

# **MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP POLICE**



## **2018 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

David Hall\*\*\*  
Ken Plaga

### CAPTAIN

Greg Frenger\*\*\*

### LIEUTENANTS

Brad Bach  
Richard Grillo

### SERGEANTS

Lana Howell\*\*\*  
Scott Dawson  
Bart Crane  
Andrew McCready  
Edward Besonen  
Chris Lofton  
Jason Clements  
Brian Canen

### OFFICERS BY SENIORITY

Kelly Blask\*\*\*  
Kristi Lysik  
Paul Rambo  
Dave Metts  
Judy Hood\*\*\*  
Christina Scaccia  
Jeff Adams  
Curt Squires  
Brett Reed  
Erin Linn  
Andrew Tobias  
Kyle Royston  
Rebecca Payne  
Kevin Harvey  
Mark Divney  
Michael Hagbom  
Bryan LeRoy  
Doug Strouse  
Aaron McConaughy  
Dan King  
Adam Slavick  
Stephanie Lewis  
Ian Mandernack  
Kolby Casady  
Lerico White  
Megan Klein\*  
Austin Dietz\*  
Blaine Anderson\*  
Lorenzo Velasquez  
Antonio Trevino\*  
Kyle Cornell\*

### CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

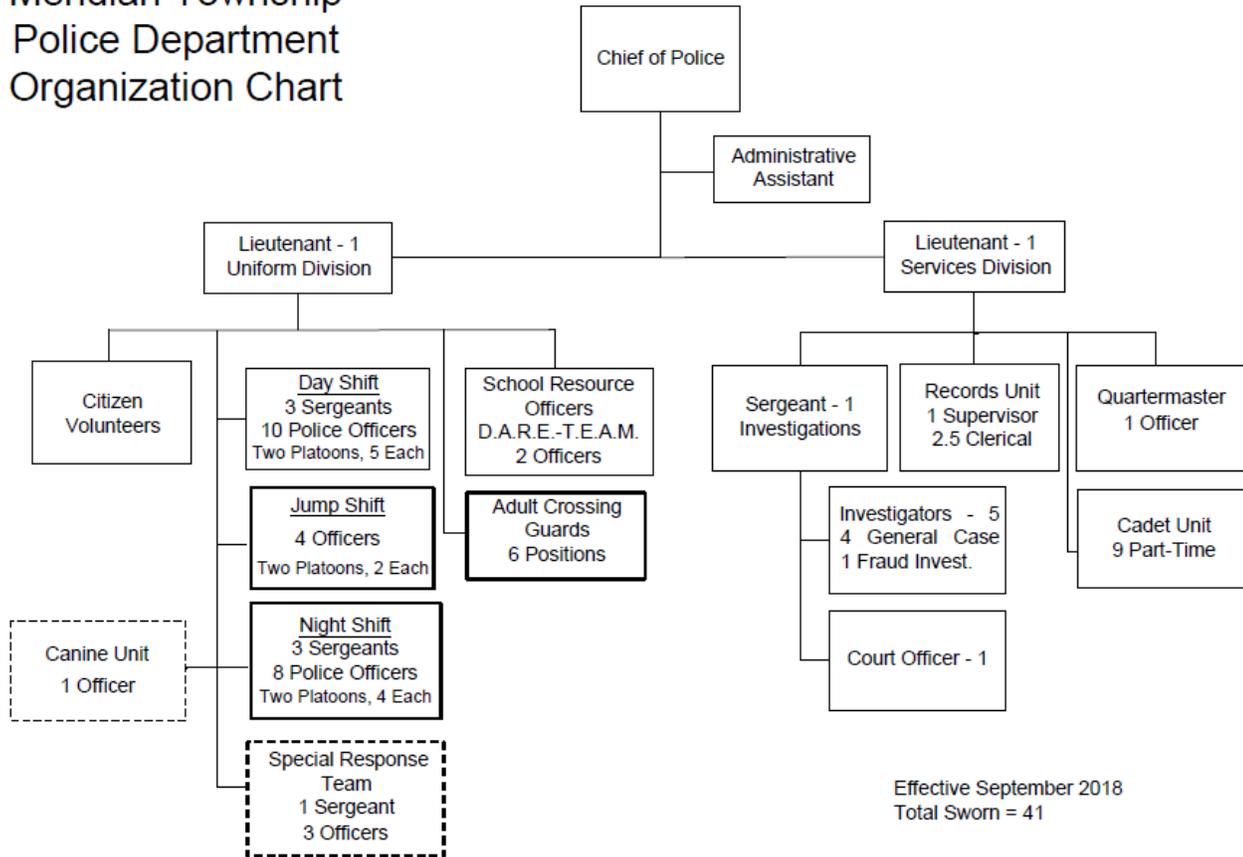
Cindy Cummings, Records Supervisor\*\*\*  
Kristi Schaeding, Administrative Assistant  
Lynne Bach, Records Supervisor  
Lori Hagan, Records Technician  
Diane Helferich , Records Technician\*\*\*  
Marcie Barnum, Records Technician\*  
Jennifer Ramsey, Records Technician\*

### CADETS

Andrew Braska \*\*\*  
Marissa Fura  
Sean Rasmussen\*\*\*  
Allison Akins\*  
Bailey Gosen\*\*\*  
Evan Buckner\*  
Matthew Kristufek  
Mike Scott\*\*\*  
Maryam Masood  
Jacob Scarvey\*  
Dhospina Qipo\*  
Jennah Wilson\*  
Tuval Vaknin\*\*\*

\*Hired in 2018  
\*\*Retired in 2018  
\*\*\*Resigned in 2018

# Meridian Township Police Department Organization Chart



## 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 25 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 2018, there were 18,588 calls for service (excluding traffic stops 5,504).

2018 Written Reports	
Alarms	771
Traffic Crashes	847
All Other	5,183
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,801</b>

### Yearly Comparisons

#### Written Reports

2015	2016	2017	2018
6,427	6,332	6,282	<b>6,801</b>

#### Calls for Service

2015	2016	2017	2018
17,254	18,364	17,545	<b>18,588</b>

#### Arrests

2015	2016	2017	2018
765	700	559	<b>577</b>

#### Citations

	2015	2016	2017	2018
Citations Issued	2,366	2,272	1,752	<b>1,922</b>
<b>Total # of Charges</b>	<b>2,743</b>	<b>2,768</b>	<b>2,188</b>	<b>2,379</b>

<b>Calls for Service As Received From Dispatch</b>			
911 Hang Up	111	Obscene	23
Abandoned Vehicle	59	OIWarrant	69
Accident Non-Traffic	0	Operating Under Influence of Drugs	47
Admin	1068	Ordinance Violation	22
Alarm	829	Parking Complaint	118
Animal Call	190	Party Complaint	38
Arson	1	Police Assist	145
Assault	111	Personal Injury Accident	82
Attempt to Locate	115	Personal Protection Order	43
Bar Check	11	Peace Officer Complaint	23
Bomb Threat	4	PININL – Accident with Entrapment	9
Burglary	120	PBT – Preliminary Breath Test	15
Chase-Pursuit	1	Private Property Accident	43
Child Abuse/Neglect	50	Pick up Property	131
Check ID	2	Property Damage Accident	859
Civil Disturbance	138	Prostitute	0
Community Meeting	17	Prowler	7
Crossing Guard	16	Person Requiring Treatment	26
Crowd Control	0	Runaway	56
Criminal Sexual Conduct	46	Reckless Driving	378
Deliver Message	16	Repossession	23
Disorderly Conduct	1	Retail Fraud	383
DOA	8	Robbery	10
Dog Complaint	229	School Check	307
Domestic Assault	135	Security Check	148
Drown in Moving Water	0	Shooting	0
Drugs	103	Shots Fired	38
Drunk	9	Special Assignment	198
Escort – Bank Escort	1	Stalking	22
Fight	122	Subpoena Service	131
Fire Assist	648	Subject Down	5
Fireworks Complaint	32	Suicide	29
Follow-up	1064	Suspicious Situation/Person/Vehicle	1,359
Foot Patrol	30	Threat	133
Fraud	371	Traffic Control	59
Harassment	135	Transport	100
Hazzard – Road	343	Trash / Littering Complaint	12
Hit and Run	149	Trespass	38
Inmate – Transfer	3	Trouble With Subject	345
Juvenile	65	Test – Test CAD call	0
K9 – Assist	26	Unlawfully Driving Away An Automobile	95
Kidnapping	6	Unknown Injury / Accident	33
Larceny	672	Unwanted Person	190
Liquor Law Violations	1	Unwanted Trouble/Unknown Trouble	105
Lock Out	26	Utility / Wires Down	79
Malicious Destruction of Property	178	Vehicle ID Check	18
Medical Assist	3,636	Visual/Vacation Property Check	116
Missing Person	63	Warrant Arrest	123
Motorist Assist	340	Weapon Violation	23
Neighbor Complaint	39	Welfare Check	714
Noise	278		
<b>TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE: 18,588 *</b>			

\*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 2018			
Abandoned Vehicles	606	Juvenile Offenses / Runaway	36
Alarm Response	771	Kidnap	4
Animal Cruelty	1	K9 Search/Training	49
Arson	4	Larceny	577
Assault	290	Liquor Law/Violations	18
Building Code Violation	0	Medical First Responder	517
Burglary	118	Miscellaneous Non-Criminal Offense	390
Commercialized Sex/Prostitution	0	Motor Vehicle Theft	53
Conservation	5	Murder	1
Criminal Sexual Conduct	59	Negligent Homicide/Manslaughter	0
Damage to Property	137	Obscenity	20
Disorderly Conduct	40	Obstructing Justice	338
Dog Complaints	13	Obstructing Police	23
Embezzlement	19	Ordinance Violation	3
Extortion	3	OUI of Liquor of Drugs	63
Family Abuse / Neglect / Other	18	Peeping Tom	0
Fire Assist	3	Public Peace Other	3
Fireworks	0	Retail Fraud	363
Forgery / Counterfeiting	31	Robbery	15
Fraud	298	Sex Offense (Other)	1
Health and Safety	15	Stolen Property	10
Hit and Run Motor Vehicle Accident	8	Threat to Burn/Bomb	1
Immigration	0	Traffic Civil	1,056
Incapacitated / Mental Health	108	Traffic Criminal	211
Intimidation / Stalking	40	Trespass	117
Investigation / Inspection (Non-Criminal)	239	Violation of Controlled Substance	91
Invasion of Privacy (other)	2	Weapons Offense	13
<b>TOTAL OFFENSES REPORTED: 6,801</b>			
<i>*Some written reports have multiple offenses</i>			

Crash investigations in Meridian Township totaled 847 in 2018. This was a decrease of 69 from the previous year. Crashes are classified as personal injury, property damage (no injuries) and hit and run crashes. There were 141 crashes with injured occupants and 706 crashes with no injuries.



## **TRAFFIC SAFETY**

The Meridian Township Police Department views traffic safety as an important key to keeping the community safe. The Department works with the Ingham County Road Commission and the State Highway Department to address road design related concerns. Officers take enforcement in areas identified as directed patrols based on complaints from citizens. Additionally, the speed trailer and speed sign are utilized to educate motorists regarding speed-related safety concerns.

Three of our officers provide car seat inspections at the Department. A total of 58 inspections were completed in 2018. Officers also participated in the Safe Kids Event at the Ingham County Human Services Building in August and offered inspections at the annual Halloween Open House at the police Department in October.

## **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 a regional crash investigation team. On-duty team members are called to assist participating agencies with potentially fatal crash investigations. This effort has increased the experience of the investigators while reducing overtime costs for the Departments.

<b>Meridian Township Deer Involved Collision Data</b>			
Year	Injury Involved	No Injury Involved	Total
2015	5	139	144
2016	5	159	164
2017	4	122	126
<b>2018</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>127</b>

## **VOLUNTEERS**

We are fortunate to have three volunteers who assist the Department on a regular basis. One volunteer helps with the annual Halloween Open House by greeting and organizing the visitors as they arrive in the lobby of the Department. She has assisted with the event for the past six years.

Two Volunteer Parking Enforcement personnel provided a total of 131 volunteer hours in 2018. They issued 72 Warnings, 15 Fire Lane Citations, and 137 Handicap Citations. The total number of citations were 187 for the year. The Department does not require payment of handicap citations when the disabled person shows that he/she had a permit that was not displayed. Our concern is to keep the spaces available for those who have permits, not collecting fines from persons with disabilities.

## **COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICERS**

Community policing is an important element of fulfilling our Mission Statement and effectively serving the community. Officers are in regular contact with their neighborhood leaders and residents to improve communication and build trust with the community. The officers contact the leader a minimum of once per month to check in and provide the leader with information on crimes that have occurred and upcoming events.

National Night Out is an annual event to promote community partnerships with law enforcement. Officers attended twenty-six events with some locations receiving a visit from McGruff the Crime Dog, the police motorcycle, canine teams, and fire trucks and ambulances.

**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 TEAM**

The Department has one canine that is trained for article searches, building searches, narcotics detection, and tracking. Officer Tobias and Yukon are also assigned to the Ingham Regional Special Response Team (IRSRT) and assist the team with perimeter security and tracking. Area Departments request and/or provide mutual aid from canine when they either do not have a canine on duty or they do not have a team on the Department. The canine team did 328.5 hours of monthly training, 40 hours of annual training totaling 368.5 hours. In addition, Officer Tobias and Yukon trained with the IRSRT for 57 hours of monthly training and 36 hours annually for 93 total. In 2018, canine Uby retired after 6 years of service, leaving only one canine for the department.

<b>2018 Canine Team Activity Numbers</b>	
Calls Handled By Meridian’s Canine	73
Calls Handled By Other Departments	4
Call Outs To Other Departments	36
<b>Total Calls For Service</b>	<b>113</b>
<b>Activity Type</b>	
IRSRT	7
Article Search	7
Building Search	6
Demonstrations	11
Narcotics Search	53
Other	3
Track	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>114</b>

\*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 180 hours of annual training. This totals 708 hours of yearly training. IRSRT had 13 call outs in 2018.

IRSRT also has a Negotiator Team comprised of hostage negotiators. The negotiators are not activated unless the situation dictates a need for negotiators. Meridian Township has two officers and one command officer assigned to the team.

**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 assist with several community events focused on children in the community, including the “Shop with a Cop” program. In 2018, 15 students in our districts were chosen to participate in the program. The School Resource Officers then work with the participants, provide necessary documentation to the event organizers, and volunteer their time to shop with the students.

The elderly in our community are also an important part of our community events. Officers participate in the monthly Tri-County TRIAD meetings. They also assist in the planning of the annual “No Senior without a Christmas.” In 2018, the group delivered 350 Christmas Baskets to seniors in need throughout the Lansing area. Officer Scaccia is working on implementation of a Senior Watch Program, an outreach with our elderly community.

<b>Number of Classes Held in 2018</b>	
D.A.R.E	227
T.E.A.M.	12
Other Presentations	92
<b>Total for 2017</b>	<b>331</b>

### **SERVICES DIVISION**

The Services Division is composed of the Investigations Unit, the Records Unit, the Cadet Program, and the Property Technician/Quartermaster. The division is responsible for all records management functions, police investigations, hiring and recruiting, and property and evidence management.

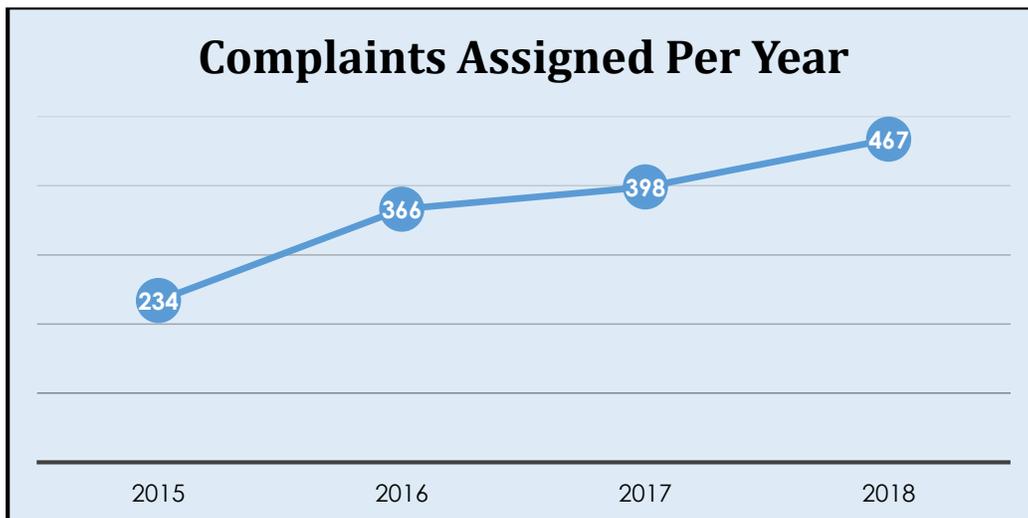
#### **INVESTIGATIONS UNIT**

Personnel are selected to serve in the Investigations Unit for a three-year assignment. Extensions may be granted based on rotation to keep experienced officers as part of the team. The Investigations Unit includes a sergeant, four officers investigating cases and a Court Services Officer (CSO). The CSO is assigned to be the liaison with prosecutors, township attorney and courts. The CSO is also responsible for sex offender registration and verification.

The officers are assigned to investigate criminal complaints including but not limited to homicides, sexual assaults, robberies, child abuse, elderly abuse, home invasions, embezzlements, larcenies and death investigations. Cases are closed when a suspect is identified and the prosecutor authorizes charges, or all investigative efforts have been exhausted. Crimes against persons are given greater priority than crimes involving theft.

The table below shows the Investigations Unit assigned a total of 467 complaints in 2018.

<b>Complaints Assigned Per Year</b>	
2015	234
2016	366
2017	398
2018	467



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	2015	2016	2017	2018
Homicide	1	0	2	0
Kidnap	0	1	1	2
Criminal Sexual Conduct	25	31	40	88
Robbery	3	6	18	7
Assault/Stalking	13	13	24	25
Arson	1	0	1	1
Extortion	1	2	2	0
Burglary	75	48	62	65
Larceny	48	139	97	94
Unlawful Driving Away Auto	12	5	19	18
Forgery	12	9	13	2
Fraud	46	59	67	78
Embezzlement	9	6	6	4
Stolen Property	2	1	2	9
Malicious Destruction of Property	3	2	32	8
Retail Fraud	10	11	23	14
Drugs	2	7	12	7
Sex Offenses	3	3	0	0
Obscene Material	6	4	6	8
Child Abuse	4	2	3	3
Liquor Law Violation	0	1	0	0
Obstructing Police	0	3	0	0
Obstructing Justice	0	0	0	0
Weapons Offense	0	2	2	4
Public Peace	1	0	0	3
Hit & Run Accident	2	1	2	1
Health and Safety	0	2	0	3
Invasion of Privacy	0	0	2	0
Conservation	0	0	4	0
Juvenile Runaway	3	2	5	2
Traffic Offenses	14	1	0	1
Juvenile Violation	0	2	0	3
Civil Custody	6	2	0	0

Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	2	0	0
Suspicious Situations	0	9	11	16
General Assist	12	1	2	2
Death Investigations	12	20	35	50
Missing Persons	0	2	5	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>519</b>

In 2018, the Investigations Unit continued to investigate 72 offenses from 2017, while 467 offenses were assigned, 205 were cleared, 103 were inactivated, and 159 will continue to be investigated in 2019.

2018 Complaint Dispositions	
Continued from 2017	72
Assigned in 2018	467
Cleared in 2018	205
Inactivated in 2018	103
Continued in 2019	159

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 2018, the Investigators submitted 119 requests for warrants and petitions to the ICPO.

Investigations Warrant Requests & Petitions for 2018			
	Felony	Misdemeanor	Totals
Requested	95	24	<b>119</b>
Issued	46	16	<b>62</b>
Denied	34	5	<b>39</b>
Diversion	1	0	<b>1</b>
Status Pending	14	3	<b>17</b>



A total of \$25,614.83 worth of stolen property was recovered in 2018. The majority of the recovered stolen property was returned to the victims.

Noteworthy investigations for 2018 include:

- A home invasion with two victims and a large amount of merchandise stolen and recovered. Suspects were arrested and are awaiting trial.

- An armed robbery of local businesses. The suspects were apprehended and due to involving multiple jurisdictions are being handled federally.
- A subject died as a result of heroin overdose. Worked with agencies outside of the county to charge the subject that supplied the heroin. Suspect is currently awaiting trial.
- Armed robberies of area businesses. Suspect was located and taken into custody. Suspect was charged federally.

## **COURT SERVICES**

The Court Services Officer (CSO) processes criminal complaints and submits them to the Ingham County Prosecutors Office and the Township Attorney to request arrest warrants and juvenile petitions.

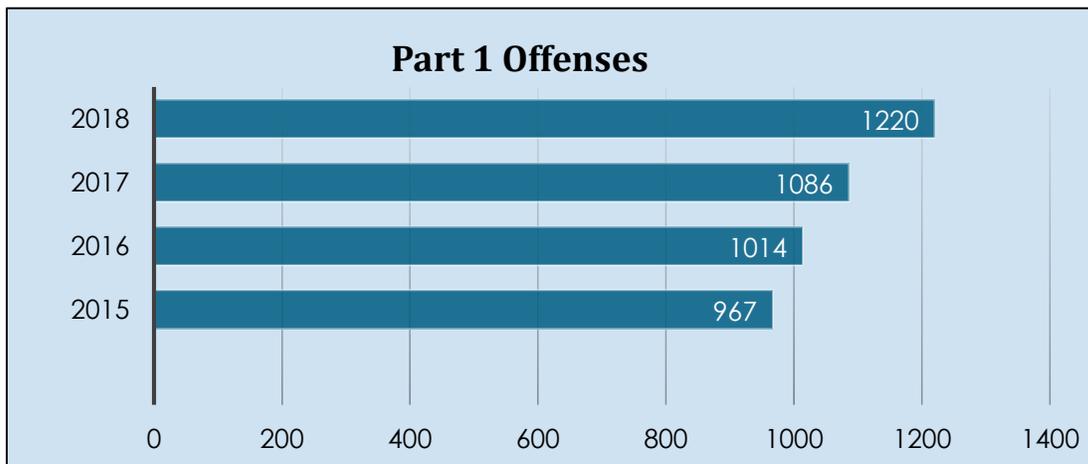
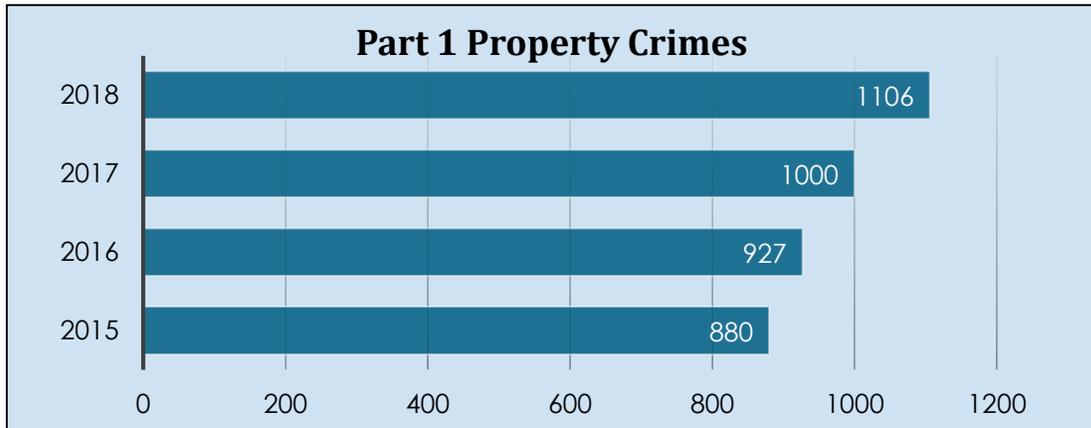
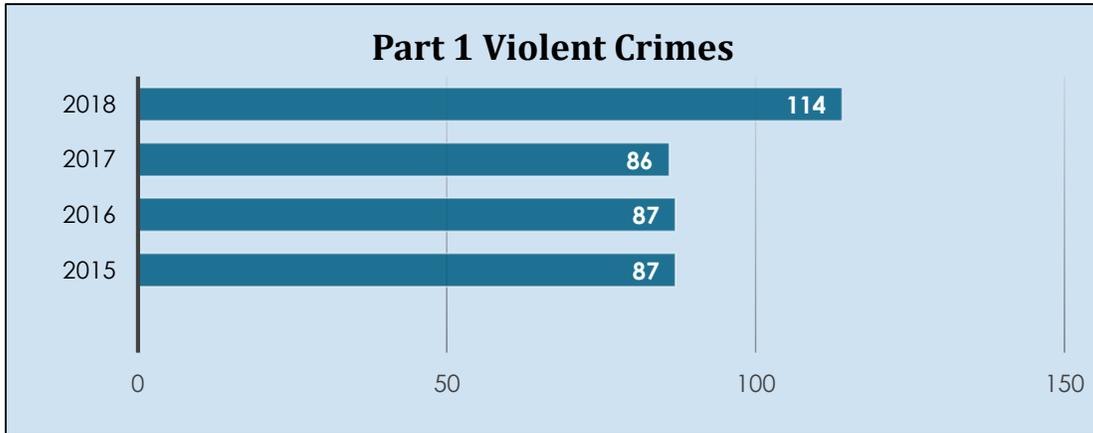
<b>COURT SERVICES</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
Arraignments	248	273	215	<b>154</b>
Subpoenas Served	896	952	842	<b>832</b>
Personal Protection Orders	37	38	67	<b>38</b>
Warrant Requests	524	641	522	<b>605</b>
Warrants Signed by CSO	485	418	431	<b>429</b>
Twp. Attorney Requests	214	212	177	<b>188</b>
Total Petition Requests	74	74	152	<b>134</b>
Retail Fraud Requests	300	342	319	<b>332</b>
OWI Requests	64	60	80	<b>66</b>
Assault Requests	62	60	62	<b>48</b>
Assault Requests-Domestic	133	137	144	<b>175</b>
Larceny/Fraud Requests	30	87	76	<b>95</b>
Narcotics Requests	49	53	75	<b>75</b>

## **RECORDS UNIT**

The Records Unit staff consists of three full-time employees and one part-time employee. It provides support to the Uniform Division as well as the Investigations Unit by preparing criminal reports for prosecution and reporting crimes to the state. Stats are compiled from many different databases and provided to Department staff, the Township Manager and Township Board members. Customer service is a large part of the records staff duties as well. Report copies, Freedom of Information Requests, background checks and licenses to purchase pistols can be obtained in the Records Unit.

<b>Annual Crime Reporting Summary</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>% Change 2017-2018</b>
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	1	0	1	0	-100%
Rape and Attempted Rape	23	35	32	58	81%
Robbery	15	11	18	15	-17%
Aggravated Assault	48	41	35	41	17%
<b>Total Part 1 Violent Crime</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>33%</b>
Burglary	145	104	112	115	3%
Larceny	715	801	864	935	8%
Vehicle Theft	20	18	21	52	148%

Annual Crime Reporting Summary	2015	2016	2017	2018	% Change 2017-2018
Arson	1	4	3	4	33%
Total Part 1 Property Crime	880	927	1,000	1,106	11%
Total Part I Offenses	967	1,014	1,086	1220	12%
OWI Arrests (Liquor or Drugs)	63	58	72	63	-13%
Traffic Accident – Roadway	904	1046	916	847	-8%



## **TRAINING**

Under the direction of the Chief of Police, the Training Sergeant oversees all training for the Department. The Department provided employees with 5,603.90 hours of training in 2018. This was an increase of 447.75 hours from 2017.

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 providers 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.

## **MID-MICHIGAN POLICE ACADEMY**

The Training Sergeant is also assigned as a Coordinator for Lansing Community College's Mid-Michigan Police Academy. Coordinators work closely with the recruits for the seventeen-week academy. Besides being involved in the development of future police officers, the Department gains the ability to monitor the Academy for potential employees.

## **20<sup>th</sup> CITIZENS' ACADEMY**

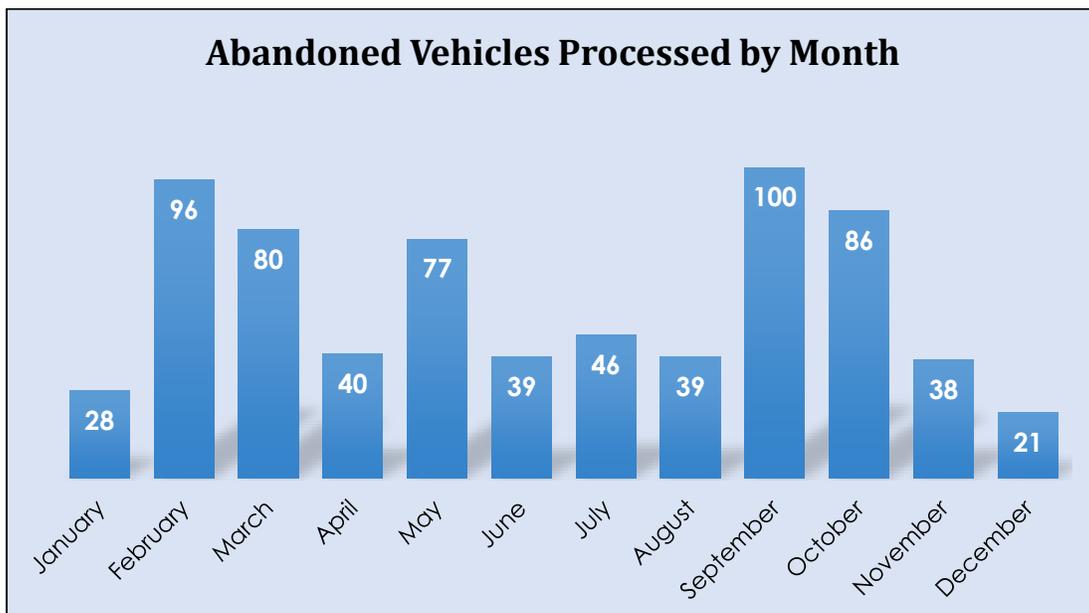
The Department hosts a ten-week Citizens' Academy that meets once a week for three hours in the fall. This academy exposes the attendees to police operations and procedures. Twelve citizens from Meridian and Williamstown Townships participated in 2018.

## **12<sup>th</sup> 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. Ten students from the Haslett, Okemos, Lansing, and Bath school districts attended the Academy in 2018.

## **PROPERTY ROOM REPORT**

The Quartermaster position was assigned to Officer Kyle Royston in March 2018. A full inventory audit was conducted in October 2018. The Department processed 690 abandoned vehicles in 2018.



## **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 2018, a total of 227 surveys were returned. The 19% response rate was the same as compared to 2017.

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

<b>Category</b>	<b>Rating of Excellent/Good</b>
Helpfulness	94%
Friendliness	96%
Knowledge	92%
Quality of Service	92%
Professional Conduct	95%
Response Time	93%

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

<b>Category</b>	<b>Rating of Excellent/Good</b>
Helpfulness	75%
Friendliness	72%
Knowledge	71%
Quality of Service	71%
Professional Conduct	72%

*\*Not all questions generated a response.*

## **CITIZEN SERVICE COMPLAINT SUMMARY**

The Department investigated seven formal citizen service complaints during 2018. The following is a summary of the findings.

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

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

The Department is committed to having an online presence using Facebook, Twitter and Blogger.com. 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.

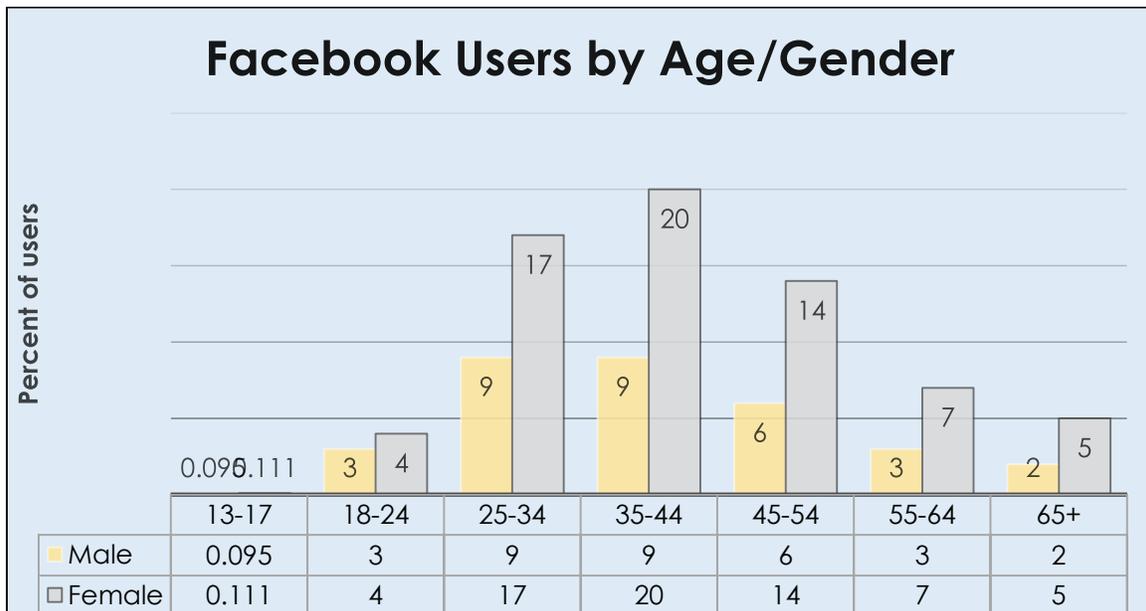
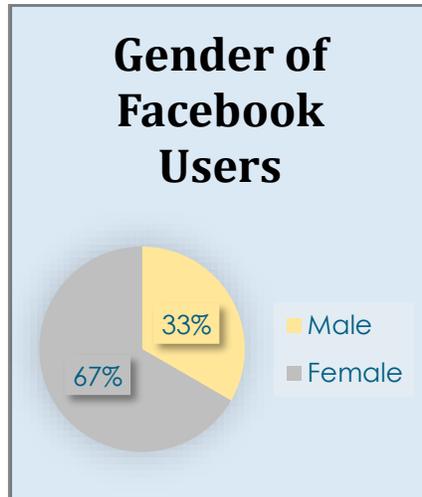
The Department's blog includes press releases, crime prevention tips, and helpful links for the community (i.e., animal control, school district personnel) which together has contributed to our overall goal of maintaining closer communications with the public.

## EVERBRIDGE ALERTS

The Police Department has transitioned away from Nixle. We currently utilize the Everbridge Alerts system.

## FACEBOOK

Facebook offers the greatest return on time invested. The 6,346 people who “Like” our page is up from the 5,040 who did in 2017. Facebook has been helpful in many areas including the identification of suspects, distributing traffic alerts and the posting of wanted persons. The Department also uses its Facebook platform to engage the community in discussions.



## TWITTER

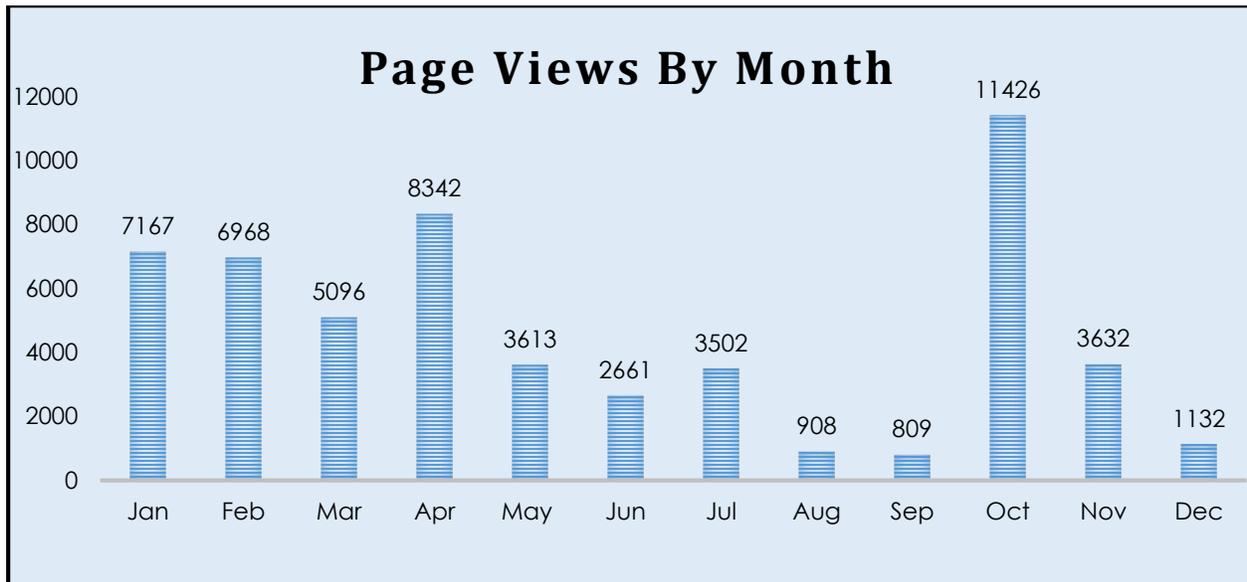
There are 2,393 individuals that follow the Department’s Twitter page.

## BLOG

- 506,269 total page views since April of 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 of 2018 continue to be posts seeking suspect identity information.



### **POLICE DEPARTMENT 2018 GOAL BASED ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

In conjunction with the 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.

#### **Begin State Accreditation through the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police**

Review of state accreditation was done and due to the retirement of two command level personnel (The Chief of Police and a Captain), accreditation efforts were pushed back to 2019. Funding has been secured in the 2019 budget to continue with accreditation completion.

#### **Continue Efforts to Reduce Workers Compensation and Lawsuits Claims**

Department wide training was conducted on risk management with an emphasis on reduction of risk exposure. The Department is also an active participant in the Township wide safety committee. Legal training is ongoing within the Department making current best practices and legal issues the forefront of Department daily operations.

#### **Implement New State Accreditation and Training Software**

Power DMS software has been installed and is operational. All Police Department general orders are now uploaded and accessible via mobile application or online access. Department wide training on use of the application has begun and further training will be conducted in 2019.

#### **Migrate to Cloud Based Digital Evidence Storage and Management**

All in-car and body worn camera videos are now stored on a cloud based server. Digital photographs and 911 recordings are also stored and managed using a cloud based service. This cloud based approach reduces the need to download audio/video evidence and enhances access to those who need the information.

#### **Upgrade Evidence Management and Tracking Hardware**

New evidence tracking hardware has been upgraded to include a computer tablet allowing for remote evidence management. New barcode scanning equipment and printers have also been added to replace failing equipment.

**Work Diligently Toward Full Staffing (41)**

The Department is currently staffed at 39 with an additional candidate in the background investigation phase. Interviews were conducted in December 2018 to fill the last position.

**Continue Collective Efforts to Foster an Environment that is Welcoming, Diverse and Inclusive**

The Department attended two diversity job fairs to recruit a more diverse work force, one at Wayne State University and the other at Michigan State University. The Department hired two minority officers and one female officer in 2018. The Department is also a member and participates in the Advocates and Leaders for Police and Community Trust (ALPACT). The Department regularly attends and participates in race relations forums held by MSU.

**Continue to Seek Opportunities to Reduce Overall Operating Costs**

The Department leverages online quotes to insure purchasing costs are controlled and the most economical price is obtained. Scheduling hours have also been adjusted to alleviate overtime during high calls for service times.

**Sponsor a Candidate to the Mid-Michigan Police Academy**

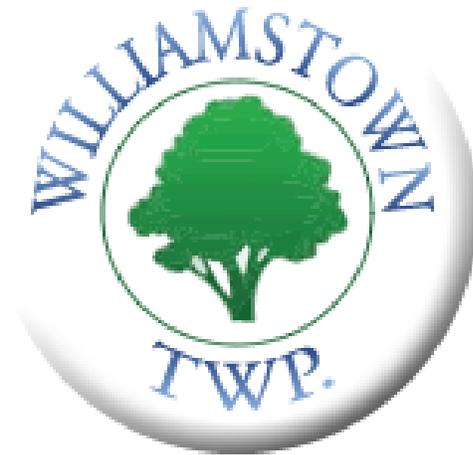
The Department sponsored an officer to the Mid-Michigan Police Academy in 2018 and that officer is now a solo performing officer for the Township.

**Renew the Contract for Police Services with Williamstown Township**

The contract for police services to Williamstown Township was renewed in November of 2018. The new contract is for a three-year period and includes incremental increases to cover rising labor costs.

**MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP  
POLICE**

**WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP  
POLICE SERVICES**



**2018  
ANNUAL REPORT**

**Williamstown Township  
Police Services  
2018 Annual Report**

The Meridian Township Police Department provides law enforcement services to Williamstown Township. The 2017-18 contract arranges for Williamstown Township to compensate Meridian Township \$216,723.00 per calendar year and \$56.17 per hour outside of the 80 hours of weekly patrol for emergency and non-emergency responses.

Williamstown Township Statistics				
	2015	2016	2017	2018
Written Reports	370	379	381	384
Calls for Service	1508	1546	1616	1769
Calls for Service (excluding traffic stops)	1111	1103	1226	1239
Arrests	21	11	12	20
Citations Issued	162	159	73	101
<b>Total Number of Charges</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>120</b>

Written Reports				
	2015	2016	2017	2018
Alarms	53	68	66	61
Traffic Crashes	128	127	115	116
All Other	189	184	200	207
<b>Total</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>384</b>

Williamstown Township Deer Involved Collision Data			
Year	Injury Involved	No Injury Involved	Total
2015	1	67	68
2016	1	76	77
2017	1	63	64
<b>2018</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>68</b>

Calls for Service As Received from Dispatch			
911 Hang Up	3	Noise	8
Abandoned Vehicle	1	Obscene	3
Admin	42	OIWarrant	2
Alarm	70	Ordinance Violation	9
Animal Call	43	Operating While Intoxicated	6
Arson	0	OUID	0
Assault	1	Park	2
Assist	0	Party	1
Attempt to Locate	3	Peace	3
Attempt Warrant Pickup	0	Personal Injury Accident	9
Bar Check	0	Personal Protection Order	4
Break In	6	Pickup Property	4
Canine Assist	1	Police Assist	9
Check Area	0	Private Property Accident	1
Check Subject	0	Property Check	69
Check Vehicle	0	Property Damage Accident	85
Civil	18	Prowler	0
Community Meeting	0	Reckless Driving	48
Criminal Sexual Conduct	1	Robbery	0
Deliver Message/Death Notification	2	Runaway	4
DOA	0	School Walk Through	2
Dog	22	Security Check	16
Domestic	13	Shots	10
Drugs	1	Sex Offender Registration Violation	0
Driving While License Suspended	0	Special Assignment	35
Family/Neglect	3	Stalking	1
Fight	3	Subpoena Service	9
Fire Assist	35	Suicide	3
Fireworks	4	Suspicious Situation/Person/Vehicle	88
Follow-up	65	Threat	6
Fraud	11	Traffic Control	1
General / Non-Criminal	0	Traffic Hazard	0
Harassment	9	Traffic Stop	530
Hazard/Road	59	Train	0
Hit and Run	4	Transport	1
Juvenile	2	Trash / Littering Complaint	2
Larceny	14	Trespass	3
Liquor Law Inspection/Violation	0	Trouble With Subject	16
Lockout	1	Unlawfully Driving Away An Automobile	1
Lost Property	0	Unknown Injury / Accident	6
Malicious Destruction	16	Unknown Trouble	4
Medical Assist	188	Unwanted Person	6
Mental	0	Utility / Wires Down	10
Minor In Possession	0	Vehicle Impound	0
Missing Person	2	VIN Check	6
Motorist Assist	31	Warrant Arrest/Attempt	11
Natural Death	0	Weapon Violation	5
Neighbor	4	Welfare Check	51
<b>TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE: 1,768 *</b>			

\*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 2018			
Alarm Response	61	K9 Search/Training	2
Animal Complaint	0	Larceny	14
Animal Cruelty	1	Liquor Violations	0
Arson	0	Littering	0
Assault	28	Medical First Responder	47
Assist Other Agency	0	Miscellaneous Non-Traffic-Offense	19
Burglary	8	Missing Person	0
City Ordinance	6	Motor Vehicle Theft	2
Conservation	1	Natural Death	0
Criminal Sexual Conduct	1	Noise	0
Damage to Property	10	Obscene Materials	2
Disorderly Conduct	2	Obstructing Justice	13
Embezzlement	0	Obstructing Police	0
Family Abuse/Neglect/Other	1	OUI of Liquor of Drugs	5
Fraud	10	Public Peace	0
Harassing Communication	2	Sex Offender/Fail to Comply	0
Health and Safety	2	Suicide	0
Hit and Run Motor Vehicle Accident	1	Traffic Civil	104
Incapacitated/Mental Health	7	Traffic Criminal	11
Intimidation/Stalking	0	Trespass	5
Investigation/Inspection (Non-Criminal)	13	Violation of a Controlled Substance	1
Juvenile	3	Weapons Offense	2
<b>Total Offenses Reported 384</b>			
<i>*Written reports may have multiple offenses</i>			

**Williamstown Township  
2018 Annual Crime Reporting Summary  
Part 1 Offenses and OUIL/OUID Arrests & Traffic Accidents**

<b>Part 1 Offenses:</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>% Change 2017-2018</b>
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0%
Rape and Attempted Rape	1	2	1	1	0%
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0%
Aggravated Assault	2	3	2	4	100%
<b>Total Part 1 Violent Crime</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>67%</b>
Burglary	3	5	16	8	-50%
Larceny	9	15	18	14	-22%
Vehicle Theft	1	1	3	1	-67%
Arson	1	0	0	0	0%
<b>Total Part 1 Property Crime</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>-38%</b>
<b>Total Part 1 Offenses</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>-30%</b>
OUIL / OUID	10	5	4	5	25%
Traffic Accidents	128	127	116	101	-13%

A total of 101 traffic crashes were investigated in 2018. Of those, 12 crashes involved personal injury to people and 89 crashes resulted in property damage without any injuries.

**Investigations Unit**

During 2018, 3 cases were continued from the previous year, 14 reports were assigned, 6 reports were cleared, 5 reports were inactivated, and 3 will continue to be investigated in 2018. 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.

<b>2018 Report Dispositions</b>	
Assigned	14
Cleared	6
Inactivated	5
Continued in 2019	3

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

<b>Offenses</b>	<b>2018</b>
Criminal Sexual Conduct	2
Assault	1
Home Invasion	4
Motor Vehicle Theft	1
Larceny – Theft from Motor Vehicle	1
Larceny-Other	3
Death Investigations	1
Possession of Drugs	0
Fraud	1
<b>Total Offenses Investigated</b>	<b>14</b>