

MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP POLICE



2022 ANNUAL REPORT

Mission and Value Statements

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.

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

CHIEF

Ken Plaga

CAPTAIN

Richard Grillo

LIEUTENANT

Bart Crane

SERGEANTS

| | |
|-----------------|---------------|
| Andrew McCready | Brian Canen |
| Edward Besonen | Andrew Tobias |
| Chris Lofton | Curt Squires |
| Jason Clements | |

OFFICERS BY SENIORITY

| | |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| Christina Scaccia | Wes Talbot*** |
| Jeff Adams | Sierra Alvarado*** |
| Kyle Royston | Megan Heinemann |
| Rebecca Payne | Meghan Cole |
| Bryan LeRoy | Maggie Cole |
| Doug Strouse | Bryant Martin |
| Aaron McConaughy | Taya Catherwood*** |
| Dan King | Isabela Acker* |
| Adam Slavick | Jack Akers* |
| Ian Mandernack | Mariam Clevenger*** |
| Kolby Casaday | Stacey Bazan* |
| Megan Klein | Danny Mora* |
| Austin Dietz | Jacob Gonzales* |
| Blaine Anderson | Natalie Tyndall* |
| Lorenzo Velasquez | Brent Spence* |
| Antonio Trevino | Sarah Hubbard* |
| Jaclyn Allen*** | Kyle Cornell*** |
| David Reinke | |

CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

| | |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| Kristi Schaeding, Administrative Assistant | Jennifer Ramsey, Records Technician |
| Heidi LaFargue, Records Supervisor | Alycia Boik, Records Technician |
| Lori Hagan, Records Technician | |

CADETS

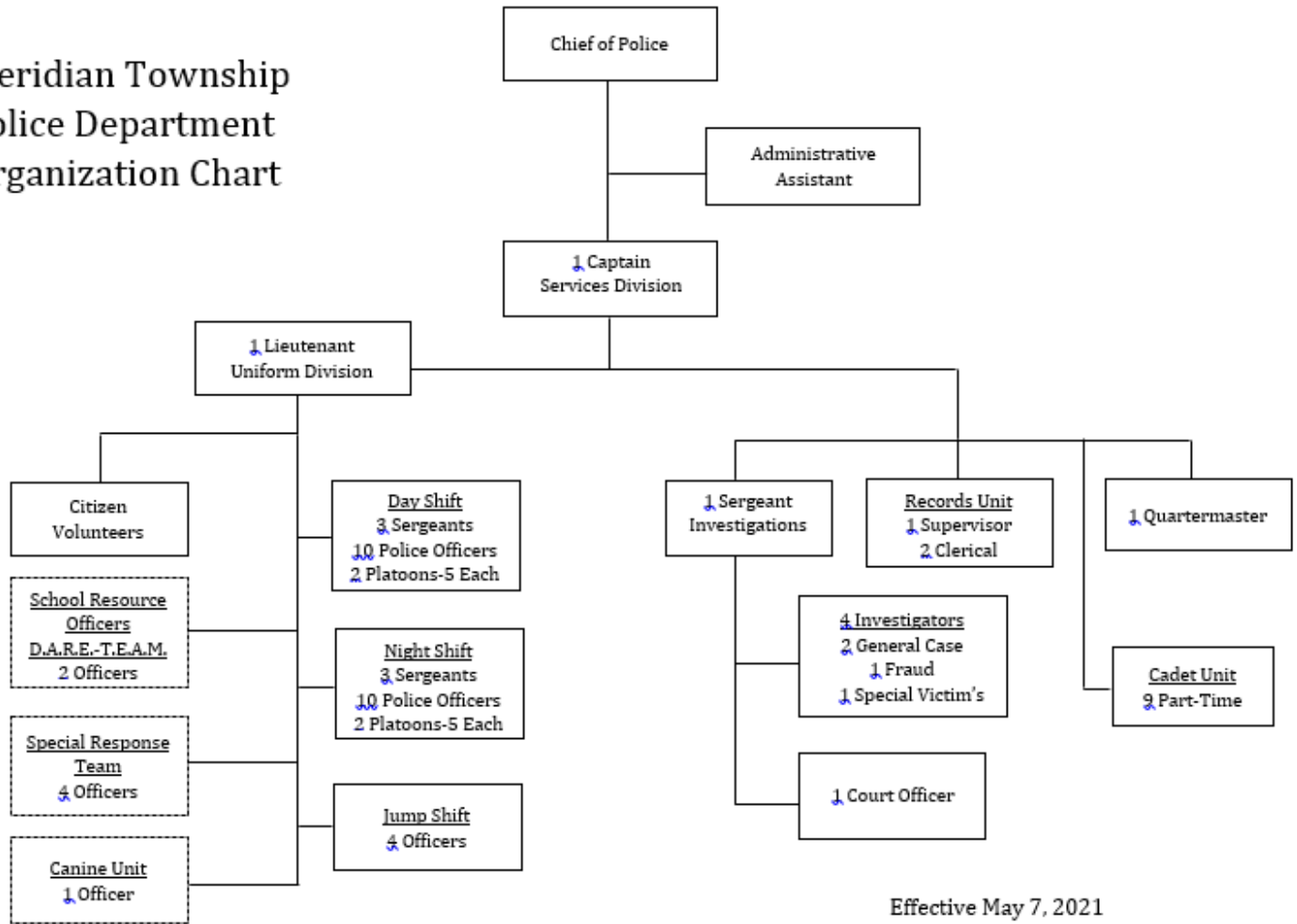
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| Baylie Kaiser | Natalie Tyndall*** | Sophia Canine* *** |
| Maxwell Bland*** | Aleaya Bunton*** | Cody Vogt*** |
| Lucas Parker*** | Sarah Hubbard*** | Robert Opalewski*** |
| Elicia Giachino*** | Cassidy Forbes* | Maryam Masood*** |
| Mariah Keener* | Kelly Hintze* | Kayla Frank* |
| Elizabeth Noechel* | Demia Finley* | |

*Hired in 2022

**Retired in 2022

*** Resigned in 2022

Meridian Township Police Department Organization Chart



Effective May 7, 2021
Total Sworn = 41

ADMINISTRATION

The Chief of Police is the head of the Department. The two distinct divisions under the Chief of Police are the Services Division and the Uniform Division.

UNIFORM DIVISION

The Uniform Division personnel includes a Lieutenant, 6 Sergeants, and 20 Officers. Within the division, there is the Road Patrol, Canine Unit and the School and Community Resource Unit. Road patrol personnel provide 24-hour patrol services to Meridian Township and Williamstown Township. Patrol officers are assigned to four platoons that work twelve-hour shifts with a sergeant on duty at all times.

In 2022, there were 18,540 calls for service (excluding traffic stops 3,340).

| 2022 Written Reports | |
|----------------------|--------------|
| Alarms | 482 |
| Traffic Crashes | 818 |
| All Other | 4,226 |
| Total | 5,526 |

Yearly Comparisons

Written Reports

| 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|------|-------|-------|--------------|
| 6421 | 4,963 | 5,008 | 5,526 |

Calls for Service

| 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------------|
| 18,552 | 16,228 | 17,211 | 18,540 |

Arrests

| 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|------|------|------|------------|
| 563 | 402 | 554 | 503 |

Citations

| | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Citations Issued | 2,096 | 1,517 | 1,711 | 1,231 |
| Total # of Charges | 2,857 | 1,888 | 2,279 | 1,590 |

2022 Calls for Service As Received From Dispatch

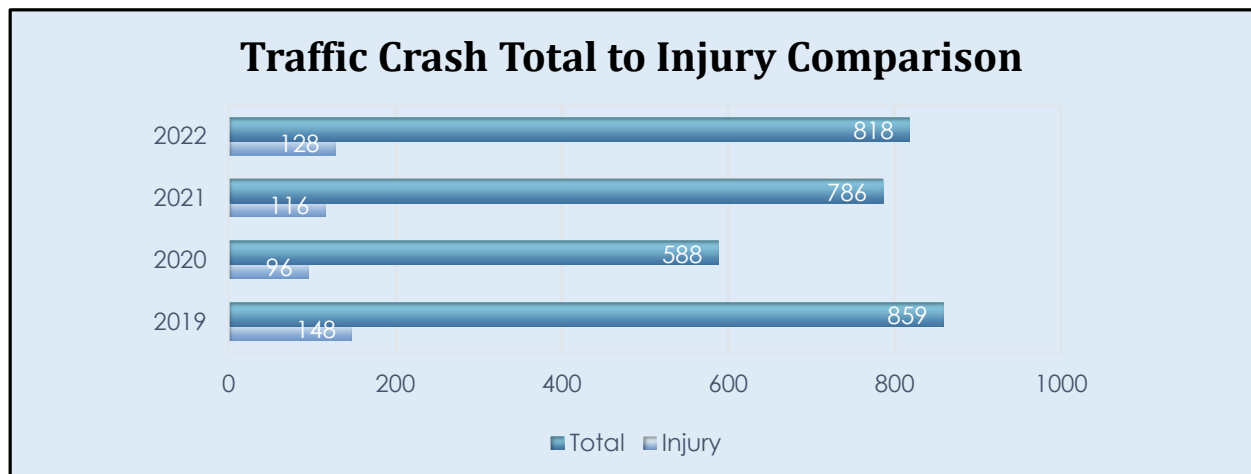
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|-----------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------------|-------|
| 911 Hang Up | 135 | Noise | 286 |
| Abandoned Vehicle | 72 | Obscene | 14 |
| Accident Non-Traffic | 3 | Officer Initiated Warrant | 61 |
| Admin | 805 | Operating Under Influence of Drugs | 32 |
| Alarm | 681 | Ordinance Violation | 14 |
| Animal Call | 300 | Parking Complaint | 132 |
| Arson | 1 | Party Complaint | 32 |
| Assault | 111 | Police Assist | 135 |
| Attempt to Locate | 86 | Personal Injury Accident | 103 |
| Bar Check | 37 | Personal Protection Order | 46 |
| Bomb Threat | 1 | Peace Officer Complaint | 18 |
| Burglary | 60 | PININL - Accident with Entrapment | 14 |
| Chase-Pursuit | 0 | PBT - Preliminary Breath Test | 0 |
| Child Abuse/Neglect | 71 | Private Property Accident | 71 |
| Check ID | 2 | Pick up Property | 118 |
| Civil Disturbance | 122 | Property Damage Accident | 807 |
| Community Meeting | 6 | Prostitute | 0 |
| Crossing Guard | 34 | Prowler | 6 |
| Crowd Control | 0 | Person Requiring Treatment | 69 |
| Criminal Sexual Conduct | 38 | Runaway | 46 |
| Deliver Message | 9 | Reckless Driving | 318 |
| Disorderly Conduct | 0 | Repossession | 33 |
| DNR Violation | 0 | Retail Fraud | 299 |
| DOA | 11 | Robbery | 10 |
| Dog Complaint | 170 | School Check | 158 |
| Domestic Assault | 102 | Security Check | 125 |
| Drown in Moving Water | 0 | Shooting | 1 |
| Drugs | 22 | Shots Fired | 49 |
| Drunk | 5 | Special Assignment | 100 |
| Escort - Bank Escort | 0 | Stabbing | 2 |
| Fight | 155 | Stalking | 27 |
| Fire Assist | 590 | Subpoena Service | 212 |
| Fireworks Complaint | 36 | Subject Down | 4 |
| Follow-up | 680 | Suicide | 33 |
| Foot Patrol | 9 | Suspicious Situation/Person/Vehicle | 1,150 |
| Fraud | 307 | Text - Request Message | 607 |
| Governor's Orders | 0 | Threat | 178 |
| Harassment | 149 | Traffic Control | 61 |
| Hazzard - Road | 328 | Transport | 37 |
| Hit and Run | 139 | Trash / Littering Complaint | 16 |
| Inmate - Transfer | 3 | Trespass | 26 |
| Juvenile | 52 | Trouble With Subject | 475 |
| K9 - Assist | 7 | Test - Test CAD call | 0 |
| Key Run | 0 | Unlawfully Driving Away An Automobile | 90 |
| Kidnapping | 4 | Unknown Injury / Accident | 18 |
| Larceny | 569 | Unwanted Person | 207 |
| Liquor Law Violations | 0 | Unwanted Trouble/Unknown Trouble | 134 |
| Lock Out | 20 | Utility / Wires Down | 94 |
| Malicious Destruction of Property | 160 | Vehicle ID Check | 19 |
| Medical Assist | 4,279 | Visual/Vacation Property Check | 31 |
| Missing Person | 54 | Warrant Arrest | 59 |
| Motorist Assist | 325 | Weapon Violation | 32 |
| Neighbor Complaint | 74 | Welfare Check | 1,107 |

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE: 18,540 *

*Call-for-service numbers include any agency who took action within the Township borders. Ingham 911 dispatch was unable to filter out other agencies.

| Offenses in 2022 | | | |
|---|-----|------------------------------------|------|
| Abandoned Vehicles | 341 | Kidnap | 2 |
| Alarm Response | 482 | K9 Search/Training | 23 |
| Animal Cruelty | 3 | Larceny | 467 |
| Arson | 0 | Liquor Law/Violations | 5 |
| Assault | 247 | Medical First Responder | 190 |
| Building Code Violation | 0 | Miscellaneous Non-Criminal Offense | 273 |
| Burglary | 68 | Motor Vehicle Theft | 75 |
| Commercialized Sex/Prostitution | 0 | Murder | 0 |
| Conservation | 9 | Negligent Homicide/Manslaughter | 0 |
| Criminal Sexual Conduct | 36 | Obscenity | 11 |
| Damage to Property | 128 | Obstructing Justice | 277 |
| Disorderly Conduct | 18 | Obstructing Police | 47 |
| Dog Complaints | 0 | Ordinance Violation | 6 |
| Embezzlement | 10 | OUI of Liquor of Drugs | 49 |
| Extortion | 9 | Peeping Tom | 2 |
| Family Abuse / Neglect / Other | 58 | Public Peace Other | 82 |
| Fire Assist | 6 | Retail Fraud | 289 |
| Fireworks | 0 | Robbery | 17 |
| Forgery / Counterfeiting | 17 | School Threat | 7 |
| Fraud | 241 | Sex Offense (Other) | 5 |
| Health and Safety | 22 | Stolen Property | 11 |
| Hit and Run Motor Vehicle Accident | 0 | Threat to Burn/Bomb | 0 |
| Immigration | 0 | Traffic Civil | 1053 |
| Incapacitated / Mental Health | 183 | Traffic Criminal | 267 |
| Intimidation / Stalking | 28 | Trespass | 142 |
| Investigation / Inspection (Non-Criminal) | 245 | Violation of Controlled Substance | 29 |
| Invasion of Privacy (other) | 0 | Weapons Offense | 18 |
| Juvenile Offenses / Runaway | 28 | | |
| TOTAL OFFENSES REPORTED: 5,526 | | | |
| <i>*Some written reports have multiple offenses</i> | | | |

Crash investigations in Meridian Township totaled 818 in 2022. This was an increase of 32 from the previous year. Crashes are classified as personal injury, property damage (no injuries) and hit and run crashes. There were 128 crashes with injured occupants, 687 crashes with no injuries and 3 fatal accidents.



TRAFFIC SAFETY

The Meridian Township Police Department views traffic safety as a primary focus of keeping the community safe. The Department works in conjunction with the Ingham County Road Department and the State Highway Department to address concerns related to road design. The Department takes enforcement action in areas designated as directed patrols based on review of traffic crash data, citizen complaints, and traffic problems that are created as a result of road closures. Speed monitoring instruments including a speed trailer and speed signs are used to complete traffic studies regarding speed-related safety concerns and traffic counts. The equipment is used to educate the motorists and can be deployed easily in areas identified internally or through citizen reporting. This year we completed 16 directed patrols and 9 traffic surveys.

Two of our officers provide car seat inspections for the Department. During 2022, seven (7) car seats inspections took place throughout the year, including during the Department's Halloween Open House.

| Meridian Township Deer Involved Collision Data | | | |
|---|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| Year | Injury Involved | No Injury Involved | Total |
| 2019 | 3 | 150 | 153 |
| 2020 | 5 | 157 | 162 |
| 2021 | 4 | 125 | 129 |
| 2022 | 2 | 99 | 101 |

TRAFFIC CRASH INVESTIGATION TEAM

Traffic crashes involving fatal or potentially fatal injuries require investigators with specialized training and equipment. Area law enforcement agencies have committed personnel to the Ingham Regional Crash Investigation Team (IRCIT). On-duty team members are called to assist participating agencies with potentially fatal crash investigations. While providing a more rapid response of team members to the scene of an accident, the sharing of resources has also provided investigators with increased experience and has reduced the financial burden on member agencies. In 2022, the Department requested the regional crash investigation team four (4) times, while providing assistance on eight (8) investigations outside of the Township.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers were instrumental this year during several events hosted by the Department. In June, during our Annual Awards Ceremony, a Haslett High School vocalist performed the Star-Spangled Banner. In October, one of regular volunteers greeted visitors, checked them in, and worked them into groups for tours of the Department during the Halloween Open House. Twice in December, volunteers came to assist the Department, once to help wrap presents for our Shop with a Cop event and then again to help with a party organized for the children displaced by the Knob Hill fire.

The Department is continuously looking to find additional volunteers to assist with our parking program.

COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICERS

Community Policing is the cornerstone of all our actions and interactions. From the first day of employment until the day they retire, officers are assigned to specific neighborhoods to participate in community activities, communicate directly with citizens, and form relationships, so that our community trusts and understands our Department.



Annually on the first Tuesday of August the Department engages the community through a nationwide event know as National Night Out (NNO). The event is intended to strengthen relationships between the community and law enforcement to take a stand against crime. During 2022, more than 25 NNO events were attended by members of the Department. Officers had the opportunity to speak with residents and share information, play games with children, and enjoy some casual conversations.

National Faith & Blue Weekend is based on the premise that strong communities are built on mutual respect, trust and understanding. Law Enforcement entities and faith-based groups are key pillars of a local community, and when they work together, communities thrive. The Department was able to engage in several small activities over the course of the weekend.

ADULT CROSSING GUARDS

The Department hires, trains, and manages the six adult school crossing guards for the six schools in the township. The guards are supervised by the School Resource Officers.

CANINE SUMMARY

Meridian Township Police Department maintained one K9 Team, Ofc. Anderson and K9 Ares, that is trained in article searches, area searches, building searches, narcotics detection and tracking. Surrounding Departments request or provide mutual aid from K9 Teams when they either do not have one on-duty or do not have one at their Department. Ofc. Anderson and K9 Ares completed 388.75 hours of monthly maintenance training as well as certifying nationally through the National Association of Professional Canine Handlers (NAPCH) at the yearly seminar.



| 2022 Canine Team Activity Numbers | |
|---|-----------|
| Calls Handled By Meridian's Canine Team | 20 |
| Calls Handled By Other Departments | 9 |
| Call Outs To Other Departments | 15 |
| Total Calls For Service | 44 |
| Activity Type | |
| Ingham Regional SRT | 0 |
| Article Search | 8 |
| Area Search | 0 |
| Building Search | 1 |
| Narcotics Search | 10 |
| School Sweeps (OHS/HHS/ELHS) | 4 |
| Tracking | 23 |
| Demonstrations | 2 |
| Other Use | 0 |
| Total | 48 |

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

SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM



The Ingham Regional Special Response Team (IRSRT) is comprised of personnel from the Ingham County Sheriff's Department, East Lansing Police Department, MSU Police Department, and Meridian Township Police Department. The team is called upon by agencies when a tactical team is needed to respond. Meridian Township commits three officers and one sergeant to the team. Meridian Township Officers received 528 hours of regular monthly training and 224 hours of annual training. This totals 752 hours of yearly training. IRSRT had twenty-two activations in 2022.

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY RESOURCE UNIT

The School and Community Resource Unit is comprised of two officers who work with the Haslett and Okemos Public Schools. The officers provide a number of services to the schools in an effort to provide a safe environment for children to learn. The officers also assist with a number of community events.

The officers participated in "No Senior with Christmas" event. This is a Tri-County TRIAD program which led to 450 holiday baskets distributed to tri-county elderly residents. Meridian Township residents received 26 of the baskets.

Meridian Township Police Department held the annual "Shop with a Cop" event in December of 2022. The officers worked with school counselors and twelve (12) area students participated. The officers worked in conjunction with Walmart, Jets Pizza in Haslett, and the Haslett Okemos Rotary Foundation.



SERVICES DIVISION

The Services Division Commander, Captain Grillo, oversees the administrative functions of the police department. The Services Division includes the Police Records Unit, Court Services, the Investigations Unit, the Evidence and Property Room, the Cadet Program, the MLEAC Accreditation Team, and the Recruiting Team. The Services Division is responsible for hiring and recruiting new officers, the MLEAC Accreditation process, property and evidence management, police services at the front desk, all aspects of MLEAC accreditation, and police investigations.

INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

The Investigations Unit is overseen by the Services Division Commander. Sergeant Ed Besonen handles the day-to-day operations of the unit and ensures each investigation is handled efficiently and with great care. In 2022, one sergeant and three officers were assigned to the unit.

Criminal complaints are handled at the road patrol level but sometimes require additional attention from a specialized investigator. These complaints are assigned to our Investigations Unit if it is determined the crime is complex or will require a more time consuming and thorough investigation. Investigators work closely with victims, officers, other law enforcement agencies, prosecutors and the Township Attorney to ensure a thorough and fair investigation is complete.

Crimes commonly assigned to the Investigations Unit include but are not limited to homicides, sexual assaults, robberies, child abuse, home invasions, frauds, larcenies, and death investigations. The investigations unit assigned a total of 171 complaints in 2022.

| Complaints Assigned Per Year | |
|------------------------------|------------|
| 2019 | 504 |
| 2020 | 351 |
| 2021 | 279 |
| 2022 | 171 |

The table below lists the types of offenses investigated. The number of complaints is lower than the number of “offenses” because a single complaint may include more than one crime or offense.

| Crime | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Homicide | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Kidnap | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Criminal Sexual Conduct | 83 | 54 | 50 | 55 |
| Robbery | 7 | 1 | 6 | 12 |
| Assault/Stalking | 18 | 13 | 17 | 5 |
| Arson | 2 | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| Extortion | 2 | 7 | 2 | 2 |
| Burglary | 57 | 55 | 39 | 30 |
| Larceny | 113 | 56 | 47 | 28 |
| Unlawful Driving Away Auto | 10 | 4 | 10 | 7 |
| Forgery | 16 | 15 | 1 | 18 |
| Fraud | 94 | 71 | 52 | 53 |
| Embezzlement | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Stolen Property | 9 | 8 | 1 | 3 |
| Malicious Destruction of Property | 9 | 7 | 3 | 25 |
| Retail Fraud | 8 | 13 | 4 | 1 |
| Drugs | 2 | 5 | 2 | 0 |
| Sex Offenses | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| Obscene Material | 13 | 11 | 5 | 7 |
| Child Abuse | 6 | 10 | 10 | 16 |
| Liquor Law Violation | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Obstructing Police | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Obstructing Justice | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Weapons Offense | 1 | 4 | 3 | 7 |
| Public Peace | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| Hit & Run Accident | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Health and Safety | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Invasion of Privacy | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Conservation | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Juvenile Runaway | 2 | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| Traffic Offenses | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Juvenile Violation | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Civil Custody | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Motor Vehicle Accidents | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Suspicious Situations | 27 | 32 | 26 | 22 |
| General Assist | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Death Investigations | 43 | 43 | 43 | 56 |
| Missing Persons | 4 | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| TOTAL | 543 | 427 | 341 | 358 |

In 2022, the Investigations Unit continued to investigate 68 offenses from 2021, 171 offenses were assigned, 97 were cleared, 87 were inactivated, and 48 will continue to be investigated in 2023.

| 2022 Complaint Dispositions | |
|------------------------------------|-----|
| Continued from 2021 | 68 |
| Assigned in 2022 | 171 |
| Cleared in 2022 | 97 |
| Inactivated in 2022 | 87 |
| Continued in 2023 | 48 |

When an investigation is completed and reviewed for charges, the Investigator is responsible for forwarding the warrant request to the Ingham County Prosecutor's Office (ICPO). In 2022, the Investigators submitted 81 requests for warrants and petitions to the ICPO.

| Investigations, Warrant Requests & Petitions for 2022 | | | |
|--|---------------|--------------------|---------------|
| | Felony | Misdemeanor | Totals |
| Requested | 53 | 28 | 81 |
| Issued | 14 | 8 | 22 |
| Denied | 14 | 7 | 49 |
| Diversion | 10 | 6 | 16 |
| Status Pending | 25 | 13 | 38 |

\$560,932 worth of stolen money and property was recovered in 2022. The money was retained by the FBI but in most cases a majority of the recovered stolen property was returned to the victims.

Noteworthy investigations for 2022 include:

- Armed Robbery of an armored vehicle. The armored vehicle was a courier for cash from banks, convenience stores and marijuana dispensaries. Around \$1.2 Million was stolen. In a joint investigation with the FBI the suspects were identified, charged and are awaiting sentencing in Federal Court. Over \$550,000 was recovered.
- A 4 year-old child drown in Lake Lansing while kayaking with his mother while the lake was still partially frozen. Charges of 2nd degree homicide were issued by the Ingham County Prosecutor's Office. That case is still pending court proceedings.
- A stolen vehicle was discovered at a local motel. This led officers and investigators to conduct a search warrant on one of the motel rooms. A suspect was identified and thousands of dollars of property was recovered as well as another stolen vehicle from the same suspect.

COURT SERVICES

Our Court Services Officer (CSO) acts as a liaison between the police department, the Ingham County Prosecutors Office, the Township Attorney, and the court system. The CSO tracks and processes criminal complaints and submits them to the appropriate attorney's office for review of warrant request and juvenile petitions. The CSO is also responsible for the registration and address verification of sex offenders in Meridian Township.

| COURT SERVICES | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|----------------------------|------|------|------|------------|
| Subpoenas Served | 692 | 729 | 328 | 461 |
| Personal Protection Orders | 41 | 43 | 40 | 40 |
| Warrant Requests | 614 | 581 | 787 | 809 |
| Warrants Signed by CSO | 378 | 362 | 251 | 339 |
| Twp. Attorney Requests | 144 | 113 | 93 | 122 |
| Total Petition Requests | 102 | 39 | 50 | 107 |
| Retail Fraud Requests | 234 | 190 | 145 | 145 |
| OWI Requests | 62 | 61 | 69 | 55 |
| Assault Requests | 42 | 47 | 127 | 73 |
| Assault Requests-Domestic | 180 | 151 | 138 | 142 |
| Larceny/Fraud Requests | 82 | 70 | 48 | 63 |
| Narcotics Requests | 20 | 10 | 16 | 19 |

RECORDS UNIT

The Records Unit supervisor oversees the day-to-day activities of the Records Unit. The Records Unit consists of a supervisor, two full-time technicians, and a part-time technician. They provide support to the Uniform Division as well as the Investigations Unit by preparing criminal reports for prosecution and reporting crime statistics to state agencies. They also maintain databases for statistical reports which are provided to department staff, the Township Manager, the Township Board, and is made available to the public.

Records personnel also process all police reports, crash reports, traffic citations, and other related documents. Customer service is an emphasis of our Records Unit. Records personnel assist the public by responding to FOIA requests, processing insurance requests for reports, processing pistol purchase licenses, and answering incoming phone calls.

| Annual Crime Reporting Summary | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | % Change 2021-2022 |
|------------------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------------------|
| Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 100% |
| Rape and Attempted Rape | 70 | 51 | 62 | 36 | -42% |
| Robbery | 12 | 12 | 10 | 17 | 70% |
| Aggravated Assault | 37 | 39 | 35 | 35 | 0% |
| Total Part 1 Violent Crime | 120 | 103 | 107 | 89 | -17% |
| Burglary | 96 | 88 | 64 | 69 | 8% |
| Larceny | 935 | 749 | 611 | 467 | -23% |
| Vehicle Theft | 52 | 44 | 56 | 75 | 34% |
| Arson | 4 | 0 | 6 | 0 | -600% |
| Total Part 1 Property Crime | 1,106 | 881 | 737 | 611 | -17% |
| Total Part 1 Offenses | 1,226 | 984 | 844 | 700 | -17% |
| OWI Arrests (Liquor or Drugs) | 63 | 53 | 69 | 48 | -30% |
| Traffic Accident – Roadway | 847 | 588 | 785 | 818 | 4% |

ACCREDITATION

Accreditation is an on-going program that encourages law enforcement agencies to improve performance and service to the community. It is the voluntary adoption of the best practices in law enforcement and requires constant evaluation of the professional objectives set forth by an independent body of professionals in the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (MLEAC). Accreditation status acknowledges the implementation of conceptually sound written directives, policies, procedures, and training.

In February 2020, the Department became the first police agency in mid-Michigan to gain full accreditation status from the MLEAC and the 19th overall in the state of Michigan. Today, there are 53 accredited agencies in the state and another 65 agencies are in the process.

In December of 2022, the MLEAC sent a pair of assessors to the Department for our triennial assessment. Through the hard work of our accreditation team, we were notified that we had passed our assessment and would achieve accredited status for an additional three years.

MID-MICHIGAN POLICE ACADEMY

The Services Division Commander represents the Department and acts as a coordinator for the Mid-Michigan Police Academy which is hosted by the Lansing Community College (LCC). Coordinators work closely with recruits during the 17-week academy, giving our coordinator an opportunity to identify possible candidates for employment. This also allows the coordinator to monitor each recruit's progress and assist in career development. Because of our involvement in the police academy, the Department can have an active role in shaping the future of law enforcement in the state of Michigan. Three Department officers also teach various classes at the academy. The Department earns LCC credit hours for the time spent coordinating and teaching at the police academy. These credit hours can be used to send officers to training at LCC.

In 2022, the Department sponsored six recruits through the police academy, one during the spring session and five during the fall session. We also recruited and hired an additional recruit attending the spring session. The recruits from the spring session have completed their training and are solo-performing patrol officers. The recruits from the fall academy are in field training.

TRAINING

Under the direction of the Chief of Police, the Training Sergeant oversees all training for the Department. The Department provided employees with 3,125 hours of training in 2022. It included some of the following:

- In-Service: 1,176 hours (this includes cultural competency, de-escalation training, mental health/PRT training)
- External: 1,468.50 hours
- Firearms: 347 hours

The in-service training program consists of monthly training for all sworn employees, periodic roll call videos, policy tests, quarterly firearms sessions, and computer based instruction. The external training program utilizes universities and private experts to handle specialized training outside the scope of the Department trainers. The Department strives to remain at the forefront of progressive policing by acknowledging the importance of both continuing education to retain current skills and the acquisition of new knowledge for officers to expand their skill base.

CITIZENS' ACADEMY

The Department hosted a ten-week Citizens' Academy that meets once a week for three hours in the fall. This academy exposes the attendees to police operations and procedures. The department had 8 people participate this year. We received great feedback and look forward to holding it again next year.

YOUTH CITIZENS' ACADEMY

The Department hosts a seven-week Youth Academy that meets once a week for two hours in the spring. The students learn about police work while being able to experience hands-on activities. The Department did not host a Youth Academy in 2022 due to the COVID-19 concerns.

PROPERTY ROOM

The Quartermaster maintains the property room. Activity involving the property room in 2022 included:

- 1,738 items entered as evidence
- 120.5 pounds of narcotics incinerated from the Prescription Drug Drop-Off Box
- 344 abandoned vehicles were processed

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 in Meridian and Williamstown Township. Surveys are used as a tool to monitor customer satisfaction with the Department's services. In 2022, a total of 157 surveys were returned. The 15% response rate was decreased as compared to 2021.

Citizen Satisfaction Survey for Sworn Personnel

| Category | Rating of Excellent/Good |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Helpfulness | 94% |
| Friendliness | 96% |
| Knowledge | 96% |
| Quality of Service | 95% |
| Professional Conduct | 96% |
| Response Time | 94% |

Rating of Emergency and Non-Emergency Dispatch Service (Ingham 911 Dispatch)

| Category | Rating of Excellent/Good |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Helpfulness | 65% |
| Friendliness | 67% |
| Knowledge | 66% |
| Quality of Service | 66% |
| Professional Conduct | 67% |

**Not all questions generated a response.*

CITIZEN SERVICE COMPLAINT SUMMARY

The Department investigated six formal citizen service complaints during 2022. The following is a summary of the findings (some complaints had multiple officers involved and findings).

- 3 Partially Sustained – Sufficient evidence exists to support the allegation and further action will be taken.
- 2 Not Sustained – Insufficient evidence exists to either support or disproves the allegation.
- 2 Partially Exonerated - The incident occurred but was lawful or proper.
- 2 Exonerated – The incident occurred but was lawful or proper.
- 2 Unfounded – The alleged actions or events did not in fact occur.

SOCIAL MEDIA

The Department is committed to having an online presence using Facebook and Twitter. The Department has solved crimes that would most likely have remained unresolved without the teamwork of the Department and residents made possible through social media. Numerous retail fraud suspects have been identified by posting security footage. The Department also uses its Facebook platform to engage the community in discussions.

Facebook offers the greatest return on time invested. The 10,702 people who “Like” our page is an increase from 2021 (30% men and 70% women). Facebook has been helpful in many areas including the identification of suspects, distributing traffic alerts and the posting of wanted persons. One of our most popular posts of the year requested identification information for a suspect that had a post reach of 139,999 and engagement of 21,049. There are also 2,501 individuals who follow the Department’s Twitter page.

EVERBRIDGE ALERTS

The Department partners with Everbridge Alerts, to keep residents safe and informed with quick and reliable emergency notifications and public service announcements. To better serve the residents of Ingham County, police, fire and EMS agencies have joined together to utilize one platform for community messaging. It is called the Capital Area Ingham County Alert System. Residents are encouraged to register to receive the alerts: bit.ly/EverbridgeSignup

POLICE DEPARTMENT 2022 GOAL BASED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In conjunction with the Township Board and Township Manager, the Department establishes goals to help in the delivery of law enforcement services. Many of our goal accomplishments and other activities are listed as follows.

Fill all vacant positions while simultaneously working toward creating a diverse and inclusive workforce.

- Officer Danny Mora, Officer Jacob Gonzles, Officer Natalie Tyndall, Officer Brent Spence and Officer Sarah Hubbard graduated from the Mid-Michigan Police Academy in December and are currently in Field Training.
- Officer Isabela Acker and Officer Jack Akers graduated from the Mid-Michigan Police Academy in May. Both have completed their field training and are solo performing officers assigned to the uniform division.

Leverage suggestions made by the Recruitment and Retention Committee to provide an environment more likely to retain employees while attracting potential employees.

- External vest carriers have been acquired thanks to a gift from a private donor. Feedback from officers has been extremely positive.
- Currently reviewing ideas to update the public safety building to improve its appearance and function.
- Change was made to appearance standards to allow female officers to wear their hair in a ponytail or other manner that still meets a professional appearance.

Work to improve transparency of the Department's actions through use of the website, social media, and community meetings.

- Creation of Social Media Committee.
- Significantly increased the number of posts to share actions of department and engage community.
- Continued review and updates to websites transparency page.
- Continue quarterly Neighborhood Leaders Meetings to share and receive information from our partners in the community.
- Participate in the monthly meeting of Advocates and Leaders for Police and Community Trust (ALPACT) to maintain a dialog between our regional community and the police department.

Prepare for the 2022 MLEAC re-accreditation assessment.

- The Department had an on-site inspection for re-accreditation in December of 2022. Every three years accredited agencies are inspected by assessors to ensure compliance with the over 100 standards set by the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (MLEAC). Our agency will be Re-Accredited in February of 2023 after a Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission review of our assessment.

Prepare staff for succession due to retirements or promotions through training and mentoring.

- Continue to provide training to supervisors through Michigan State University School of Staff and Command and First Line Supervisor courses.
- Provide officers and Sergeants with other task specific leadership training to better prepare them for promotions.

Assist the Parks Department with the deer management efforts to reduce property damage and traffic crashes.

- Two Sergeants and six officers participated in removing 200 deer from herds that affect high accident locations.
- Accidents involving deer reduced from 129 in 2021 to 101 in 2022.

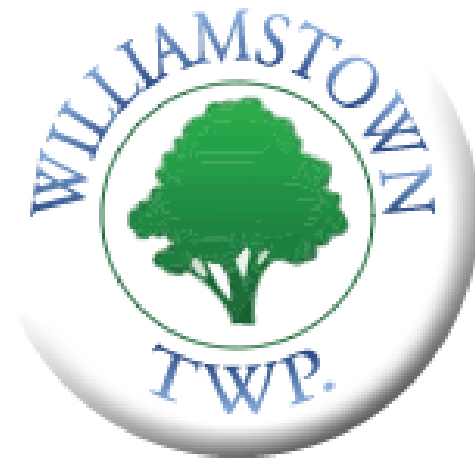
Provide leadership in the law enforcement community through involvement in collaborative professional law enforcement training.

- Partnered with area law enforcement agencies to develop a critical skills training. Meridian Township Police Department provides instructors to countywide training for officers in decision-making process.
- Involvement in Michigan State University School of Staff and Command and First Line Supervisor schools as class facilitators and receiving free training for our officers in these classes.
- Involvement in countywide use of force instructor development course, to provide additional training to our use of force instructors.

- Early discussion regarding a large-scale AVI training in October involving law enforcement, fire, EMS, schools, tow companies, and many others. The intent of the training will be to bring the full scope of an AVI situation to light from many perspectives, identifying any area that needs to be improved.

**MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP
POLICE**

**WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP
POLICE SERVICES**



**2022
ANNUAL REPORT**

**Williamstown Township
Police Services
2022 Annual Report**

The Meridian Township Police Department provides law enforcement services to Williamstown Township. The 2022-2024 contract arranges for Williamstown Township to compensate Meridian Township \$141,802.00 for calendar year 2022 and \$67.65 per hour outside of the 40 hours of weekly patrol for emergency and non-emergency responses.

| Williamstown Township Statistics | | | | |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
| Written Reports | 323 | 285 | 280 | 251 |
| Calls for Service | 1,451 | 1,304 | 1,506 | 1,279 |
| Calls for Service (excluding traffic stops) | 1,038 | 1,043 | 1,143 | 1,063 |
| Arrests | 17 | 8 | 12 | 15 |
| Citations Issued | 170 | 115 | 95 | 46 |
| Total Number of Charges | 204 | 132 | 111 | 56 |

| Written Reports | | | | |
|-----------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
| Alarms | 52 | 31 | 29 | 23 |
| Traffic Crashes | 107 | 102 | 105 | 101 |
| All Other | 164 | 152 | 146 | 127 |
| Total | 323 | 285 | 280 | 251 |

| Williamstown Township Deer Involved Collision Data | | | |
|--|-----------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Year | Injury Involved | No Injury Involved | Total |
| 2019 | 0 | 65 | 65 |
| 2020 | 2 | 64 | 66 |
| 2021 | 1 | 70 | 71 |
| 2022 | 0 | 54 | 54 |

| Calls for Service As Received from Dispatch | | | |
|--|-----|---------------------------------------|-----|
| 911 Hang Up | 7 | Neighbor | 3 |
| Abandoned Vehicle | 2 | Noise | 8 |
| Admin | 16 | Obscene | 0 |
| Alarm | 43 | Officer Initiated Warrant | 7 |
| Animal Call | 48 | Ordinance Violation | 5 |
| Arson | 0 | Operating While Intoxicated | 2 |
| Assault | 4 | OID | 0 |
| Assist | 0 | Parking Complaint | 2 |
| Attempt to Locate | 8 | Party | 2 |
| Attempt Warrant Pickup | 0 | Peace | 1 |
| Bar Check | 0 | Personal Injury Accident | 9 |
| Break In - Burglary | 2 | Personal Protection Order | 0 |
| Canine Assist | 0 | Pickup Property | 1 |
| Check Area | 0 | Police Assist | 3 |
| Check Subject | 0 | Private Property Accident | 0 |
| Check Vehicle | 0 | Property Check | 6 |
| Child Abuse | 5 | Property Damage Accident | 96 |
| Civil | 10 | Prowler | 1 |
| Community Meeting | 0 | Reckless Driving | 51 |
| Criminal Sexual Conduct | 2 | Repossession | 0 |
| Deliver Message/Death Notification | 1 | Robbery | 0 |
| DOA | 0 | Runaway | 6 |
| Dog | 20 | School Walk Through | 0 |
| Domestic | 7 | Security Check | 14 |
| Driving While License Suspended | 0 | Shots | 0 |
| Drugs | 1 | Sex Offender Registration Violation | 0 |
| Drunk/Intoxicated | 0 | Special Assignment | 0 |
| Family/Neglect | 0 | Stalking | 0 |
| Fight | 2 | Subpoena Service | 8 |
| Fire Assist | 57 | Suicide | 1 |
| Fireworks | 2 | Suspicious Situation/Person/Vehicle | 55 |
| Follow-up | 35 | Text - Request Message | 28 |
| Foot Patrol | 0 | Threat | 4 |
| Fraud | 16 | Traffic Control | 6 |
| General / Non-Criminal | 0 | Traffic Hazard | 55 |
| Governor's Orders | 0 | Traffic Stop | 216 |
| Harassment | 5 | Train | 0 |
| Hazard/Road | 0 | Transport | 0 |
| Hit and Run | 5 | Trash / Littering Complaint | 1 |
| Juvenile | 0 | Trespass | 0 |
| Larceny | 16 | Trouble With Subject | 17 |
| Liquor Law Inspection/Violation | 0 | Unlawfully Driving Away An Automobile | 0 |
| Lockout | 1 | Unknown Injury / Accident | 1 |
| Lost Property | 0 | Unknown Trouble | 3 |
| Malicious Destruction | 7 | Unwanted Person | 2 |
| Medical Assist | 246 | Utility / Wires Down | 14 |
| Mental | 2 | Vehicle Impound | 0 |
| Minor In Possession | 0 | VIN Check | 3 |
| Missing Person | 2 | Warrant Arrest/Attempt | 7 |
| Motorist Assist | 13 | Weapon Violation | 3 |
| Natural Death | 0 | Welfare Check | 53 |
| TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE: 1,279 * | | | |

*Call-for-service numbers include any agency who took action within the Township borders. Ingham 911 dispatch was unable to filter out other agencies.

| Offenses in 2022 | | | |
|--|----|-------------------------------------|----|
| Alarm Response | 23 | Juvenile/Runaway | 3 |
| Animal Complaint | 3 | K9 Search/Training | 0 |
| Animal Cruelty | 1 | Larceny | 7 |
| Arson | 0 | Liquor Violations | 1 |
| Assault | 12 | Littering | 0 |
| Assist Other Agency | 0 | Medical First Responder | 14 |
| Burglary | 2 | Miscellaneous Non-Traffic-Offense | 23 |
| City Ordinance | 3 | Missing Person | 0 |
| Conservation | 0 | Motor Vehicle Theft | 0 |
| Contributing to the Delinquency of Minor | 0 | Natural Death | 0 |
| Criminal Sexual Conduct | 1 | Noise | 0 |
| Damage to Property | 4 | Obscene Materials | 0 |
| Disorderly Conduct | 0 | Obstructing Justice | 8 |
| Embezzlement | 2 | Obstructing Police | 0 |
| Extortion | 0 | OUI of Liquor of Drugs | 2 |
| Family Abuse/Neglect/Other | 1 | Public Peace | 1 |
| Fraud | 13 | Sex Offender/Fail to Comply | 0 |
| Harassing Communication | 4 | Suicide | 0 |
| Health and Safety | 0 | Traffic Civil | 10 |
| Hit and Run Motor Vehicle Accident | 0 | Traffic Criminal | 7 |
| Incapacitated/Mental Health | 7 | Trespass | 1 |
| Indecent Exposure | 0 | Violation of a Controlled Substance | 0 |
| Intimidation/Stalking | 0 | Weapons Offense | 0 |
| Investigation/Inspection (Non-Criminal) | 7 | | |
| Total Offenses Reported 251 | | | |
| <i>*Written reports may have multiple offenses</i> | | | |

Williamstown Township
2022 Annual Crime Reporting Summary
Part 1 Offenses and OUIL/OUID Arrests & Traffic Accidents

| Part 1 Offenses: | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | % Change 2021-2022 |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------------|
| Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| Rape and Attempted Rape | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0% |
| Robbery | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| Aggravated Assault | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0% |
| Total Part 1 Violent Crime | 4 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 0% |
| Burglary | 5 | 3 | 6 | 2 | -67% |
| Larceny | 9 | 8 | 17 | 7 | -59% |
| Vehicle Theft | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| Arson | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| Total Part 1 Property Crime | 14 | 12 | 23 | 9 | -61% |
| Total Part 1 Offenses | 18 | 17 | 25 | 11 | -56% |
| OUIL / OUID | 5 | 5 | 5 | 2 | -60% |
| Traffic Accidents | 107 | 103 | 105 | 100 | -5% |

A total of 99 traffic crashes were investigated in 2022. Of those, 14 crashes involved personal injury to people and 85 crashes resulted in property damage without any injuries.

Investigations Unit

During 2022, 4 cases were continued from the previous year, 6 reports were assigned, 6 reports were cleared, 3 reports were inactivated, and one report will continue to be investigated in 2023. The victims of crimes that lack any investigative leads are notified by letter that the case is not being investigated; however, the case may be reopened if new information develops.

| 2022 Report Dispositions | |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Assigned | 6 |
| Cleared | 6 |
| Inactivated | 3 |
| Continued in 2022 | 1 |

The following chart shows the types and individual number of offenses that occurred in Williamstown Township and were investigated by Meridian Township Investigators.

| Offenses | 2022 |
|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Fraud | 4 |
| Child Neglect | 0 |
| Criminal Sexual Conduct | 3 |
| Embezzlement | 0 |
| Family Trouble | 0 |
| Identity Theft | 0 |
| Larceny - From Automobile | 1 |
| Death Investigation | 2 |
| Total Offenses Investigated | 10 |