

Meridian Township Police Department



2012 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 McCreedy

Officer Leslie Diebolt **

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 Christina 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 Kevin Harvey

Officer Mark Divney *

Support Staff

Carol Hasse, Department Secretary ***

Steven Nordquist, Department Secretary *

Andrew McEntee, Property Technician

Cindy Cummings, Records Supervisor

Lynne Bodell, Records Technician

Carrie Gross, Records Technician

Rhonda Floyd, Records Technician*

(*) Hired

(**) Retired

(***) Transferred to Administration

Cadets

Cammy Alberts **

Scott Foote

Kalea Frisbie-Horton *

Chris Hurst *

Brandon Knapp **

Craig Long

Brenden O'Hara *

William Starbird

Amanda Triplet *

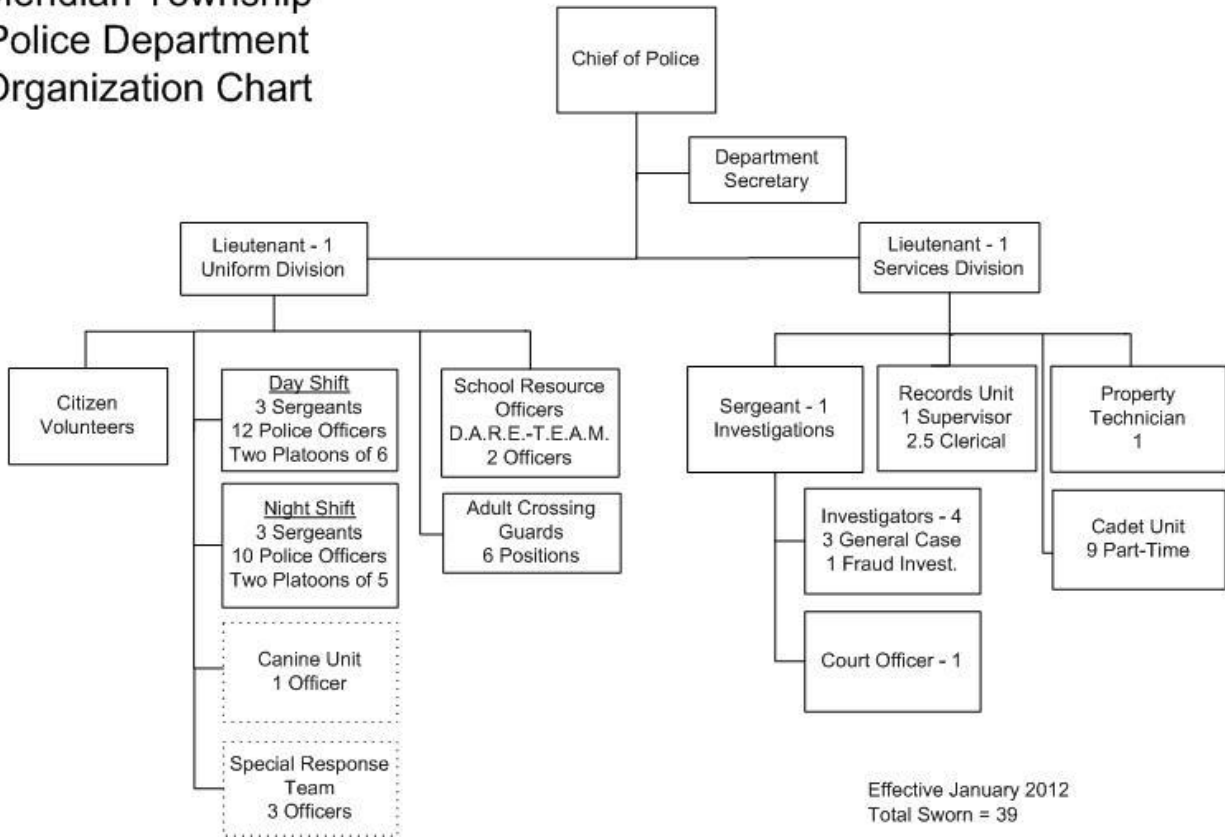
Nicholas Wagner

Jordan Woodruff *

* Hired in 2012

** Resigned in 2012

Meridian Township Police Department Organization Chart



Effective January 2012
Total Sworn = 39

ADMINISTRATION

During 2012, the command structure of the Department remained consistent with 2011 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 the Lieutenants.

UNIFORM DIVISION

The Uniform Division is the operational division of the Police Department. The division is responsible for road patrol services, Canine Unit operations and School and Community Resource Unit functions. The division provides coverage for Meridian and Williamstown Townships. Patrol services are a 24/7 operation and are provided utilizing six Sergeants and 24 Patrol Officers. In 2012, the Department received a new canine and began patrol in September. The School and Community Resource Unit consists of two Officers that provide education to Okemos and Haslett School Districts, East Lansing's Donley Elementary and St. Martha's Elementary. The unit teaches DARE and TEAM lessons to kindergarten through 12th grade students.

In 2012, there were 14,162 calls for service (excluding traffic stops), 6,160 written police reports (written reports may have multiple offenses), and 975 arrests. Officers issued 3,789 citations with a total number of 4,296 charges.

2012 Written Reports	
Alarms	832
Traffic Crashes	899
All Other	4,429
Total	6,160

Yearly Comparisons

Written Reports

2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
6,804	6,274	6,152	6,057	6,160

Calls for Service

2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
14,093	13,577	13,600	13,512	14,162

Arrests

2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
1,270	1,259	932	978	975

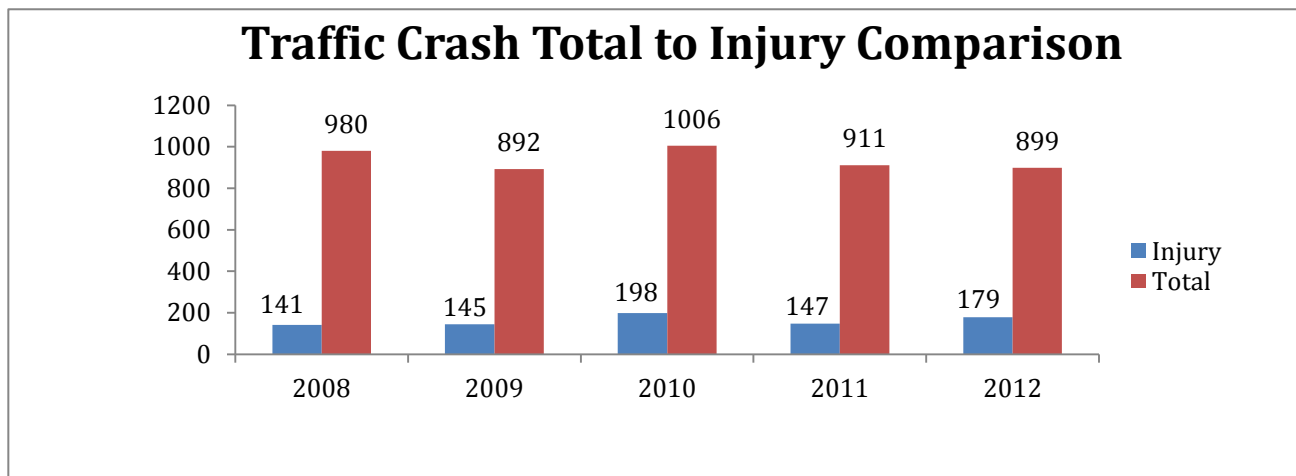
Citations

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Citations Issued	5,235	5,528	4,622	3,666	3,789
Total # of Charges	5,918	6,174	5,224	3,888	4,296

CALLS FOR SERVICE AS RECEIVED FROM DISPATCH			
911 Hang Up	118	Mental	54
Abandoned Vehicle	94	Missing Person	56
Admin	409	Minor In Possession	22
Alarm	850	Motorist Assist	400
Animal Call	383	Noise	426
Arson	5	Obscene	18
Assault	154	Operating While Intoxicated	71
Assist	2	Operating Under Influence of Drugs	3
Bar Check	24	Peace Officer Complaint	54
Break In	162	Personal Injury Accident	109
Business Check	2	Personal Protection Order	88
Canine Assist	7	Pickup Property	177
Check Area	216	Police Assist	376
Check Subject	514	Police Pursuit	2
Check Vehicle	309	Private Property Accident	162
Civil	143	Probation	9
Code Violation	14	Property Damage Accident	914
Community Meeting	8	Prowler	22
Court	53	Receive / Conceal Stolen Property	5
Criminal Sexual Conduct	34	Reckless Driving	125
Curfew Violation	4	Retail Fraud	281
Disorderly Conduct	8	Robbery	13
Death Investigation	24	School Walk Through	495
Domestic	254	Security Check	169
Drugs	106	Shots	42
Driving While License Suspended	152	Sex Offender Registration Violation	19
Family Trouble	51	Special Assignment	38
Fight	77	Stalking	19
Fire Assist	81	Subpoena Service	89
Fireworks	124	Suicide	34
Follow-up	593	Suspicious Situation/Person/Vehicle	574
Foot Patrol	35	Threat	98
General / Non-Criminal	667	Traffic Hazard	215
Fraud	344	Traffic Stop	7,292
Harassment	167	Trash / Littering Complaint	23
Hit and Run	130	Trespass	41
Incapacitated Person	12	Trouble With Subject	186
Indecent Exposure	3	Unlawfully Driving Away An Automobile	53
Juvenile	87	Unknown Injury / Accident	9
Kidnapping	2	Unwanted Person	161
Lock	21	Utility / Wires Down	32
Larceny	597	Vehicle Impound	27
Liquor Law Inspection	9	Warrant Arrest	505
Lost Property	31	Weapon Violation	18
Malicious Destruction	211	Welfare Check	365
Medical Assist	352		
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE: 21,534			

WRITTEN REPORTS*			
Alarm Response	833	Medical First Responder	200
Arson	9	Miscellaneous Criminal Offense	2
Assault	304	Miscellaneous Non-Criminal Offense	474
Burglary	188	Motor Vehicle Theft	44
Conservation	14	Negligent Homicide / Manslaughter	0
Criminal Sexual Conduct	44	Obscenity	6
Damage to Property	172	Obstructing Justice	249
Disorderly Conduct	58	Obstructing Police	15
Embezzlement	27	Ordinance Violation	4
Extortion	1	OUI of Liquor or Drugs	87
Family Abuse / Neglect / Other	17	Parental Kidnapping	1
Forgery / Counterfeiting	32	Public Peace Other	29
Fraud	201	Retail Fraud	297
Health and Safety	42	Robbery	18
Hit and Run Motor Vehicle Accident	157	Stolen Property	16
Incapacitated / Mental Health	99	Traffic Civil	1,110
Intimidation / Stalking	84	Traffic Criminal	247
Investigation / Inspection (Non-Criminal)	500	Trespass	43
Juvenile Offenses / Runaway	31	Vagrancy	69
Larceny	502	Violation of a Controlled Substance	12
Liquor Violations	59	Weapons Offense	5
Lost / Found Property	147		
TOTAL WRITTEN REPORTS: 6,449			
<i>*Some written reports have multiple offenses</i>			

Officers investigated 899 traffic crashes in 2012 compared to 911 in 2011. These included personal injury, property damage, and hit and run accidents. Of the total, 179 accidents involved injuries. In 2012, there was one crash where the cause of death was a heart attack unrelated to the crash. There were no fatal crashes in Meridian Township in 2012.



TRAFFIC SAFETY

Traffic safety is consistently a top community concern. The Department takes this concern seriously and considers this a quality of life issue. Traffic issues are addressed utilizing several techniques. The Department uses directed patrol where officers are assigned to have a high visibility during peak traffic hours in areas of concern. Another method is to place the speed awareness trailer at locations of concern to bring the motoring public's awareness to their speed in these specific areas. Motorcycles are also used in traffic enforcement. This equipment allows officers to be in neighborhoods and business areas where a patrol vehicle may have difficulty performing traffic enforcement duties. The Ingham County Road Commission is a valued partner in providing input on traffic safety issues that helps the Department focus resources in those areas with the greatest need.

In addition to enforcement actions, the Department also provides educational programs to adults and youth emphasizing the importance of safe driving habits. These programs include the adult citizen's academy and youth citizen's academy. The Department conducts child restraint inspections both by appointment and special event. The Department also participates in the 55th District Court's Court to School program where they hold court at the Township's high schools.

TRAFFIC CRASH INVESTIGATION TEAM

Crashes involving serious or fatal injuries are investigated beyond the more commonly occurring crash involving property damage and or non-life threatening injuries. Five police officers have specialized training in techniques and equipment for investigating these severe crashes. In 2012, the team members investigated seven severe crashes, two of which occurred in Williamstown Township. The five crashes described below all occurred in Meridian Township in 2012.

- In March, a vehicle crashed in the area of Central Park Drive and Marsh Road. The driver died prior to the crash. Damage to the vehicle was minor and it was later determined by autopsy that the driver's death resulted from a heart attack. This crash is not considered a traffic crash death.
- A pedestrian crossing in the morning darkness was struck at the intersection of Mt. Hope Road and Hagadorn Road. The pedestrian survived, but was at fault for the crash. The driver was charged with driving on a suspended license and being uninsured.
- In September, a vehicle struck a bicyclist on Lake Drive at Perry Road. The pedestrian survived but suffered a severe and life-altering injury to his leg. Criminal charges were sought against the vehicle driver.
- In November, there were two separate pedestrian crashes on Grand River Avenue, both during night hours, and both involving pedestrians walking into traffic. The first occurred near Dawn Avenue and the second near Marsh Road. Although suffering serious injuries, both pedestrians survived.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers provided over three-hundred hours of their skills and talents to support the Department. The skills of prospective volunteers are matched with identified needs. Volunteers are screened through a background investigation prior to acceptance into the program. Training is provided to familiarize the individuals with the Department, police services and the basic rules and regulations of the organization. The Department is continually seeking to expand its number of volunteers.

COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICERS

The Department continued its commitment to community policing throughout 2012. 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, a nationwide observation that encourages neighborhood unity and sense of community in an effort to reduce crime. Many neighborhoods held events to support community involvement in crime prevention.

ADULT CROSSING GUARDS

Adult crossing guards play an important role in assuring the safety of student pedestrians walking to and from school. The Department continues to provide six crossing guards to assist three school districts within the Township. Officers fill absences when crossing guards cannot be at their posts. Cadets are also trained as crossing guards to fill absences. The Department also performs assessments to determine the need for crossing guard sites. To assure high standards in the Department's crossing guard program, the Department partners with AAA to remain current on proper training and to have access to appropriate resource materials.

CANINE TEAM

The Department welcomed its newest member – police canine “Uby”. Uby and his handler, Officer Erin Linn, began patrolling the streets of Meridian and Williamstown Townships in September. Uby is trained in narcotic detection, tracking of subjects, officer protection, and searching for articles. Meridian Township also receives canine services from other area Departments during those times while Uby is on leave.

Canine Team Activity Numbers	
Calls Handled By Meridian's Canine	13
Calls Handled By Other Departments	28
Call Outs To Other Departments	7
Total Calls For Service	48
Activity Type	
Drug Search	14
Suspect Track	24
Building Search	8
Evidence Location	0
Demonstration	3

*A canine call may include more than one activity type.

SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM

Meridian Police participate in the East Lansing Police Department's Special Response Team (SRT). The team is made up of officers from East Lansing, Meridian Township, Mason, Michigan State University Police and the Ingham County Sheriff. The Team is trained in the use of special weapons and tools, tactics to serve high risk warrants, response to civil unrest, and other tactical situations where an SRT response is appropriate. The team is activated by an on-call capacity and trains once a month to keep skills sharp. In 2012, SRT responded to 5 call-out activations. One call-out was in Meridian Township and it was an assist to METRO Drug Squad.

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY RESOURCE UNIT

The Department continued a positive presence in our schools by providing uniformed officers to instruct D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance and Education) and T.E.A.M. (Teaching Education And Mentoring). These officers undergo intensive training and must first demonstrate the ability to teach and mentor students before being accepted into this assignment.

D.A.R.E. provides instruction to Meridian Township's elementary students. The D.A.R.E. program teaches students about the dangers of drugs, alcohol, tobacco and violence, as well as making appropriate life choices. The T.E.A.M curriculum 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 which topics best fits their lesson plan.

In 2012, D.A.R.E. and T.E.A.M. provided excellent opportunities to strengthen relationships with staff and students and continued to be an important component of our commitment to community policing. These officers also offered other services to the community such as assisting with TRIAD (Tri-County Office on Aging), participating at numerous community events, and by providing internet safety instruction.

Number of Classes Held in 2012	
D.A.R.E	205
T.E.A.M.	38
Other Presentations	57
Total for 2012	300

*Due to road patrol staffing, our School and Community Resource Officer was assigned to road patrol duties until returning to the schools in November.

SERVICES DIVISION

The Services Division provides customer services to the public and support to the Uniform Division. Within the division are the Records Unit, Investigations Unit, cadet staff, and property technician. Information systems are managed and maintained by the Services Division in cooperation with the Township's Information Technology Department. The recruiting and hiring of cadets and police officers is done in cooperation with Meridian Township's Human Resources Department.

INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

The Investigations Unit is staffed by three general investigators, a fraud investigator, a court services officer and a supervisor. Their duties include, but are not limited to conducting follow up investigation on a broad array of complaints, including the more serious criminal complaints such as breaking and entering, criminal sexual conduct, stalking, identity theft and embezzlements. This is considered a special assignment for the officers and lasts three years. At the conclusion of the assignment, Officers rotate back to road patrol where they are able to continue to use their acquired knowledge, experiences and contacts to serve the community. The Investigations Unit investigated 305 new complaints during 2012.

Complaints Investigated Per Year	
2008	442
2009	493
2010	490
2011	430
2012	305

The following table lists the types of offenses investigated. The total number of offenses investigated (351) is higher than the assigned number of reports (305) because some reports involved more than one type of offense.

Investigations Unit Yearly Comparisons – Meridian Township					
* Homicides are the fatal crash and death of a newborn					
Crime	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Homicide	0	0	0	2*	0
Kidnap	0	0	3	0	1
Criminal Sexual Conduct	31	25	26	28	25
Robbery	5	27	9	14	7
Assault/Stalking	26	10	34	30	21
Arson	2	6	2	1	1
Extortion	0	0	2	0	1
Burglary	74	97	95	62	47
Larceny	75	136	100	90	72
Unlawful Driving Away Auto	13	10	8	6	10
Forgery	12	4	11	3	7
Fraud	99	151	115	109	54
Embezzlement	18	5	11	4	7
Stolen Property	1	9	1	3	6
Malicious Destruction of Property	5	13	3	6	8
Retail Fraud	5	19	21	22	12
Drugs	10	19	9	8	5
Sex Offenses	9	0	2	6	0
Obscene Material	1	4	4	4	4
Child Abuse	4	5	9	6	3
Liquor Law Violation	0	4	1	2	0
Obstructing Police	0	4	6	1	2
Obstructing Justice	6	2	6	1	0
Warrant Arrest for Other Agency	0	1	5	1	0
Weapons Offense	1	2	5	0	1
Public Peace	10	7	7	4	5
Hit & Run Accident	2	2	2	0	1
Health and Safety	1	0	1	0	0
Invasion of Privacy	0	0	0	0	0
Conservation	0	0	0	0	0
Juvenile Runaway	2	4	4	9	7
Traffic Offenses	0	0	3	0	1
Juvenile Violation	0	0	0	0	0
Civil Custody	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	3	0	1	0	1
Accidents Other	0	1	0	0	0
Accidents Other, Shooting	0	0	0	0	0
Suspicious Situations	1	6	12	18	18
General Assist	10	3	7	7	2
Death Investigations	14	16	16	13	10
Missing Persons	2	1	1	3	6
TOTAL	442	593	542	463	345

In 2012, the Investigations Unit continued 157 investigations from 2011, 305 reports were assigned, 228 reports were cleared, 133 reports were inactivated, and 101 will

continue to be investigated in 2013.

2012 Report Dispositions	
Continued from 2011	157
Assigned in 2012	305
Cleared in 2012	228
Inactivated in 2012	133
Continued in 2013	101

When an investigation is completed and reviewed for charges, the investigator is responsible for taking the warrant request to the Ingham County Prosecutor's Office. There were 131 total cases reviewed by the Prosecutor's Office in 2012. Of the 131 total cases, five were petitions for juvenile offenders. This is an increase from 99 total cases reviewed by the Prosecutor's Office in 2011.

Investigations Warrant Requests & Petitions for 2012			
	Felony	Misdemeanor	Totals
Requested	97	34	131
Issued	37	11	48
Denied	22	10	32
Diversion	5	0	5
Status Pending	27	13	40

A total of \$36,600 worth of stolen property was recovered in 2012. The majority of the recovered stolen property was returned to the victims.

The Investigations Unit supervisor reviews all written reports taken by the road patrol. During this review, unsolved cases are examined for solvability in order to select those that will be assigned to an investigator. Cases lacking sufficient solvability factors are placed in an inactive status and a letter is sent to the victim notifying them of this change in their case status. This letter also informs the victim that the case may be reopened should new information be uncovered that increases its solvability. There were approximately 344 victim letters sent in 2012.

Whenever a crime occurs on school property, on a school bus, at a school sponsored event, within 1,000 feet of school property or if the incident itself poses a significant threat or imminent danger to students, staff, or school property, a school notification letter is sent to the school administrative office informing them of the incident. In 2012, 86 school notification letters were sent to the Haslett, Okemos, and East Lansing school districts. There were no incidents affecting Williamston Schools.

Members of the Investigation Unit 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 Subcommittee 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.

2012 cases of interest:

- Home Invasion – An unknown suspect attempted to break into the victim's home in the early morning hours. The victim gave a description of the suspect and patrol officers located a suspect matching that description in the vicinity of the attempted break in. Investigators interviewed the suspect who admitted to being in the area at the time of the attempted break-in but would not admit to trying to open the door. The Ingham County Prosecutor's Office issued warrants for attempt unlawful entry, carrying a concealed weapon and larceny from automobile for an unrelated incident.
- Home Invasion – An individual broke into multiple apartments and stole electronics, a samurai sword, and a safe. An anonymous tip resulted in the identification of two suspects which in turn resulted in a search warrant being served on an apartment in Cedar Creek. A large volume of stolen property was recovered. The Ingham County Prosecutor's Office issued charges on the home invasion.
- Possession of Financial Transaction Devices – Suspects were caught with 26 re-encoded credit cards along with numerous items purchased with the stolen cards. They were lodged by road patrol and the case was turned over to the FBI.
- Retail Fraud/Arson, Rite Aid, Speedway and a vacant dwelling just north of Grand River Avenue on Central Park Drive in Okemos – Meridian Police and Meridian Fire were dispatched to a fire at a vacant dwelling located just north of Lou & Harry's on Central Park Drive. The fire resulted in the total destruction of the structure. While on scene for that call, dispatch received information that two individuals had attempted to purchase a lighter and lighter fluid from Quality Dairy shortly before the structure had caught fire. The Department collected surveillance footage of the two individuals. While doing so it was discovered these same subjects had committed retail fraud's at Kroger and Rite Aid, in addition to having been in Speedway. Images from the surveillance videos were posted on Meridian Police social media sites which resulted in one of the individuals surrendering to the Department. This subject confessed to the arson and retail frauds, and implicated the other suspect in these same crimes. The Ingham County Prosecutor's Office ultimately charged one defendant with arson and the other with retail fraud.
- Retail Fraud 1st – Four suspects went into the Sunglass Hut in the Meridian Mall and stole over \$1,000 worth of sunglasses. This incident was caught on video. Their photos were posted on social media sites for identification purposes. The Department received several tips regarding their identity and places of residence and employment. One of the suspects was subsequently located and interviewed. She admitted to stealing the sunglasses and

provided names of the other suspects. Her information corroborated information received from social media. Arrest warrants were issued.

- Obscene Material (Child Pornography) – An anonymous Crime Stoppers tip was received regarding an individual possessing child pornography on his computer. Investigators secured a search warrant and confirmed that there was child pornography on the computer. An arrest warrant was issued, and a confession was obtained from the suspect.
- Home Invasions – Ingham County together with Williamston Police, developed suspects in multiple area home invasions. Working with these agencies we were able to interview suspects and identify numerous residences they had either broken into or attempted to break into in Williamstown Township. Arrest warrants were issued.
- Identity Theft/Credit Card Fraud – The victim's credit card was stolen and illegally used at the East Lansing Meijer. Based on the security footage we were able to identify the suspect as the victim's healthcare worker. An arrest warrant was issued.
- Larceny from a Building – At the time of visiting a local residence, the victim had \$5,000 in her purse. After leaving the residence she discovered the money was missing. Video surveillance was located showing the suspect spending a large sum of cash and an arrest warrant was issued for larceny.
- Home Invasion/UDAA – The Lansing Police Department located a suspicious vehicle that had earlier been the suspect vehicle in a pursuit by the Clinton County Sheriff's Department. The vehicle was registered to an individual who resided in Meridian Township, and Lansing requested Meridian to check that residence. Upon doing so, a home invasion was discovered. During the crime scene investigation, our crime scene investigators identified suspect footwear impressions inside the residence. Follow-up investigative efforts ultimately developed a suspect, and this suspect confessed after the sole impressions from shoes from his residence were matched to the crime scene footwear impressions taken from the victim's house. An arrest warrant was issued.
- Home Invasion & Illegal Use of a Financial Transaction Device – An individual committed a home invasion at a Meridian Township residence during the nighttime hours and stole a purse from the kitchen table. Credit cards from this purse were later used to make purchases at local stores. Security video from some of these stores was obtained showing the suspects using these stolen credit cards to make these purchases. A few days later, Meridian Township patrol officers made contact with the suspect on an unrelated matter. During this contact, stolen property from the original burglary was recovered. Information developed implicating the involvement of three subjects in the original home invasion as well as the use of the stolen credit cards to make purchases at local stores. From this contact we were able to assist Lansing Police Department in executing a search warrant at a residence in their city where additional stolen property was recovered.

Warrants were issued.

- Larceny from Building – The victim noticed jewelry was missing after having her house cleaned by a cleaning service. The regular house cleaner had brought another person with them at the time when the jewelry was taken. The suspects and all witnesses were located and interviewed. It was determined the jewelry had been pawned by a third party in Lansing. The case was referred to the Ingham County Prosecutor's Office for warrants on the three individuals.
- Criminal Sexual Conduct 3rd Degree – The victim was sexually assaulted by her boyfriend at his Haslett residence. A search warrant was served for the suspect's cell phone which ultimately revealed another victim. (This victim did not wish to prosecute). A forensic interview of the victim was conducted at the Children's Assessment Center and the case was submitted to the Ingham County Prosecutor's Office for warrants.
- Criminal Sexual Conduct 3rd Degree – The female victim was sexually assaulted by a male friend while they were together at her apartment. Meridian Township Investigator's located and interviewed the suspect. The case was turned over to the Ingham County Prosecutor's Office for review.
- Stalking, Okemos Public Schools – A female subject sent a large volume of threatening emails, left many voicemails and placed many phone calls to an employee over an extended period of time, accusing that employee of various crimes and conspiracies. After efforts outside of the criminal justice system to cease these contacts and accusations were exhausted, the Ingham County Prosecutor's Office issued an arrest warrant for harassment and the subject was subsequently convicted.
- Home Invasion – Several items, including credit cards, were stolen during an overnight home invasion. Some of the items from this home invasion were recovered by an investigator during the execution of a search warrant issued and related to the investigation of other unrelated home invasions. The Department obtained video from Meijer in Mason in which suspects were recorded while using the credit cards stolen during the overnight home invasion. The suspects were identified by the video and arrest warrants were issued by Ingham County Prosecutor's Office.
- Home Invasion – While they were in their home, the victims had a TV and cash stolen from their residence by unknown subjects who had entered their home through an unlocked door. The suspects were stopped by road patrol on an unrelated call, and during the investigative stop stolen property was recovered. A search warrant was subsequently executed at a Lansing location, resulting in the solving of this and other home invasions and the issuance of arrest warrants by the Ingham County Prosecutor's Office.
- Breaking & Entering and Armed Robbery of Business – After business hours on 5-20-12 money was stolen from the cash register after a subject had

broken into Jimmy Johns by smashing in the window of a glass door. This incident was recorded on security tape. On 5-22-12 the same subject returned to Jimmy Johns while employees were closing. He robbed them at gunpoint, taking their cell phones. Meridian Police had earlier received information implicating three suspects in the armed robbery. Through social media and the use of GPS we subsequently located one of the stolen phones in Lansing which lead to an arrest. One suspect subsequently confessed and arrest warrants were issued for the two other suspects.

- Fraud – A male subject entered a bank with a fake ID card and attempted to withdraw money from an account that he did not own. The suspect was apprehended at the bank by police and interviewed. During this interview he indicated that he had come to Michigan from another state with a group of other subjects who were attempting to defraud banks throughout Michigan. He confessed his use of a false ID and indicated that he was not the ringleader of this group. He provided no further information, and the case was turned over to the FBI for follow-up.
- Armed Robbery of Businesses, Speedway and Subway on Grand River in Okemos – On 8-14-12, the Speedway on Grand River Avenue was robbed at gunpoint in the middle of the night. The suspect concealed his appearance by the clothing he was wearing. On 8-24-12, officers responded to Subway to investigate a report of a suspicious vehicle. Road patrol units searched this suspicious vehicle and confiscated clothing items similar to those worn by the suspect during the Speedway armed robbery on 8-14-12. One individual was arrested on scene and the Ingham County Prosecutor's Office subsequently issued criminal charges.
- Criminal Sexual Conduct – A juvenile victim reported a sexual assault by her stepfather. During the forensic interview, additional abuse was disclosed. This was investigated in conjunction with the Ingham County Sheriff Office and has been submitted to the Ingham County Prosecutor's Office for warrant review.
- Embezzlement/Credit Card Fraud – Two employees increased amounts charged to customer's credit card receipts without obtaining their permission. In addition to these incidents, it was also reported that \$100 cash was missing from the cash drawer on the same day at this same business. Both subjects confessed to "fluffing" the receipts and adding tips to the charge cards, however neither subject admitted to embezzling the \$100 out of the cash drawer.
- Suicide – A body with a suspicious puncture wound was found in Lake Lansing. Personal property of the deceased individual was located nearby. The Ingham County Medical Examiner confirmed the puncture wound was self-inflicted and ruled the death a suicide.
- Embezzlement – The suspect had been embezzling money from her employer for approximately 18 months. She admitted to using her employer's credit cards to pay approximately \$4,000 in personal cell phone and utility

bills. The Ingham County Prosecutor's Office subsequently issued an arrest warrant charging her with embezzlement.

- Home Invasion – A suspect broke into a residence and stole four medical marijuana plants. The victim's handyman was subsequently developed as a suspect, and he later confessed to the home invasion. The case was submitted to the Ingham County Prosecutor's Office for an arrest warrant.
- Meridian Police provided an investigator to assist a multi-jurisdiction task force set up to investigate shootings on I-96 and M-52. The investigator assisted with case for two weeks in October. The suspect, a man from Wixom, was arrested and charged with over sixty criminal offenses including assault with intent to murder, weapons offenses, and terrorism.

COURT SERVICES

The Court Services Officer serves as 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.

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Arraignments	301	282	227	131	314
Subpoenas Served	1890	1906	1333	1031	1069
Warrants Into LEIN	577	622	168	0	0
Personal Protection Orders	53	58	51	71	61
Warrant Requests	1024	1210	779	783	930
Warrants Signed by CSO	481	521	439	379	389
Twp. Attorney Requests	137	328	250	105	150
Total Petition Requests	174	107	98	93	97
Retail Fraud Requests	307	457	297	207	261
OWI Requests	152	121	100	52	81
Assault Requests	91	91	68	44	77
Assault Requests-Domestic	265	190	159	190	189
Larceny/Fraud Requests	77	60	55	50	78
Narcotics Requests	92	74	61	61	49

RECORDS UNIT

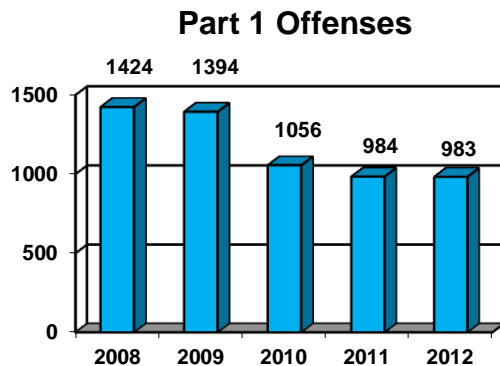
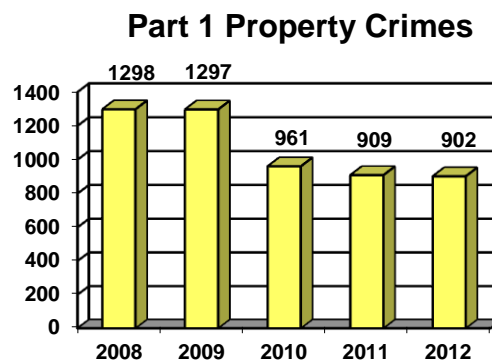
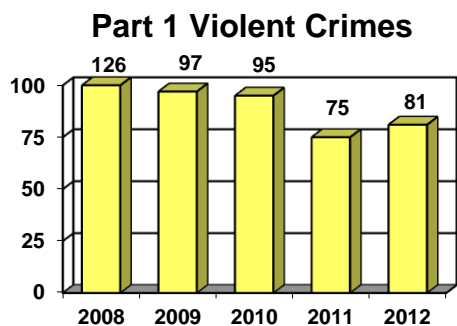
The Records Unit consists of a supervisor and two full-time and one part-time records technicians. The unit processed freedom of information requests, insurance requests, maintained criminal records databases, verified registered sex offenders quarterly registrations, issued permits to purchase pistols, 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. The Records Unit performed all of these same duties for Williamstown Township as a part of that community's agreement for police services with

Meridian Township.

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 to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for publication in their annual publication "Crime in the U.S."

Annual Crime Reporting Summary

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	% Change 2011-2012
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	1	0	0	1	0	0
Rape and Attempted Rape	44	24	29	29	32	10
Robbery	23	22	22	12	18	50
Aggravated Assault	58	51	44	33	31	-6
Total Part 1 Violent Crime	126	97	95	75	81	8
Burglary	218	203	172	186	183	-2
Larceny	1024	1058	761	692	672	-3
Vehicle Theft	39	26	19	25	42	68
Arson	17	10	9	6	5	-17
Total Part 1 Property Crime	1298	1297	961	909	902	-1
Total Part I Offenses	1424	1394	1056	984	983	
OWI Arrests (Liquor or Drugs)	152	123	113	90	87	-3
Traffic Accident – Roadway	992	892	1005	917	905	-1



TRAINING

Continuing education plays a crucial role in the Department's progress and evolution. Some training is mandated in order to comply with licensing standards. Other training is necessary to keep up with the ever-changing world of technology and yet some training is necessary for officers in special assignments. Training responsibilities were re-assigned to a platoon Sergeant to redistribute workload. When not required for patrol duties, the Training Sergeant plans, assigns personnel to and schedules all training and answers to the Chief.

In 2012, Department members completed a total of 1,260 hours of in-service training. This is broken down by the following categories:

31.5 hours of scheduled Department training per officer

12 hours of firearms training and active violence incident training per officer

MID-MICHIGAN POLICE ACADEMY

The Meridian Township Police Training Sergeant participates with the Mid-Michigan Police Academy at Lansing Community College (LCC). Our Training Sergeant conducts Wednesday morning inspections and participates in academy scenario based training. This instruction allows the Training Sergeant to evaluate, provide feedback, and re-direct behavior of recruits. With this interaction, the Training Sergeant is also able to provide feedback to the Department for potential hires. In exchange for the Training Sergeant's time at the police academy, scholarship funds are allotted to the Department. In 2012, the Department used some of the scholarship funds to pay for an officer to attend Medical First Responder class at LCC.

CITIZENS' ACADEMY

In September, the Department sponsored the fourteenth annual Citizens' Academy. Twelve citizens participated in classroom and hand-on instruction on the operation of the Department and police procedures. Graduates were presented with a certificate of completion.

YOUTH CITIZENS' ACADEMY

In February, the Department hosted the sixth annual Youth Academy with twelve individuals participating. Students learned about the Department organization, crime scene investigation, use of force, traffic enforcement, alcohol laws and experienced some hand-on activity with the firearms training simulator. Graduates of the Youth Citizens' Academy were also presented with a certificate of completion.

CITIZEN SATISFACTION SURVEY

A total of 817 citizen satisfaction surveys were mailed to victims and complainants involved in traffic accidents and other calls for service. Surveys are used as a tool to monitor customer satisfaction with the Department's services. In 2012, a total of 169 surveys were returned. The 20.6% response rate was a decrease compared to 2011.

Citizen Satisfaction Survey for Sworn Personnel

Category	Rating of Excellent/Good
Helpfulness	93%
Friendliness	95%
Knowledge	94%
Quality of Service	94%
Professional Conduct	95%
Response Time	86%

Rating of Emergency and Non-Emergency Dispatch Service

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

**Not all questions generated a response.*

CITIZEN SERVICE COMPLAINT SUMMARY

The Department investigated 14 formal citizen service complaints during 2012. Below is a summary of the findings.

- 2 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.
- 6 Exonerated – The incident occurred but was lawful or proper.
- 4 Unfounded – The alleged incident did not in fact occur.

AWARDS

2012 Officer of the Year – Sergeant Bart Crane, a twelve-year veteran who is a dedicated hardworking supervisor, is recognized also for his various assignments and leadership skills.

Meritorious Service Award – Officer Erin Linn - Officer Brett Reed
Officers Linn and Reed were able to thwart an armed robbery and apprehend a dangerous criminal.

Life Saving Award – Officer Les Diebolt responded to Buddies Pub & Grill regarding a female subject unconscious and not breathing. He assisted in reviving the victim.

Life Saving Award – Officer Chuck Glumb responded to a call where he opened the airway of a victim.

Life Saving Award – Officer Kelly Blask responded to a medical call of a victim with no pulse and not breathing. Officer Blask administered CPR.

Certificate of Commendation – Officer Andrew Tobias was recognized for his perseverance and diligence while investigating a criminal sexual conduct case.

Unit Citation – Records Supervisor Cindy Cummings, and Records Technicians Lynne Bodell, Carrie Gross and Mary Glees of the records unit were recognized for their perseverance and continued level of excellence despite many changes in 2011.

Unit Citation – Cadets Cammy Alberts, Scott Foote, Chuck Lieblich, Craig Long, Will Starbird and Nick Wagner were recognized for their dedication and performance.

Unit Citation – Sergeant Bart Crane, Officers Brian Canen, Rick Grillo, Erin Linn, Chris Lofton, Brett Reed and Andrew Tobias were recognized for their work on an armed robbery situation that occurred.

Certificate of Appreciation – Andy McEntee was honored for his performance as the Department's property technician.

Citizen Awards

Life Saving Award – Maria Garcia was recognized for saving a life at Buddies Pub and Grill.

Life Saving Award – Eric Corey was recognized for saving the life of a friend choking.

Civilian Commendation Award – Vernetta Flewelling and Susan Winsett were recognized for assisting a victim with her clothing on fire at an apartment fire at Grange Acres.

Civilian Commendation Award – Victor Atalla assisted Meridian Township Police in apprehending armed robbers.

Civilian Commendation Award – Russell Morris was recognized for assisting police in stopping suspects from breaking into vehicles.

Civilian Commendation Award – Bradley Simmons was recognized for helping an elderly man who had slipped into the river while attempting to rescue his dog.

Civilian Commendation Award – Emma Brown, a four-year-old child, was recognized for calling 911 when her mother was having a medical issue.

Civilian Commendation Award – Tony Schmidt was honored for assisting with the capture of a subject breaking into homes.

Certificate of Appreciation – Todd Jenkins, Alice Pavlica and Theresa Wirth were honored for assisting a child riding his bicycle down the middle of Hagadorn Road.

Certificate of Appreciation – Mark McCloud, Chandra Palmer and Chris Walser were recognized for assisting an autistic individual at Meijer on June 18, 2011.

Certificate of Appreciation – Jeremiah Murray, the manager of Arrowtree Apartments, was recognized for his time and effort working with the Department on crime prevention efforts and Neighborhood Watch.

Certificate of Appreciation – Betsy Bowers, Summer Palmer and Cami Rapson were recognized for their volunteer work with the Department.

SOCIAL MEDIA

The Department is committed to maintaining an online presence by using various social media sites. With added experience, the Department is now able to identify those sites that bring greater value to the community and narrow our focus to higher value sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Blogger.com and Nixle.

In 2012, the Department's efforts to clear arrest warrants through social media continued. Multiple arrests can be traced back to these efforts, and below is a breakdown of those arrests:

- 1 Felony Fraud arrest – A tip was received approximately 5-minutes after posting. The Department was able to respond to the tip location and arrest the subject.
- 1 Misdemeanor Embezzlement – A subject voluntarily turned herself in after learning she had been posted on our Facebook account.
- 1 Criminal Bench Warrant for Fail to Appear (FTA)/Felony, Probation Violation – The Department received multiple social media tips from informants on the subject's whereabouts which lead to his arrest.
- 1 Misdemeanor FTA – The Department received tips leading us to the subject's place of employment. We responded to that location and she turned herself in.
- 1 Felony Obstruction – Our posting was viewed on social media by community members and we received a tip through Crime Stoppers informing us that the wanted subject visited a methadone clinic daily. We arrested her at the clinic.
- 1 Felony FTA – Posted on social media. The subject turned herself in after learning of the online posting.
- 1 Misdemeanor FTA – The subject turned herself in after learning of the online posting.
- 1 Criminal Bench Warrant for FTA – Received a tip leading us to his place of employment. We responded to this location and arrested him there.
- 1 Criminal Bench Warrant for FTA on a DWLS charge – We received a tip regarding the subject's place of employment. He turned himself in after viewing our Facebook posting.

- 1 Felony larceny – We received tips leading us to the suspect’s residence in Shiawassee County. We then requested assistance from Shiawassee County Sheriff Department to assist us with an apprehension. The suspect was apprehended by Shiawassee County on this request.
- 1 Misdemeanor Embezzlement – The subject turned himself in after learning of our Facebook posting.
- 1 Misdemeanor Assault – We posted the subject on our Facebook account and received tips leading us to his residence. The subject turned himself in prior to our response to his residence.
- 1 Misdemeanor Assault – After posting suspect information on our Facebook page we received tips leading us to her place of employment and arrested her at her workplace.
- 1 Misdemeanor Embezzlement – The subject turned herself in after learning that we had posted her on our Facebook page.
- 1 Misdemeanor Stolen Property – After posting his information on our Facebook page, Detectives were able to determine where he worked and arrested him at his workplace.
- 1 Misdemeanor Fraud – The subject turned himself in after learning of our Facebook posting.
- 1 Misdemeanor Disturbing the Peace – After posting her on our Facebook page, our road patrol officers received tips and were able to locate and arrest her.
- 1 Felony Sex Assault – After posting information about the subject on our Facebook page we received a message informing us of the subject’s daily walk during a particular time each day. Road patrol was able to locate and arrest him from this information.
- 2 Criminal Bench Warrants – After posting him on our Facebook page we received an anonymous tip leading us to his place of employment. Detectives responded to that location and arrested him.
- 1 Misdemeanor FTA – The subject turned herself in after viewing her own arrest warrant on our Facebook page.
- 2 Criminal Bench Warrants – We received a tip from a suspect’s neighbor after his posting was viewed on our Facebook page. We responded to this tip and were able to arrest him.
- 1 Misdemeanor possession of Marijuana – The subject turned himself in after learning that he had been posted on our Facebook account.
- 1 Misdemeanor possession of Marijuana – An officer recognized an individual as a wanted subject from having viewed our Facebook posting. The subject was then taken into custody.
- 1 Felony Fraud – We received separate tips from the MTPD tip line and Crime Stoppers leading us to the suspect’s current location after our posting was viewed on Facebook. Road patrol responded to that address and arrested her.

We have also solved crimes that would most likely have remained unsolved without the teamwork of the Department and community members made possible through social media. A breakdown of those crimes follows:

- 2 retail fraud (misdemeanor) suspects identified – After their photos were posted on social media we received a tip from a family member identifying both suspects.
- 1 illegal use of stolen credit card – A photograph from a case approximately 4 months old was posted on our social media seeking suspect identities from the public. We then received multiple tips identifying the suspects.
- 1 Retail fraud (\$800 value of stolen property) – A social media posting resulted in the identification of two suspects and additional information that the same suspects had committed an additional retail fraud on the same day at a Best Buy in Lansing.
- 1 Retail Fraud (5 blue ray players) – After viewing our Facebook posting, the suspect's aunt returned the stolen property to the store and identified her nephew as the responsible party in the retail fraud.
- 1 Armed Robbery – 3 suspects were identified after posts on the Department's blog were viewed by the public
- 2 retail fraud suspects identified – C&H Grocery provided in-store security video of two suspects; one male, and one female. We posted their images on the Department's blog and received numerous calls and tips identifying these subjects.
- 1 Larceny from building, 2 Illegal use of a credit card – We posted the suspects facial images online and an anonymous source provided a Meridian Township officer with suspect identification information. This lead to a confession and recovery of the victim's stolen purse.
- 1 Illegal Use of Credit Card – The suspect was identified by a member of the public after viewing information on our social media.
- 1 Armed Robbery – A suspect was identified and arrested after surveillance footage was placed and viewed on our social media.

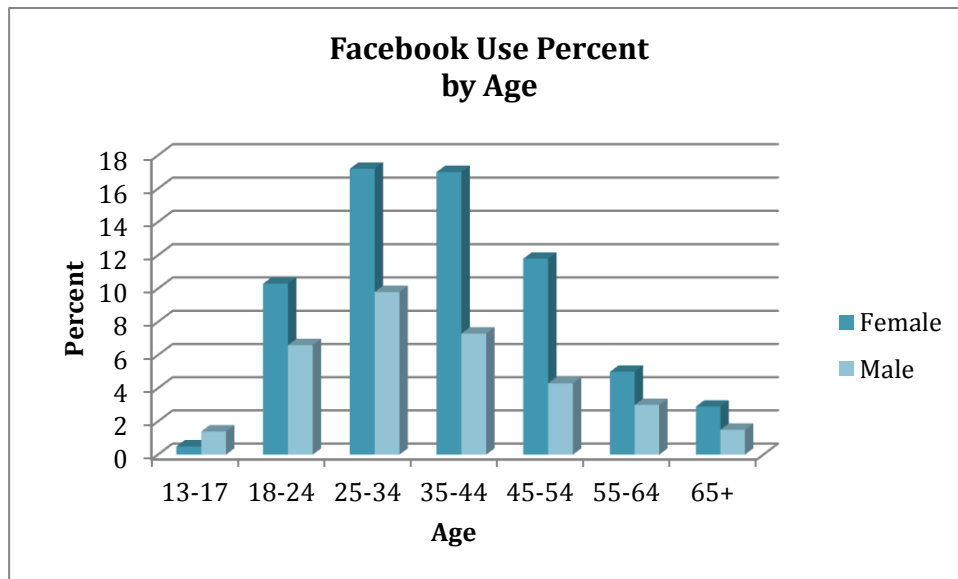
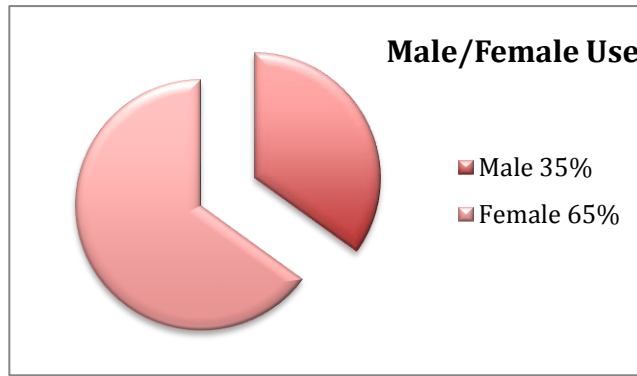
The Department's semi-monthly reports also continue to be uploaded to our Google Docs account and linked to our blog. Our blog includes press releases, crime prevention tips, and helpful links for the community (i.e., animal control, schools) which together has contributed to our overall goal of maintaining closer communications with the public.

Nixle

Nixle is another internet service used nationwide by police departments to send out community alerts. We use Nixle to inform the public about road closures, emergencies and other important incidents, as well as a means of providing links to our blog and other social media sites in order to maximize internet distribution of this information to the online viewing public. There are currently 1,788 users of our Nixle account.

Facebook

Facebook is the platform that offers our Department the greatest return on investment. Currently we have 1,539 people that "like" our page. We use Facebook to request help from the public in identifying suspects, to provide traffic alerts, to post wanted individuals, and to engage with the community in discussions. The following charts depict gender and age demographics of our Facebook page viewers in 2012.



Twitter

There are 630 individuals that follow the Department’s Twitter page. Twitter is used in conjunction with Nixle to distribute much of the same information, however Twitter offers the added benefit of enabling the Department to engage in real-time online conversations with individuals, other law enforcement agencies and local businesses. Twitter also offers photo sharing and will soon provide this same capability with video recordings.

Local Twitter User Count	
Okemos	215
Haslett	203
East Lansing	244
Lansing	300
Williamston	42
Holt	29
Mason	25

Blog

The blog is the Department's online newspaper and all social media traffic points to this site. We use our blog to post crime prevention tips, statistical reports, information on wanted persons, press releases, and links to community sites. As you can see from the below data, online activity to our blog increased dramatically from the previous year, a strong indication of increasing public awareness and interest.

- 134,220 total page views since April of 2011, a dramatic increase from the 46,698 page view volume in 2011.
- Our information continues to be viewed in many countries (including Great Britain, Canada, Russia, Turkey, India, Australia, and others)
- Internet traffic to our blog is originating from various sources outside of our sites, such as Google.
- Highest viewed posts continue to be those seeking suspect identity information which itself attracted 8,137 page views.

Other social media sites

We are also monitoring our presence with other online sites such as Google+ and Pinterest. Greater experience with these sites gained during 2013 will allow us to evaluate their overall effectiveness and help us determine our level of continued participation.

POLICE DEPARTMENT 2012 GOAL BASED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

As each year nears its end, we set specific organizational goals for the next year to help focus our delivery of law enforcement services to the community. We are pleased to say throughout 2012, we successfully accomplished many of the goals we set at the end of 2011. We have listed many of our major goal accomplishments below.

- At the request of the Liquor Control Commission, two alcohol compliance checks were conducted at two specific licensed establishments. Additionally, two alcohol compliance sweeps were conducted on fifty-seven licensed establishments.
- In January, 95 car seats were made available to area agencies for distribution. One car seat event was held at Wal-Mart. Fifty car seat inspections were performed at the Department.
- Three cadets dedicated their time to expand parking enforcement efforts.
- The Department increased volunteer hours over 2011, and continued to seek additional volunteers in the community.
- The Department completed and closed the 2011 Safe Communities Grant and continued working toward completing the 2012 S.T.E.P. Grant.
- High crash data was provided to Patrol Sergeants who then assigned directed patrols in those areas to reduce crashes. High crash areas were also targeted using the SMART trailer.
- Two sex offender sweeps were conducted in July and December 2012. There were twenty-eight registered sex offenders checked in July and twenty-nine registered sex offenders checked in December. In July, one registered sex offender was found in violation of the Michigan Public Sex Offender Registry Act and in December two were found in violation of this act.

- Participated in the monthly community code enforcement meetings and solicited issues using community based policing contacts. Officers performed code enforcement sweeps and submitted 12 violation reports.
- Participated in numerous interviews in cooperation with HOM-TV. Topics included home security, annual citizens' academy, identity theft, distracted driving, enhanced blood alcohol violations (Super Drunk), young driver safety, drug free schools, crimes involving the elderly, and medical marijuana use by drivers. Interviews were also given regarding specific crimes: identity theft, pedestrian crashes, the Walnut Hills break-ins, home invasions in the Wardcliff subdivision, and the Jimmy Johns robbery.
- Twelve students completed the citizens' youth academy in March.
- Twelve adult residents completed the citizens' academy in the fall.
- The new consolidated 9-1-1 dispatch center opened in June. The Department worked to address planning and operational concerns prior to the opening through participation with the Technology Improvement Committee. LEIN training was conducted for Department personnel with the opening of the new consolidated dispatch.
- In May, twenty-seven officers from area agencies attended legal update training at the Department.
- The automatic license plate reader system was put online in five area agencies including Meridian Township. Hot lists are received from the State of Michigan on a daily basis to keep system information current. Ongoing implementation of data sharing continued among the five agencies involved with the automatic license plate reader technology. Two agencies have had successful suspect identification or apprehensions.
- Local agencies, including Meridian Township, used FEMA funds to send personnel to Alabama to attend civil disturbance instructor school. In June, these instructors began training officers from area agencies. Training coordinators from area agencies met to discuss how training and training materials can be shared or consolidated. Additional meetings are planned.
- Traffic crash reporting was installed into the Records Management System and is ready to be implemented.
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- VisionAIR RMS reports were made operational during 2012 and clearance rate reports are now available.
- Investigators continued reporting all cases of drug activity to the Tri-County Metro Narcotics Squad to ensure all tips were handled. In June, Tri-County assisted the Department with a grow operation in which 40 marijuana plants were seized and prosecution sought.
- The use of Nixle and related social media by the Department has grown significantly. Nixle, Facebook, Twitter, and a Blog are the various means of providing notifications to the public. Other social media services are being monitored for their effectiveness.
- Social media tips resulted in 6 felony arrests and 20 misdemeanor and bench warrant arrests. Social media was also instrumental in solving crimes where suspect photographs were posted. These tips involved 9 crimes and 12 individuals. One case is still being investigated, and all other cases were solved. Social media

resources were also utilized to provide information on upcoming events, and to answer citizen questions about police activity seen in the community.

- The Department continues to participate in the Technology Improvement Cooperative where a Department Lieutenant has become the Deputy Chairman.
- The VisionJAIL project was implemented in September 2012 in cooperation with regional partners.
- CopLogic implementation continued into 2013 with an anticipated go live in the first quarter.
- Productivity standards development continues. Real time feedback to officers regarding performance continues to become the standard.
- Community satisfaction survey follow-up continued throughout 2012 and the identification of possible process changes was made.
- The Department continued to distribute its semi-monthly report and crime statistics through Facebook and the Department blog.
- Computer network access was expanded to the patrol vehicles, allowing for e-mail and document retrieval while maintaining a presence in the community.
- Twenty-three training bulletins were issued throughout the year. These bulletins covered changes in laws, as well as changes in procedures, and investigative processes.
- All firearms training in 2012 was held at the Capital Area Rifle Club. The Department worked closely with the club board to ensure good communication and rule compliance.

Meridian Township Police Department

Williamstown Township Police Services



2012
Annual Report

**Williamstown Township
2012 Annual Report
Police Services**

Williamstown Township entered into a two-year agreement with Meridian Township to provide law enforcement services during 2011-12. Both Townships appreciated the regional cooperation and both believe it has proved to be very successful. Based on the first two years of success, both Boards agreed to a second two-year contract for 2013-14. Patrol officers have been well received by Williamstown Township residents.

In 2012, the Township continued to receive 80 hours of weekly patrols at a cost of \$171,700. Assigned patrol hours in 2012 totaled 4,228.50. For calls for service outside of the assigned patrol hours, Meridian Police responded at a rate of \$45 per hour. There were 285.50 such hours in 2012, and the Township was billed a total of \$12,847.50 for those responses. The amount billed also included hours Meridian investigators spent on cases needing further investigating.

2012 Williamstown Township Statistics	
Written Reports	402
Calls for Service	1,474
Calls for Service (excluding traffic stops)	981
Arrests	20
Citations Issued	179
Total Number of Charges	194

2012 Written Reports	
Alarms	58
Traffic Crashes	103
All Other	241
Total	402

CALLS FOR SERVICE AS RECEIVED FROM DISPATCH			
911 Hang Up	6	Natural Death	1
Abandoned Vehicle	3	Noise	10
Admin	9	Operating While Intoxicated	12
Alarm	64	Peace	4
Animal Call	36	Personal Injury Accident	14
Assault	12	Personal Protection Order	1
Assist	5	Pickup Property	11
Attempt Warrant Pickup	3	Police Assist	15
Break In	22	Private Property Accident	16
Check Area	9	Property Damage Accident	111
Check Subject	6	Prowler	5
Check Vehicle	8	Reckless Driving	31
Civil	9	School	6
Community Meeting	5	Security Check	19
Criminal Sexual Conduct	1	Shots	9
Death Investigation	1	Sex Offender Registration Violation	2
Domestic	8	Suicide	6
Driving While License Suspended	4	Suspect Person	20
Fight	8	Suspect Vehicle	30
Fire Assist	18	Suspicious Situation	14
Fireworks	7	Threat	8
Follow Up	46	Traffic Hazard	28
Fraud	12	Traffic Stop	479
General	12	Trespass	5
Harassment	6	Trouble with Subject	11
Hit and Run	3	Unlawfully Driving Away an Automobile	4
Juvenile	7	Unknown Injury / Accident	3
Larceny	21	Unwanted Person	5
Malicious Destruction of Property	12	Utility / Wires Down	5
Medical Assist	150	Warrant Arrest	16
Mental	2	Weapon Violation	1
Motorist Assist	31	Welfare Check	22
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE: 1,470			

WRITTEN OFFENSE REPORTS*			
Alarm Response	58	Investigation / Inspection (Non-Criminal)	28
Assault	15	Larceny	19
Burglary	27	Liquor Violations	2
Conservation	2	Medical First Responder	20
Criminal Sexual Conduct	1	Miscellaneous Non-Traffic Offense	50
Damage to Property	9	Motor Vehicle Theft	2
Disorderly Conduct	1	Obstructing Justice	4
Embezzlement	1	Obstructing Police	1
Family Abuse / Neglect (Non-Violent)	2	Ordinance Violation	1
Fraud	12	OUI of Liquor or Drugs	7
Health and Safety	4	Traffic Civil	110
Hit and Run Motor Vehicle Accident	3	Traffic Criminal	11
Incapacitated / Mental Health	5	Trespass	4
Intimidation / Stalking	2	Weapons Offense	1
TOTAL WRITTEN REPORTS: 402			
<i>*Written reports may have multiple offenses</i>			

Williamstown Township
2012 Annual Crime Reporting Summary
Part 1 Offenses and OUIL/OUID Arrests & Traffic Accidents

Part 1 Offenses:	Year 2011	Year 2012
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0
Rape and Attempted Rape	0	1
Robbery	0	0
Aggravated Assault	1	3
Total Part 1 Violent Crime	1	4
Burglary	18	24
Larceny	18	20
Vehicle Theft	3	2
Arson	1	1
Total Part 1 Property Crime	40	47
Total Part 1 Offenses	41	51
OUIL / OUID	6	9
Traffic Accidents	199	115

Officers investigated 115 traffic crashes in Williamstown Township in 2012. These included personal injury, property damage, and hit and run accidents. Of that total, 15 accidents involved injuries, and of those 15 injury crashes two were serious injury accidents resulting in the response of the traffic crash investigation team. Those two serious injury crashes that occurred in Williamstown Township in 2012 are described below:

- In July there was a single vehicle crash on Sherwood Road near Beeman Road. The driver was the vehicles lone occupant. The investigation concluded the vehicle had veered off the roadway and struck a tree. An autopsy determined the cause of death was a medical condition suffered by the driver rather than injuries sustained in the crash.
- In July there was a two-vehicle crash on Grand River Avenue near Zimmer Road. The driver of one vehicle crossed the center of the road and collided with an oncoming vehicle. Drivers from both vehicles suffered serious injuries. The investigation is ongoing and charges are being requested for the at-fault driver.

Investigations Unit

The Investigations Unit continued providing services to Williamstown Township. During 2012 16 reports (with 18 offenses) were assigned, 13 reports were closed, 4 reports were inactivated, and one will continue to be investigated in 2013.

2012 Report Dispositions	
Assigned in 2012	16
Cleared in 2012	13
Inactivated in 2012	4
Continued in 2013	1

The following chart shows the types of offenses investigated.

OFFENSE	2012
Criminal Sexual Conduct	1
Burglary	5
Damage to Property	1
Death Investigation	3
Family Abuse	1
Larceny	2
Unlawfully Driving Away an Automobile	0
Forgery/Counterfeiting	0
Fraud	1
Stalking	1
Stolen Property – Possession	0
Obscenity – Obscene Material	0
OUI of Liquor or Drugs	0
Health and Safety	0
Suspicious Situation	3
Total Offenses Investigated	18

Cases of Interest

- Criminal Sexual Conduct – A child was sexually assaulted by other children. The case was opened for investigation, but the parents of all involved parties did not wish to pursue criminal charges. The involved parties instead were sent to counseling.
- Home Invasion – There were home invasions occurring in Williamstown Township. Two individuals were seen in the area of one of the home invasions and were identified. One suspect confessed and implicated others. The other individual left the area for drug counseling. A warrant was issued for home invasion.
- Death Investigation – Officers responded to a medical call of a deceased person. There were some suspicious items in the residence (e.g. prescription narcotics and alcohol, dried blood on the walls). An autopsy revealed that mixed drug intoxication caused death.
- Death Investigation – Officers were called to the community park for a report of a found body. Witnesses had observed the man walking approximately

one hour before his body was discovered. An autopsy revealed that the death had resulted from natural causes.

Highlights

- After advisory letters were sent to Williamstown Township liquor licensed establishments, the Department conducted two compliance checks and found no violations at any of the four licensed establishments.
- Completed the process of organizing fifteen Neighborhood Watch Groups in Williamstown Township neighborhoods. Neighborhood Watch signs were installed.
- Department personnel continued regular firearms training at the Capitol City Rifle Club in Williamstown Township. Training included four training sessions, with one session conducted under “low-light” conditions.
- Assigned the police motorcycle to Williamstown Township for regular patrols.
- Welcomed Williamstown Township residents to the annual Meridian Township Citizens’ Academy in 2012.
- Sent citizen surveys to Williamstown Township residents.
- Two sex offender sweeps were conducted; one in July and the other in December of 2012. There was one registered sex offender living in Williamstown Township in July and two registered sex offenders living in Williamstown Township in December. All registered sex offenders in Williamstown Township were found to be in compliance with the Michigan Public Sex Offender Registry Act.
- Revised and signed a contract to provide police services to Williamstown Township for two more years (2013-14).