impound	1
Malicious Destruction of Property	11	Warrant Arrest	12
Medical Assist	64	Weapon Violation	1
Mental	6	Welfare Check	22
<b>TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE: 1,369</b>			

<b>WRITTEN OFFENSE REPORTS*</b>			
Alarm Response	45	Juvenile Runaway	1
Arson	1	Larceny	22
Assault	11	Liquor Violations	2
Burglary	19	Medical First Responder	20
Conservation	1	Miscellaneous Non-Traffic Offense	15
Criminal Sexual Conduct	1	Miscellaneous Traffic Offense	1
Damage to Property	10	Motor Vehicle Theft	3
Disorderly Conduct	1	Obscenity	1
Forgery/Counterfeiting	1	Obstructing Justice	1
Fraud	10	Obstructing Police	2
Health and Safety	3	OUI of Liquor or Drugs	6
Hit and Run Motor Vehicle Accident	7	Public Peace Other	2
Immigration	1	Stolen Property	1
Incapacitated/Mental Health	8	Traffic Civil	121
Intimidation/Stalking	5	Traffic Criminal	17
Investigation/Inspection (Non-Criminal)	19	Violation of a Controlled Substance	1
<b>TOTAL WRITTEN REPORTS: 359</b>			
<i>*Written reports may have multiple offenses</i>			

Williamstown Township					
2011 Quarterly Report					
Part 1 Offenses and OUIL/OUID Arrests & Traffic Accidents					
	1st Quarter 2011	2nd Quarter 2011	3rd Quarter 2011	4th Quarter 2011	YTD 2011
<b>PART 1 OFFENSES:</b>					
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0
Rape and Attempt Rape	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated/Felonious Assault	0	1	0	0	1
<b>Total Part 1 Violent Crimes</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Burglary (incl. Forcible, Unlawful, Attempt Entry)	2	3	7	6	18
Larceny (incl. Retail Fraud Theft)	1	6	5	6	18
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	1	2	3
Arson	0	0	0	1	1
<b>Total Part 1 Property Crimes</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Total Part 1 Offenses</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>OUIL/OUID &amp; TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS:</b>					
OUIL/OUID	1	1	1	3	6
Traffic Accidents	34	23	22	40	119

Officers investigated 119 traffic crashes in 2011. These included personal injury, property damage, and hit and run accidents. Of the total, 14 accidents involved injuries. The traffic crash investigation team responded once in Williamstown Township:

- A vehicle struck a tree on Zimmer Road near Germany Road. The sole occupant, a seventeen-year-old male, was injured. The individual will be charged with Under 21 with a BAC.

### Investigations Unit - Williamstown Township

In 2011, the Investigations Unit began providing services to Williamstown Township. A total of 31 reports (with 33 offenses) were assigned, 9 reports were closed, 9 reports were inactivated, and 13 will continue to be investigated in 2012.

2011 Report Dispositions	
Assigned in 2011	31
Cleared in 2011	9
Inactivated in 2011	9
Continued in 2012	13

In 2011, the Investigations Unit handled 33 offenses in Williamstown Township. The following chart shows the types of offenses investigated.

<b>OFFENSE</b>	<b>2011</b>
Burglary	13
Larceny	6
Unlawfully Driving Away an Automobile	2
Forgery/Counterfeiting	1
Fraud	6
Stolen Property – Possession	1
Obscenity – Obscene Material	1
OUI of Liquor or Drugs	1
Health and Safety	1
Suspicious Situation	1
<b>Total Offenses Investigated</b>	<b>33</b>

#### Cases of Interest:

- Four barrels of oil sludge were dumped along a roadway. An investigator was able to develop a suspect based on a witness vehicle description and the information on the containers. The Ingham County Prosecutor’s Office issued charges for unlawful dumping of waste.
- A resident discovered his personal information was used by an unknown person to purchase a vehicle in Ohio. The case was turned over to the local agency in Ohio for investigation.
- Throughout the year, there were several daytime home invasions in Williamstown Township. Individuals were arrested by surrounding agencies for similar acts. Once the subjects were lodged in jail, the number of home invasions decreased. In addition, two suspects confessed to home invasions and charges were issued.

#### Highlights:

- After an advisory letter was sent to Williamstown Township liquor licensed establishments, the Department conducted compliance checks and found no violations.
- Fourteen neighborhoods are in the process of being organized for Neighborhood Watch Groups.
- The Department worked closely with Williamston Police developing a mutual aid effort.
- Department personnel began regular firearms training at the Capitol City Rifle Club. This included one low-light session. One firearm training session was conducted with Williamston Police.

- In a cooperative effort among Williamstown Township, Ingham County, and Meridian Township, a laid off deputy from the Sheriff's Office was hired to fill a position in the Department.
- Assigned the police motorcycle to Williamstown Township for occasional patrols.
- Welcomed Williamstown Township residents to the annual Meridian Township Citizens' Academy.
- Began locking and unlocking the township park.
- Began sending citizen surveys to Williamstown Township residents.