

MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP POLICE



2016 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.

CORE 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

CHIEF

David Hall

ASSISTANT CHIEF

Ken Plaga

CAPTAIN

Greg Frenger

SERGEANTS

Lana Howell	Andrew McCready
Scott Dawson	Richard Grillo
Brad Bach	Edward Besonen
Bart Crane	

OFFICERS BY SENIORITY

Kelly Blask	Kyle Royston
Kristi Lysik	Rebecca Payne
Paul Rambo	Kevin Harvey
Dave Metts	Mark Divney
Judy Hood	Jason Clements
Christina Scaccia	Michael Hagbom
Jeff Adams	Bryan LeRoy
Curt Squires	Adam Stebbins
Brett Reed	Brian Dow ***
Erin Linn	Doug Strouse
Brian Canen	Aaron McConaughy
Charles Glumb	Dan King
Andrew Tobias	Adam Slavick *
Christopher Lofton	Tori Klewicki-McNutt *
Robert Jurhs ***	

CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

Cindy Cummings, Records Supervisor	Lynne Bach, Records Technician
Kristi Schaeding, Administrative Assistant	Lori Hagan, Records Technician
Chris Domeyer, Property Technician	Chris Collette ***, Records Technician

CADETS

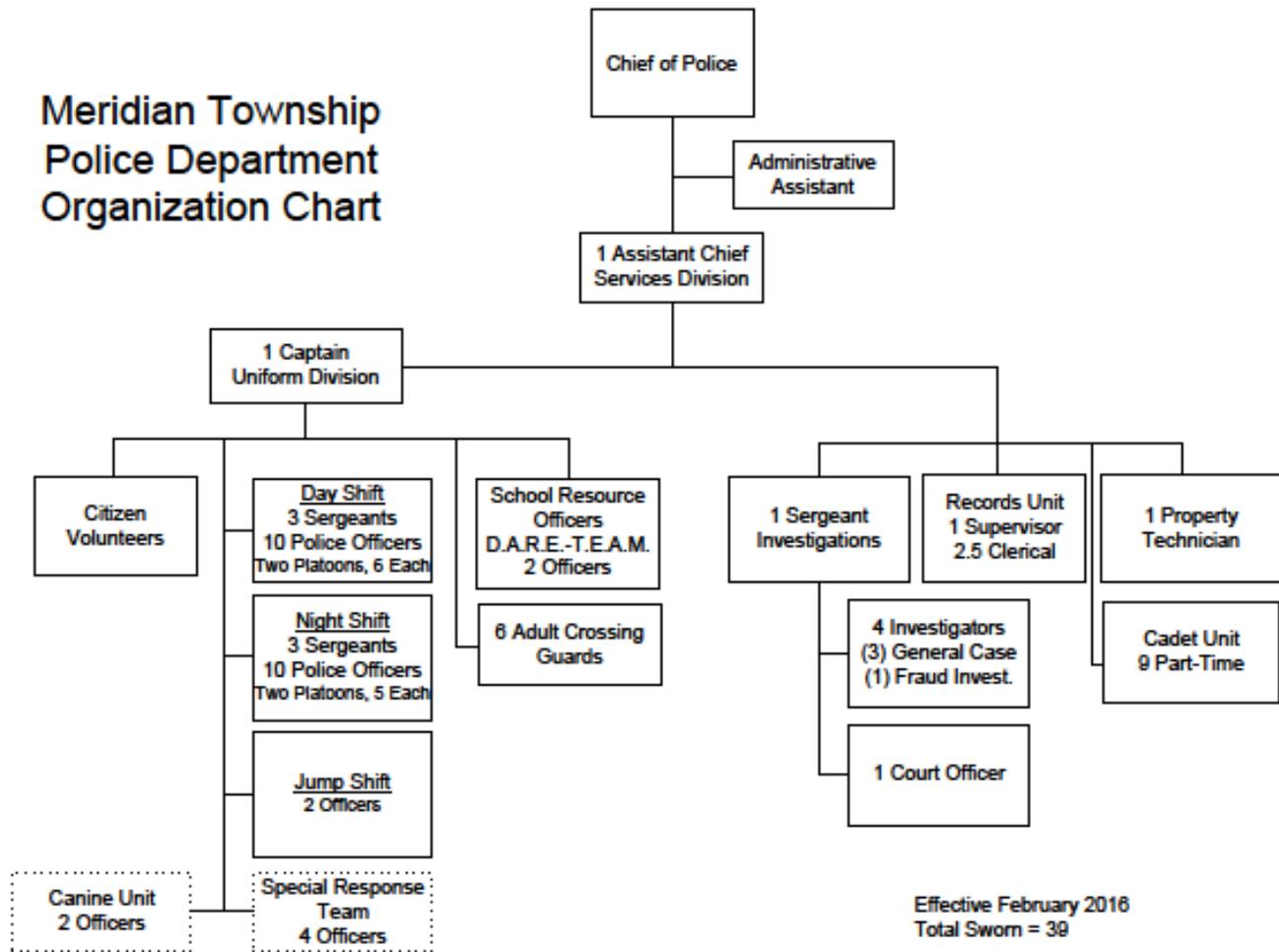
Elizabeth Johnston ***	Grant Thelen
Jennifer Bentz ***	Brian Kolke *
Kaitlynn Totten ***	Mike Scott *
Sean Rasmussen	Maryam Masood*
Emily Eaton	Matthew Greydanus*
Ashley Stombaugh	Katrina Hines *

* *Hired in 2016*

** *Retired in 2016*

*** *Resigned in 2016*

Meridian Township Police Department Organization Chart



Effective February 2016
Total Sworn = 39

ADMINISTRATION

The command structure consists of the Uniform Division and the Services Division.

Promotions were made in February. Ken Plaga was promoted from Lieutenant to Assistant Chief with primary responsibility over the Services Division. The Assistant Chief has authority over the entire Department under the Chief. Lieutenant Greg Frenger was promoted to Captain and placed in charge of the Uniform Division.

UNIFORM DIVISION

The Uniform Division is the larger of the two divisions. The Division consists of Road Patrol, the Canine Unit and the School and Community Resource Unit. The division has 27 officers, 6 sergeants and is commanded by a Captain. The division's primary purpose is to provide 24-hour road patrol to Meridian and Williamstown Townships. The division also provides DARE and TEAM lessons in the schools located within Meridian Township.

In 2016, there were 18,364 calls for service (excluding traffic stops). Of those calls, 6,332 were written police reports and 700 were arrests. Officers issued 2,272 citations with a total number of 2,768 charges. Each citation can include up to three charges.

2016 Written Reports	
Alarms	839
Traffic Crashes	1046
All Other	4447
Total	6,332

Yearly Comparisons

Written Reports

2013	2014	2015	2016
5,973	6,308	6,427	6,332

Calls for Service

2013	2014	2015	2016
13,839	13,551	17,254	18,364

Arrests

2013	2014	2015	2016
864	855	765	700

Citations

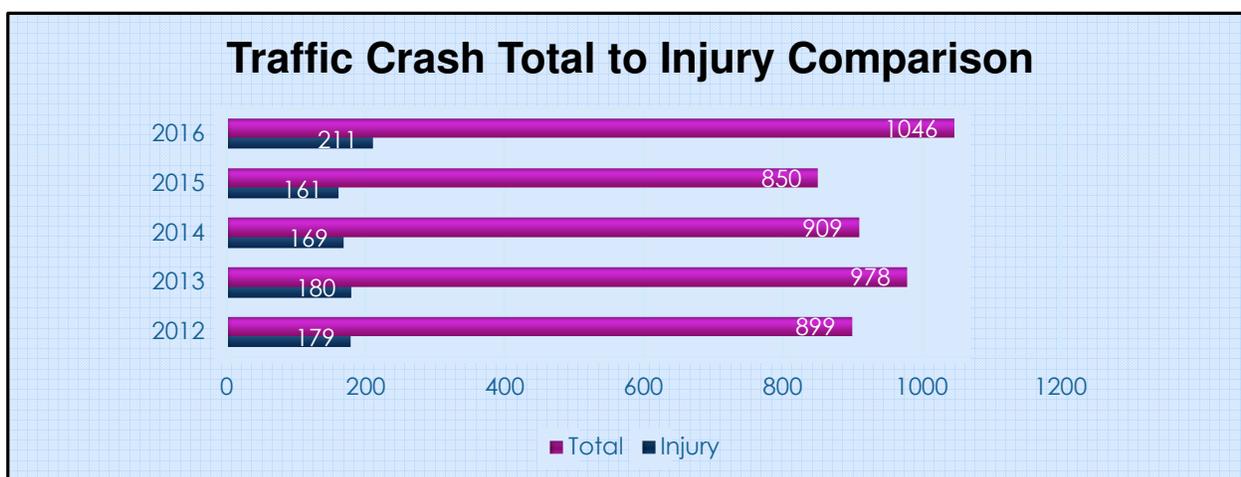
	2013	2014	2015	2016
Citations Issued	2,883	2,618	2,366	2,272
Total # of Charges	3,468	2,979	2,743	2,768

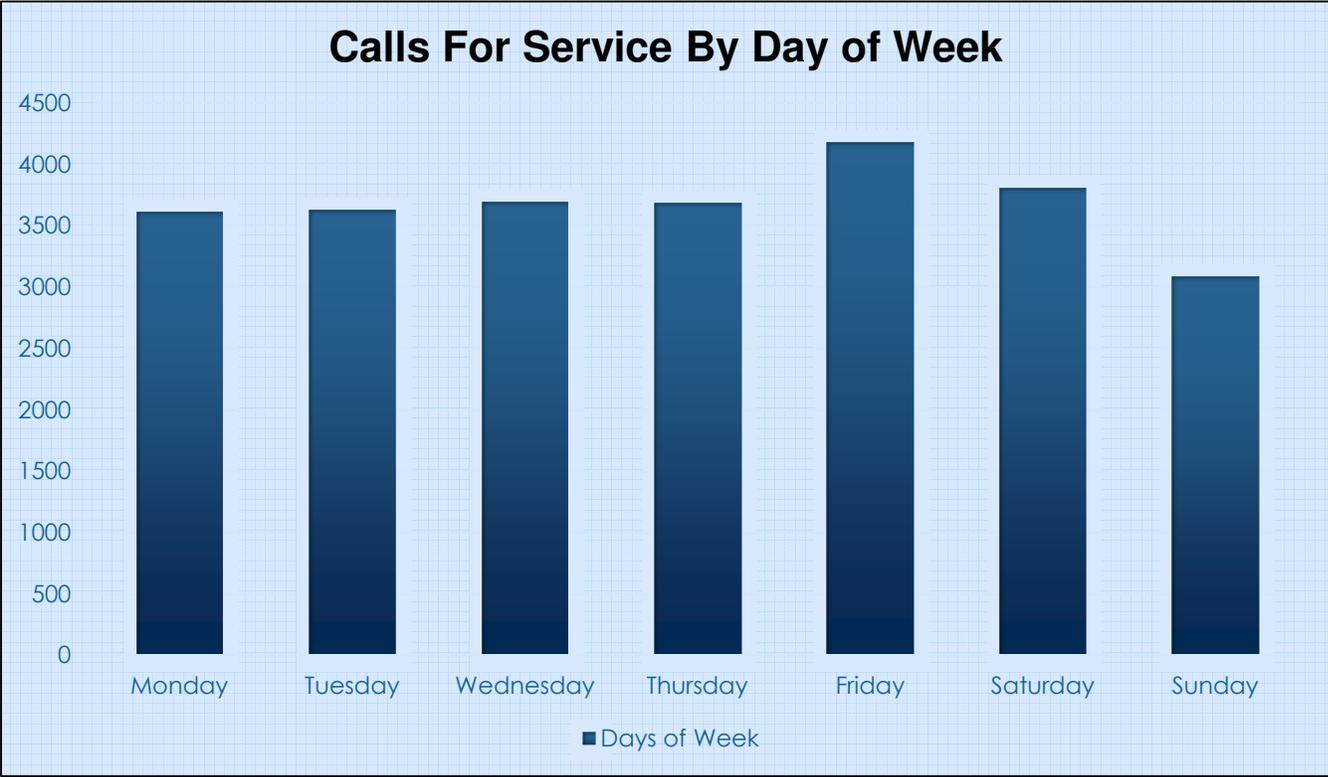
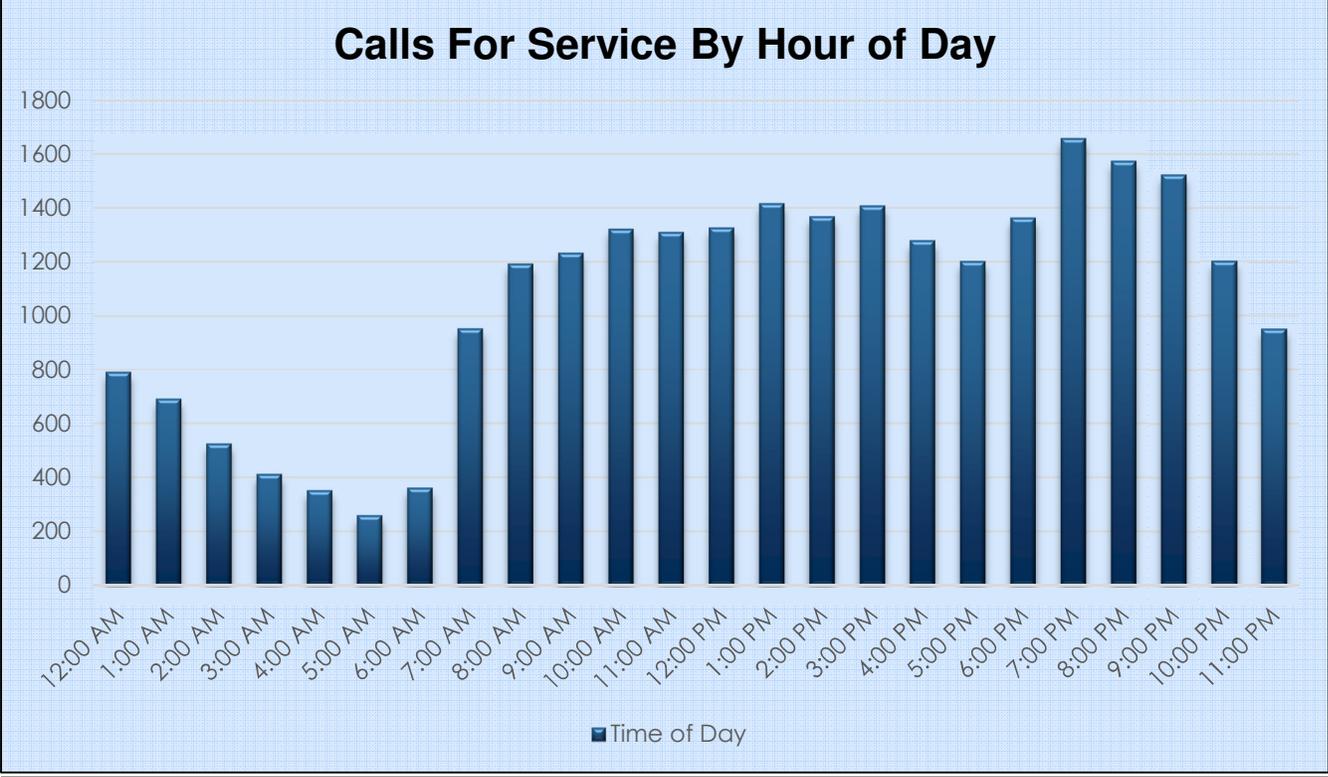
Calls for Service As Received From Dispatch			
911 Hang Up	150	OIWarrant	156
Abandoned Vehicle	81	Operating Under Influence of Drugs	53
Accident Non-Traffic	2	Ordinance Violation	20
Admin	914	Parking Complaint	148
Alarm	917	Party Complaint	25
Animal Call	301	Police Assist	129
Assault	128	Personal Injury Accident	82
Attempt to Locate	83	Personal Protection Order	35
Bar Check	17	Peace Officer Complaint	20
Bomb Threat	1	PININL – Accident with Entrapment	11
Burglary	106	PBT – Preliminary Breath Test	8
Child Abuse/Neglect	40	Private Property Accident	66
Check ID	6	Pick up Property	148
Civil Disturbance	127	Property Damage Accident	1,037
Community Meeting	9	Prowler	19
Crossing Guard	3	Person Requiring Treatment	16
Crowd Control	2	Runaway	55
Criminal Sexual Conduct	27	Reckless Driving	373
Deliver Message	15	Repossession	32
Disorderly Conduct	2	Retail Fraud	437
DOA	9	Robbery	2
Dog Complaint	214	Security Check	162
Domestic Assault	91	Shooting	1
Drown in Moving Water	0	Shots Fired	63
Drugs	88	Special Assignment	279
Drunk	10	Stalking	22
Escort – Bank Escort	1	Subpoena Service	137
Fight	105	Subject Down	7
Fire Assist	534	Suicide	62
Fireworks Complaint	79	Suspicious Situation/Person/Vehicle	1351
Follow-up	919	Threat	92
Foot Patrol	74	Traffic Control	144
Fraud	323	Transport	216
Harassment	128	Trash / Littering Complaint	22
Hazzard – Road	412	Trespass	30
Hit and Run	156	Trouble With Subject	301
Inmate – Transfer	3	Test – Test CAD call	3
Juvenile	68	Unlawfully Driving Away An Automobile	41
K9 – Assist	33	Unknown Injury / Accident	47
Larceny	419	Unwanted Person	166
Liquor Law Violations	4	Unwanted Trouble	120
Lock Out	34	Utility / Wires Down	79
Malicious Destruction of Property	175	Vehicle ID Check	10
Medical Assist	3,543	Visual/Vacation Property Check	161
Missing Person	59	Warrant Arrest	185
Motorist Assist	365	Weapon Violation	18
Neighbor Complaint	60	Welfare Check	600
Noise	317		
Obscene	19		
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE: 18,364 *			

*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 2016			
Alarm Response	839	K9 Search/Training	60
Arson	4	Larceny	370
Assault	267	Liquor Law/Violations	27
Building Code Violation	0	Medical First Responder	641
Burglary	104	Miscellaneous Non-Criminal Offense	549
Commercialized Sex/Prostitution	0	Motor Vehicle Theft	18
Conservation	1	Negligent Homicide/Manslaughter	0
Criminal Sexual Conduct	35	Obscenity	15
Damage to Property	130	Obstructing Justice	398
Disorderly Conduct	43	Obstructing Police	20
Embezzlement	20	Ordinance Violation	0
Extortion	4	OUI of Liquor of Drugs	60
Family Abuse / Neglect / Other	19	Peeping Tom	1
Forgery / Counterfeiting	25	Public Peace Other	3
Fraud	307	Retail Fraud	430
Health and Safety	25	Robbery	11
Hit and Run Motor Vehicle Accident	21	Sex Offense (Other)	3
Immigration	0	Stolen Property	15
Incapacitated / Mental Health	137	Threat to Burn/Bomb	4
Intimidation / Stalking	97	Traffic Civil	1,288
Investigation / Inspection (Non-Criminal)	376	Traffic Criminal	209
Invasion of Privacy (other)	1	Trespass	22
Juvenile Offenses / Runaway	31	Violation of Controlled Substance	74
Kidnap	3	Weapons Offense	18
TOTAL OFFENSES REPORTED: 6,725			
<i>*Some written reports have multiple offenses</i>			

Crash investigations in Meridian Township totaled 1046 in 2016. This was an increase of 142 from the previous year. Crashes are classified as personal injury, property damage (no injuries) and hit and run crashes. Injuries can fall into several categories, ranging from the simple complaint of pain, to those that are life threatening or even fatal. There were 211 crashes with injured occupants and 835 crashes with no injuries. There was one crash involving a fatality in 2016 in Meridian Township.





TRAFFIC SAFETY

Residents of Meridian and Williamstown Townships have identified traffic safety as one of their more pressing concerns. The Department employs several methods of addressing traffic safety including enforcement with patrol units, motorcycle enforcement, a semi-marked vehicle, and grant-funded enforcement programs. Directed patrols are assigned when complaints of traffic safety concerns are identified. The Michigan Department of Transportation and Ingham County Road Department are also consulted on a regular basis and have provided speed study data when requested.

Education is another factor in traffic safety. The School Resource Officers discuss traffic safety in the schools, both the Youth Academy and Citizens' Academy receive instruction on traffic safety, and there are regular stories on HOMTV concerning traffic safety as well.

Speed awareness signs are deployed in an effort to remind drivers to watch their speed. The Department deploys a sign on a trailer as well as a sign that is mounted on a telephone pole.

TRAFFIC CRASH INVESTIGATION TEAM

The Crash Investigation Team is activated when a crash results in a fatality or is so severe that there is a likelihood of a person suffering a fatal injury. The personnel on the team are trained on the operation of special equipment with advanced training in crash investigations. Meridian Township had four crashes that required additional investigation. There was a fatal crash on Meridian Road near Chimney Oaks in April. A passenger in the vehicle was killed when the driver lost control of the vehicle on ice and snow. The other three crashes were not fatal crashes. One crash involved two female pedestrians struck by a vehicle, both of whom were released from the hospital the following day. A second crash involved a male pedestrian with a bicycle who was injured but survived. The third crash involved a male pedestrian who later died; however, his death was not attributed to the crash.

In 2014, a crash investigation team was developed for agencies in Ingham County. Meridian Township officers on the Crash Investigation Team joined other area agencies in the newly formed Ingham Regional Crash Investigation Team (IRCIT). IRCIT is called to assist participating agencies in the investigation of fatal crashes. In an effort to reduce overtime costs, officers on duty are supplied by departments to collect evidence that may otherwise be destroyed by environmental factors, and to quickly restore normal traffic flow. Members regularly meet to conduct training. Meridian Township Police supplied personnel to assist with investigations in other jurisdictions on three occasions in 2016. The IRCIT also assisted Meridian Township Police with the investigation of the fatal crash on Meridian Road near Chimney Oaks and the Williamston Township (M-43 and Meridian Rd.) crash, which resulted in two deaths.

Meridian Township began a managed deer harvest program in 2011. The program is an effort to reduce the over-population of deer in the community. The program monitors the numbers of deer harvested by hunters and the number of deer killed in vehicle crashes. Additional efforts to manage the deer population were implemented in 2015 when Chronic Wasting Disease was found in the deer population in Meridian Township. The Department of Natural Resources has conducted additional deer culling efforts in Meridian Township to help control the population and to further test Chronic Wasting Disease.

Meridian Township Deer Involved Collision Data			
Year	Injury Involved	No Injury Involved	Total
2009	1	151	152
2010	1	137	138
2011	2	150	152
2012	2	151	153
2013	4	176	180
2014	4	133	137
2015	5	139	144
2016	5	159	164

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are an important part of the Department's mission. In 2016, two volunteers worked a total of 607 hours conducting parking enforcement for the township. The volunteers issued 338 warnings, 87 fire lane citations, and 621 Handicap Citations. The goal of parking enforcement is to keep fire lanes open for emergencies and to deter improper use of handicap parking spaces. A majority of the handicap parking citations were dismissed in 2016 when the violator demonstrated that he/she forgot to display his/her permit.

COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICERS

Meridian Township residents are encouraged to become involved in policing in our community. Many neighborhoods have a leader who officers are in regular contact with. Officers are the contact person for the leader to ask questions, identify problems, and receive feedback. Officers notify leaders of crimes in the neighborhood, provide crime prevention tips, and attend neighborhood meetings. The Department hosts quarterly Neighborhood Leader Meetings. The leaders meet with the Chief and other command staff, a police-related presentation is given, and the leaders each have an opportunity to discuss concerns in their respective neighborhood.

National Night Out is an important part of the community policing effort. Officers attended events in thirty neighborhoods in 2016. Officers attended the events, canine teams made visits, children explored patrol cars, there were appearances by McGruff the Crime Dog, and the motorcycle unit visited with groups. The event is strongly supported by the police and community.

ADULT CROSSING GUARDS

School crossings are designated using the standards set in the AAA Adult School Crossing Guard Manual. Six crossing guards staff the six school crossings in Meridian Township. School Crossing Guards attend annual training at the Lansing Area Safety Council. The schools and Community Resource Unit officers work closely with the Lansing Area Safety Council to support the training. The Lansing Area Safety Council also hosts an annual Crossing Guard Appreciation Dinner at the end of the school year.

The crossing guards are selected and supervised by the School Resource Officer. The crossing guard personnel have varying tenure with some who have worked for Meridian Township since 2005 and some starting as recently as 2016. The crossing guards are all very committed to the safety of the children they serve. They recognize they serve an important role in the overall safety of the community.

CANINE TEAM

The Meridian Police continue to deploy two K-9's for the department. The handler and canine are referred to as a K-9 Team. The two teams consist of Officer Erin Linn/K-9 Uby and Officer Andrew Tobias/K-9 Yukon. The teams are trained to conduct searches, track persons, locate articles, and find narcotics. Area agencies provide teams when the Meridian Police teams are not available and our teams assist other agencies when necessary as well.

Canine Team Activity Numbers	
Calls Handled By Meridian's Canine	68
Calls Handled By Other Departments	5
Call Outs To Other Departments	50
Total Calls For Service	123
Activity Type	
Area Search	6
Article Search	1
Building Search	4
Demonstrations	11
Felony Stop	3
Narcotics Search	53
Other	4
Security Check	1
Track	40
Total	123

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

SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM

The Ingham Regional Special Response Team is called upon to assist with high-risk search warrants, barricaded gunmen, arrest warrants, drug raids, civil unrest, and other tactical situations. Meridian police provide personnel as operators including a sergeant, three officers, and a K-9 team. In addition, we provide a sergeant and two personnel to the SRT Negotiator Team. The operators and negotiators can be called out as an entire team or independent of one another depending upon the circumstances.

The SRT Operators were utilized for four events in 2016:



- January – Stolen firearm search warrant resulting in the arrest of the offender in Delhi Township.
- March - Drug search warrant resulting in three arrests and a firearm seized in Delhi Township.
- March - The team assisted the U.S. Secret Service for a motorcade for Presidential Candidate Bernie Sanders.
- September - A search warrant regarding the sale of a stolen firearm was conducted. One of the suspects fled out a window with a handgun and was apprehended by perimeter units.

The SRT Negotiators were utilized for two events in 2016:



- October 2016: Negotiators were called to a suicidal subject in Delhi Township. The man took his life before the negotiators arrived to assist.
- November 2016: Negotiators were called to a suicidal subject in Wheatfield Township. The negotiators convinced the woman to exit the residence and she was taken for treatment.

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY RESOURCE UNIT



The School and Community Resource Unit consists of two police officers. The unit continues the strong relationship between the Okemos and Haslett Public schools as well as Okemos Montessori, Radmoor Montessori, St. Martha's and Donley Elementary.

The relationship is proving effective as students, parents, and staff consistently observe officers in their buildings. Officers are in the buildings for a variety of reasons; walk thru, teaching classes or presentations, mentoring students, responding on calls for service, and participating in safety drills (lockdowns, fire and tornado).

In 2016, several presentations were provided with the assistance of our Canine Unit. This proved very informative to the students as the use of canines always increases their engagement. The classes were able to interact with the canine during the presentations.

The DARE curriculum was taught to 5th graders at Okemos and Haslett Public Schools as well as St. Martha's school. Not only does the DARE curriculum involve instruction regarding drugs, but many other topics as well. All of the instruction is geared toward making safe and healthy choices. The students enjoy the interaction with the officers. Along with asking questions regarding the topic of instruction, students also enjoy discussing the duties that police officers perform in the community.

The TEAM curriculum is taught at every grade in the schools. This curriculum allows flexibility in the hours of instruction. This aspect of TEAM is appealing as it allows the schools to schedule the instruction while meeting the increasing demands on the teaching staff. TEAM classes vary from 911 and general safety issues to Cyber safety and Cyber Bullying. Students are encouraged to participate in discussions and ask questions. The use of social media and increase of online interactions has grown at an amazing rate. As such, TEAM has incorporated important instruction regarding personal safety and the potential dangers of these ever-expanding networking applications.

This School and Community Resource Unit has also been invited to elementary Science Fairs and Family Fun Nights. The Unit works with the Crime Scene Investigators to provide hands-on demonstrations of fingerprinting at the Science Fairs. The Family Fun Night consists of officers attending and interacting with participants as well as handing out Meridian trinkets (pencils, stickers) as the students move around the school and play carnival games.

The School and Community Resource Unit also worked with Williamston and Okemos Senior Centers regarding safety presentations. Area Senior Centers have speakers attend during high volume senior attendance. The topics presented were general senior/elderly safety, identity theft/ghosting, and covered TRIAD.

Number of Classes Held in 2016	
D.A.R.E	268
T.E.A.M.	20
Other Presentations	60
Total for 2016	348

Tri-County TRIAD is a group of volunteers that all have the same goal in mind: keeping the elderly community safe. It is an effort put on by citizens, police, fire and many other outreach programs. The largest event they organize is "No Senior Without Christmas." This event is a tri-county event and provides a holiday gift basket for elderly residents who meet certain criteria. This event is made possible through donations from the community and businesses. This year, 300 baskets were prepared and donated. The group plans to increase the number to 350 in 2017. Meridian Township Police have been a consistent participant in this event since 2010.

Another event the School and Community Resource Officers are in charge of is the Halloween Open House. The 2016 event proved to be the record year for attendance with over 700 in attendance. This includes tours of the Department, treat bags, cider and donuts and handling some of the equipment officer's use. The event also allows for direct interaction with the officers.

Lansing Area Safety Council provides the training for the student safeties that work at several of our elementary schools. At the end of the school year, they host a Safety Picnic at Hawk Island Park in Lansing. Area police agencies participate and interact with the safeties that attend. Patrol cars and other equipment are on display. Lunch is provided, with clubs volunteering their time to cook hot dogs.

SERVICES DIVISION

The Services Division provides support to the Uniform Division by processing reports, following up on criminal complaints, evidence processing, hiring new officers, providing technical support, and the cadet staff. Services Division includes the Investigations Unit, Records Unit, Cadets, Property Technician and Services Division Commander.

INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

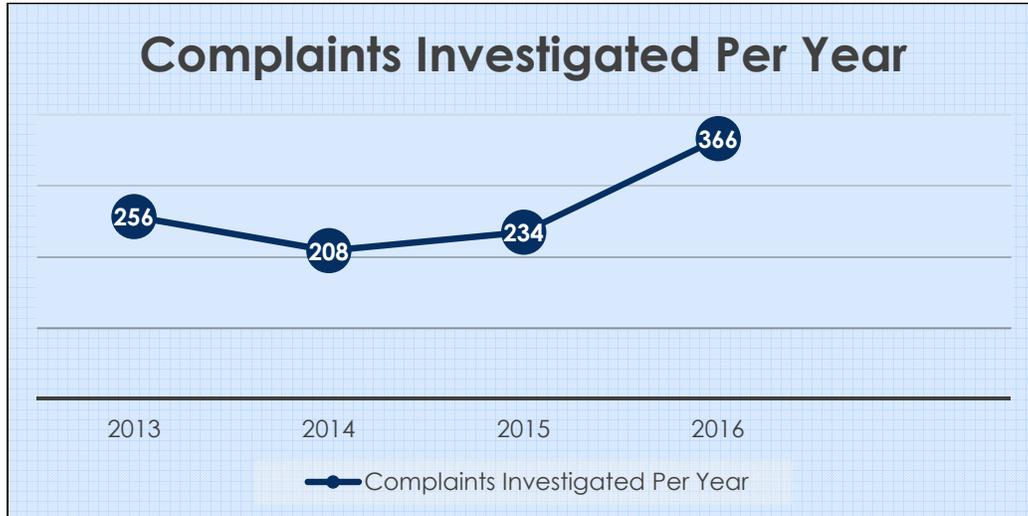
Personnel are selected to serve in the Investigations Unit for a three-year assignment. The Investigations Unit includes a Sergeant, four officers investigating cases and a Court Services Officer. The Investigators are assigned cases that require specialized training, significant resources, and additional follow-up. Investigators are required to be on call one weekend per month and attend specialized training related to their job. The Court Services Officer (CSO) is assigned to be the liaison with prosecutors and courts. The CSO is also responsible for sex offender registration and verification.

The Investigations Unit supervisor coordinates resources during large investigations, monitors investigators and the CSO during their daily assignments. The Sergeant also reviews reports and assigns follow-up investigations. Reports written by the Uniform Division are reviewed and those with sufficient solvability factors are assigned to the Investigators. 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. In 2016, there were 163 letters sent to victims in Meridian Township and 9 letters sent to victims in Williamstown Township. The Sergeant also reviews all crimes involving the area schools. These cases involve crime on school property, on a school bus, at a school-sponsored event, within 1,000 feet of a school, or if it poses a significant threat to students, staff, or school property. These crimes are reported to the schools. In 2016, there were 38 notifications sent to Okemos, 33 to Haslett, 2 to East Lansing Schools and 1 notice to Williamston Schools.

The four officers are assigned to investigate criminal complaints including homicides, sexual assaults, robberies, child 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.

Complaints Assigned Per Year	
2013	256
2014	208
2015	234
2016	366

The above table shows the Investigations Unit assigned a total of 366 complaints in 2016.



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	2013	2014	2015	2016
Homicide	4	0	1	0
Kidnap	2	0	0	1
Criminal Sexual Conduct	26	17	25	31
Robbery	11	6	3	6
Assault/Stalking	14	18	13	13
Arson	1	2	1	0
Extortion	0	0	1	2
Burglary	27	18	75	48
Larceny	48	45	48	139
Unlawful Driving Away Auto	5	6	12	5
Forgery	1	2	12	9
Fraud	47	61	46	59
Embezzlement	6	3	9	6
Stolen Property	3	3	2	1
Malicious Destruction of Property	11	2	3	2
Retail Fraud	26	26	10	11
Drugs	0	3	2	7
Sex Offenses	3	4	3	3
Obscene Material	4	2	6	4
Child Abuse	4	4	4	2
Liquor Law Violation	2	2	0	1
Obstructing Police	0	1	0	3
Obstructing Justice	0	1	0	0
Weapons Offense	2	1	0	2

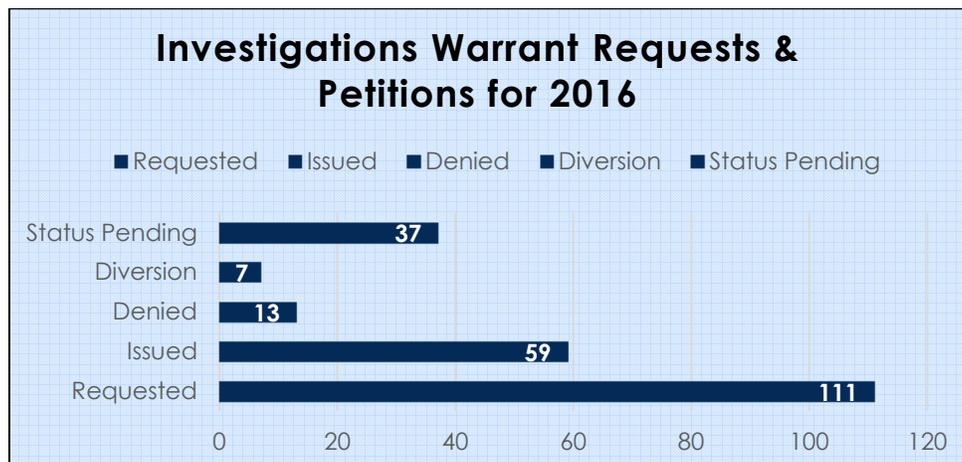
Public Peace	2	3	1	0
Hit & Run Accident	2	0	2	1
Health and Safety	0	0	0	2
Invasion of Privacy	1	0	0	0
Conservation	0	0	0	0
Juvenile Runaway	3	1	3	2
Traffic Offenses	0	1	14	1
Juvenile Violation	0	5	0	2
Civil Custody	0	0	6	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	0	0	2	2
Suspicious Situations	8	3	0	9
General Assist	0	2	12	1
Death Investigations	14	10	12	20
Missing Persons	3	2	0	2
TOTAL	280	254	328	399

In 2016, the Investigations Unit continued to investigate 35 offenses from 2015, while 366 offenses were assigned, 188 were cleared, 132 were inactivated, and 51 will continue to be investigated in 2017.

2016 Complaint Dispositions	
Continued from 2015	35
Assigned in 2016	366
Cleared in 2016	188
Inactivated in 2016	132
Continued in 2017	51

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 2016, the Investigators submitted 111 requests for warrants and petitions to the ICPO.

Investigations Warrant Requests & Petitions for 2016			
	Felony	Misdemeanor	Totals
Requested	65	46	111
Issued	40	19	59
Denied	7	6	13
Diversion	1	6	7
Status Pending	17	20	37



A total of \$58,484.01 worth of stolen property was recovered in 2016. The majority of the recovered stolen property was returned to the victims.

The Investigations Unit participates in several boards and task forces. Most meetings are held monthly to discuss cases of concern or interest, problem solving, creating countywide protocol, and to share information on suspects and trends. The Investigators participate in weekly area detective meetings to discuss current crimes, share intelligence, and foster working relationships between agencies. Some of the boards and task forces include:

- 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
- Tri-County Loss Prevention
- Crime Stoppers
- Tri-County Sex Offender Task Force
- Small Talk Children's Assessment Center
- MSU Sexual Assault Discussion Panel

Noteworthy investigations for 2016 include:

- An embezzlement case involving over \$20,000 stolen.
- A suspect was arrested for criminal sexual assault involving a child. He was also charged with possession of child pornography in a bordering jurisdiction.
- Several homes and vehicles broke into in the Haslett area. Suspect arrested.
- Area retailers were hit hard by larceny of high-end liquor. Suspects apprehended with help from Ingham County Sheriff's Department.
- Numerous retail frauds at the Meridian Mall resulted in a multi-agency investigation. Case referred to Ingham County Prosecutors Office and Organized Retail Fraud Crime Act was issued on subjects.
- Meridian Police assisted Law Enforcement in Florida with investigation into criminal sexual conduct involving a teacher and his student. Our investigation helped in the arrest of the suspect.
- Meridian Police had three incidents involving threats of terrorism. All three suspects were arrested in separate cases.
- Two separate incidents involving groups of Cuban Nationals from Florida using cloned credit cards were arrested in Meridian Township.
- A conviction was obtained in the homicide investigation of two newborns.
- Several area businesses were broken into and a suspect was identified. An investigation led to a multi-agency task force and a conviction.

COURT SERVICES

The Court Services Officer (CSO) process criminal complaints and presents them to the Ingham County Prosecutor and Township Prosecutor to request arrest warrants and juvenile petitions. The CSO also swears to warrants, transports prisoners, arraigns prisoners and processes associated paperwork. Registered Sex Offenders report to the CSO on a regular schedule and the CSO schedules Sex Offender Address Verifications on a regular basis.

COURT SERVICES	2013	2014	2015	2016
Arraignments	261	257	248	273
Subpoenas Served	393	953	896	952
Personal Protection Orders	55	51	37	38
Warrant Requests	696	574	524	641
Warrants Signed by CSO	471	533	485	418
Twp. Attorney Requests	199	173	214	212
Total Petition Requests	108	97	74	74
Retail Fraud Requests	311	355	300	342
OWI Requests	51	77	64	60
Assault Requests	60	62	62	60
Assault Requests-Domestic	151	144	133	137
Larceny/Fraud Requests	47	63	30	87
Narcotics Requests	61	36	49	53

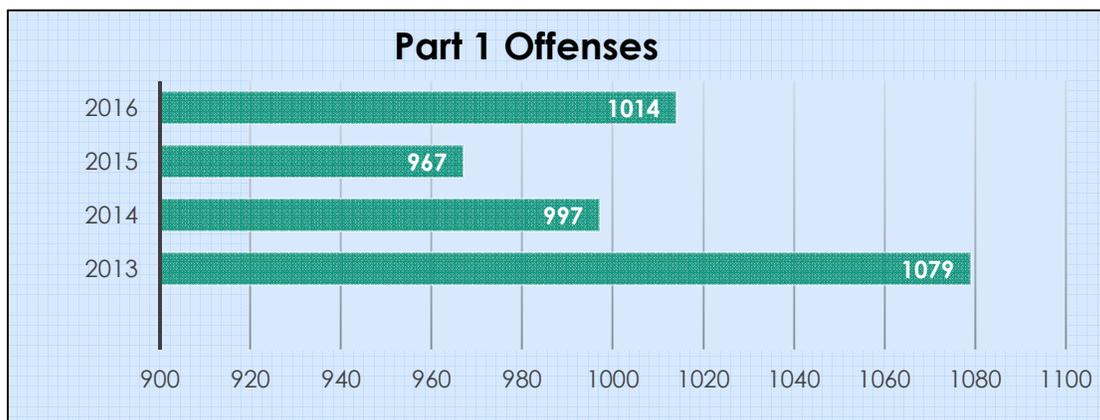
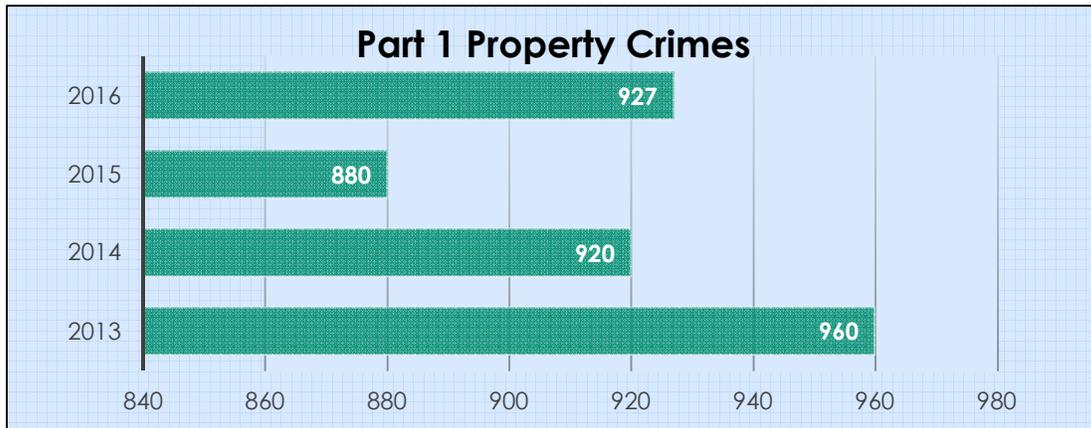
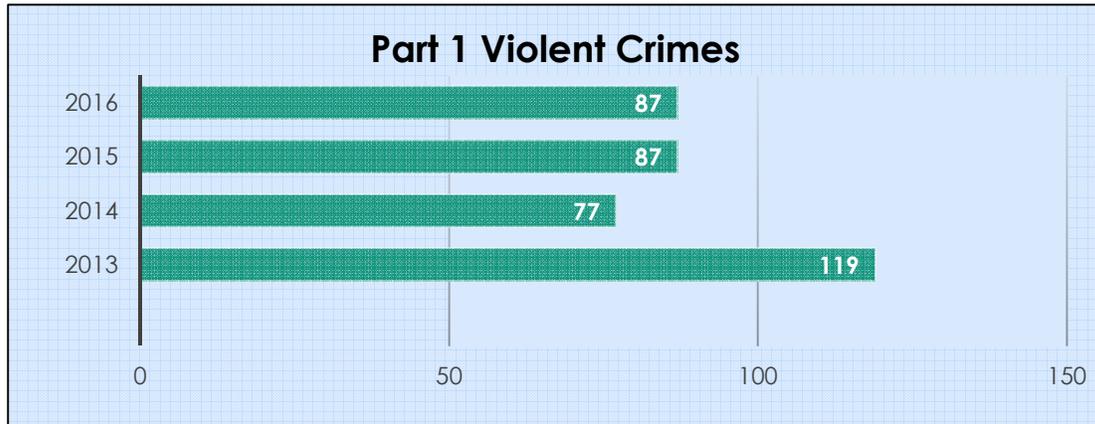
RECORDS UNIT

The Records Unit provides services for the police records of both Meridian and Williamstown Township. The staff consists of a supervisor, two full time technicians, and one part time technician. The records staff support the Uniform Division and the Investigations Unit by processing criminal reports, arrest reports, crash reports, citations, warrant requests, and other related documents. The staff processes reports to be forwarded to the Ingham County Prosecutor's Office, Township Attorney's Office and appropriate Courts. Records personnel also enter, modify, and cancel conditional bonds, and personal protection orders in the Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN). Crime reports are transmitted to the Michigan Incident Crime Reporting system (MICR) for submission to the FBI. The MICR submissions are validated for accuracy and then submitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigations for their annual publication of "Crime in the U.S."

Records also assist the public by responding to FOIA requests, processing insurance company requests for reports, processing background checks, assisting with sex offender registrations, processing "License to Purchase Pistol" applications/registrations and answering the overflow of incoming calls to the Township. In addition to these functions, the staff maintains several databases for statistical reports, which are provided to the Department staff, the Township Manager, Township Board members and posted on social media. The Records Unit is compliant with the Retention and Disposal General Schedule #11 for Local Law Enforcement Agencies.

Annual Crime Reporting Summary	2013	2014	2015	2016	% Change 2015-2016
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	4	0	1	0	-100
Rape and Attempted Rape	38	24	23	35	52
Robbery	31	14	15	11	-27
Aggravated Assault	46	39	48	41	-15
Total Part 1 Violent Crime	119	77	87	87	0
Burglary	151	152	145	104	-28
Larceny	780	748	715	801	12
Vehicle Theft	26	15	20	18	-10
Arson	3	5	1	4	300

Annual Crime Reporting Summary	2013	2014	2015	2016	% Change 2015-2016
Total Part 1 Property Crime	960	920	880	927	5
Total Part I Offenses	1079	997	967	1014	5
OWI Arrests (Liquor or Drugs)	89	81	63	58	-8
Traffic Accident – Roadway	959	909	904	1046	16



TRAINING

Under the direction of the Chief of Police, the Training Sergeant oversees all training for the Department. The Department provided employees with 4672.75 hours of training in 2016. This was an increase of 263.5 hours from 2015.

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.

The Department receives training funds from the Township through the budget process and from the State of Michigan, through Public Act 302. The State of Michigan funds Public Act 302 through an assessment on traffic citations issued in the State.

In an effort to contain costs and increase the flexibility of the training program, the Department endeavors to have as many officers as possible trained as instructors for specific training topics. Thus, the Department can train officers using an in-house instructor and avoid the expense of off-site training.

The Department actively seeks opportunities to host training and allow officers to attend the hosted training programs without cost. In 2016, the Department was able to provide Legal Update training for sworn officers for only \$200 each. The \$2,000 instructor cost for this training was almost completely covered by inviting area departments to participate for a small fee.

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. Meridian Township's association with the Police Academy helps ensure that we maintain an active role in shaping the future of law enforcement in Mid-Michigan.

Meridian Township's participation earns scholarship money for the Department. This money was used to send three officers to Medical First Responder training in 2016. The scholarship balance is currently \$12,366.92.

18th CITIZENS' ACADEMY

Every fall, the Department hosts a ten-week Citizens' Academy that meets once a week for three hours. This academy exposes the attendees to police operations and procedures. Seventeen citizens from Meridian and Williamstown Townships participated this year.

11th YOUTH CITIZENS' ACADEMY

Every spring the Department hosts a seven-week Youth Academy that meets once a week for two hours. Students from area high schools learn about police work and have the opportunity to engage in hands-on activities ranging from crime scene investigation to firearms simulation.

This year a driving simulator was added to the program. Students were able to experience the effects that drinking or texting can have on driving ability.

A total of thirteen students from five different school districts attended the Academy this year.

PROPERTY ROOM REPORT

Waste to Energy / Incinerator

- Three destruction runs were made to the incinerator at the Kent County Refuse Disposal System.
- Over 6,140 pounds of illegal drugs, confidential shredding, evidence and other miscellaneous material were destroyed.
- Also included in this destruction was over 150 pounds of material from the Prescription Drop-off Box, containing 15 pounds of prescription medication.
- This cost the Department *only* \$313.20!



Firearms

- Seventy-six firearms were destroyed at the Michigan State Police Forfeited Weapons Unit.

Forensics

- 167 items were taken to the MSP Forensic Lab for analysis.

Submission and Destruction of Evidence

- With the completion of case disposition sheets, 630 bags of evidence containing drugs, drug paraphernalia, and prescription drugs from secured evidence drug lockers were destroyed.
- The total number of items destroyed this calendar year was 2,551 items.

Surplus of Money

- A total of 155 items were sent to propertyroom.com, generating \$1,001.82.
- Money totaling \$1,750.00 was deposited into the Meridian Township Treasurer forfeiture account.



Impound Lot

- In 2016, 55 cars were impounded and released from the Department's impound lot.
- In 2016, 88 abandoned vehicles were processed (inspected and photographed) for the following tow companies: H&H towing, Okemos Marathon, Davis Collision, Bill's Wrecker, Spartan Towing, R&R Salvage, and P.J.'s Towing.

Returned or Donated Property

- 54 lost and found bicycles were donated to the Share-a-Bike program in East Lansing for disadvantaged children in the community.
- Over 500 letters were sent to property owners resulting in 208 items returned to the owners.



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 2016, a total of 209 surveys were returned. The 17% response rate was an increase as compared to 2015.

Citizen Satisfaction Survey for Sworn Personnel

Category	Rating of Excellent/Good
Helpfulness	92%
Friendliness	91%
Knowledge	91%
Quality of Service	91%
Professional Conduct	92%
Response Time	86%

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

Category	Rating of Excellent/Good
Helpfulness	69%
Friendliness	68%
Knowledge	68%
Quality of Service	67%
Professional Conduct	69%

**Not all questions generated a response.*

CITIZEN SERVICE COMPLAINT SUMMARY

The Department investigated seventeen formal citizen service complaints during 2016. Below is a summary of the findings.

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

AWARDS

2016 Employee of the Year – Chris Domeyer, had a criminal justice background as a corrections officer for over 20 years. He began his assignment as Property Technician in May 2014 and he has not slowed down since! He has caught on very quickly and has exceeded all expectations in the property room. He is a model employee. He makes himself available to all employees and treats everyone with respect. If one needs a task done you can expect Mr. Domeyer to get it done correctly and quickly! Mr. Domeyer has done an exceptional job in organizing the property room and impound lot. Beyond just the work he does there is something to be said for someone who inspires others to work hard and take pride in what they do. Mr. Domeyer's work ethic is infectious and we are happy to have him here as part of our team.

Life Saving Certificate – Officer Mark Divney and Sergeant Bart Crane responded to Court One Athletic Club for a subject having a heart attack. With the help of bystanders they performed CPR and were able to bring the patient back to life. We recognized Officer Divney and Sergeant Crane for their life saving efforts.

Life Saving Certificate – Officers Jason Clements and Bryan LeRoy performed CPR on a patient who was having a heart attack in her driveway. As a result of their actions, a life was saved and the patient was reunited with her family.

Life Saving Certificate – Officer Bryan LeRoy and Sergeant Ed Besonen performed CPR on a patient for approximately 20 minutes in the Cedar Creek Apartment Complex. Due to their determination to not give up, the patient survived the ordeal.

Certificate of Appreciation – Officer Judy Hood conducted a traffic stop in which she observed suspicious and deceptive behavior from the occupants. She recovered over \$4,000 in stolen property through a thorough investigation of the vehicle. We recognized Officer Hood for a job well done.

Certificate of Appreciation – Officer Mike Hagbom went the extra mile while investigating a stolen credit card incident. In a case where leads were hard to come by, a thorough investigation by Officer Hagbom led to the identification of a suspect. As a result, a large illegal marijuana grow operation was uncovered, stolen property was recovered, and a criminal was brought to justice.

Certificate of Appreciation – Officer Bryan LeRoy and Officer Mark Divney responded to a burglary alarm at Cancun Mexican Grill. They located a suspect who had just broken in and stole money. They chased the suspect and apprehended him. As a result of their efforts, a serious criminal was brought to jail and stolen property was returned to its owner.

Certificate of Appreciation – Officer Bryan LeRoy responded to the Lodges Apartment Complex for a home invasion. The suspect had broken into an apartment and watched a young girl in the shower. The suspect fled prior to the officer's arrival. Acting on a tip, Officer LeRoy stopped a vehicle several days later that may have been involved in the crime. Through the investigation, it was determined the driver was the suspect in the home invasion. We thanked Officer LeRoy for being diligent in investigating this serious incident.

Unit Citation for Professional Excellence – Lieutenant Greg Frenger, Sergeant Andrew McCready, Officer Brian Canen, Officer Kyle Royston and Officer Brett Reed responded to a sexual assault that had occurred at the East Lawn Memory Gardens Cemetery. Two young children had been assaulted in the woods by an unknown assailant. Using exemplary teamwork each officer played a role in bringing a previously convicted sex offender to justice.

Unit Citation for Professional Excellence – Sergeant Bart Crane, Officer Bryan LeRoy, Officer Kyle Royston and Officer Erin Linn responded to a noise complaint. While investigating, officers discovered a violent suspect with a gun inside an apartment. The officers acted quickly and the gunman surrendered. No one was injured. We salute these officers for standing in harm's way and apprehending a violent offender.

Unit Citation for Professional Excellence – Sergeant Lana Howell, Sergeant Ed Besonen, Officer Kyle Royston, Officer Bryan LeRoy, Officer Kristi Lysik and Officer Erin Linn responded to Burger King for an armed robbery. The responding officers worked in concert to locate the suspect and take him into custody. A dangerous criminal was apprehended due to the determination of these officers.

Unit Citation for Professional Excellence – Sergeant Brad Bach, Sergeant Rick Grillo, Officer Mark Divney, Officer Judy Hood, Officer Adam Stebbins and Officer Mike Hagbom responded to a drive by shooting in which a female had been shot. Officers worked quickly to identify the suspects. Each officer played an integral part in patient care and locating the suspects. As a result the suspects were taken off the streets.

Unit Citation for Professional Excellence – Sergeant Andrew McCreedy, Sergeant Brad Bach, Officer Bob Jurhs, Officer Mark Divney, Officer Kelly Blask, Officer Becky Payne and Officer Kyle Royston worked to locate several suspects who had broken into vehicles overnight and stole firearms. Schools had to be locked down because one of the suspects fired a round. Though the task of locking down multiple schools while investigating a man with a gun is a daunting task, the officers performed flawlessly. As a result, no one was injured and the suspects were located and arrested.

CITIZEN AWARDS

Life Saving Certificate – Nicholas Lepeschkin responded to his mother’s home after she called and expressed that she was not feeling well. While in route, his mother suffered a heart attack in her driveway. He provided life saving measures until paramedics arrived. As a result, his mother survived the incident.

Life Saving Certificate – Dr. Lokarant Chalasani, James Ault, Mark Talbot, Sally Beebe and Sue Selke were exercising at Court One Athletic Club when a person suffered a heart attack. Because they were all willing to become involved, the patient received the help they needed to save their life.

Civilian Certificate of Commendation – Tara Sauvie contacted police regarding a suspicious person she had encountered the night before. The information she provided the officers led to the identification and arrest of a suspect wanted in a home invasion in her apartment complex.

Civilian Certificate of Commendation – Thomas Hruska was in the parking lot of the Meijer store in Okemos. He observed officers chasing a retail fraud suspect on foot through the parking lot. He also gave chase and headed the suspect off, corralling him in the direction of the officers where they were able to take him into custody.

Certificate of Appreciation – Richard and Denise Lycos assisted police with the location of a missing elderly female who was confused and needed help. They observed her distress, helped her obtain fuel for her car, and recognized her possible dementia. They quickly reported the incident to us and while our officers were in route, they patiently waited with her, kept her calm, and provided officers the pertinent information they obtained. Due to their willingness to become involved, an elderly citizen was placed safely back with her family and out of harm’s way.

Certificate of Appreciation – Jana Parker, Sarah Porter, Kylie Porter and Michelle Burgoyne observed two subjects acting suspiciously in the parking lot at the Kroger store. They contacted the police and reported their suspicions. It was discovered the subjects had broken into several cars. As a result of their diligence, two criminals were apprehended and stolen property was returned to their owners.

Certificate of Appreciation – Michael and Krissann Kelly began offering their time as Parking Enforcement Volunteers. In just a short period, they worked a combination of 177 hours and wrote 236 Handicap Parking Violations, 36 Fire Lane Violations and gave 49 Warnings. We appreciated their tenacity and their involvement in our community.

Certificate of Appreciation – Rob Ottke assisted officers in identifying a suspect wanted in connection with the use of a stolen credit card. While listening to his portable radio, he heard Officer Mike Hagbom describe a vehicle that he recognized. He relayed a possible location for a vehicle that matched the description. As a result of his tip, officers was able to apprehend the suspect, return stolen property, and discovered a marijuana grow operation.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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

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. Most of the cases that involve an unknown suspect are posted to our social media accounts.

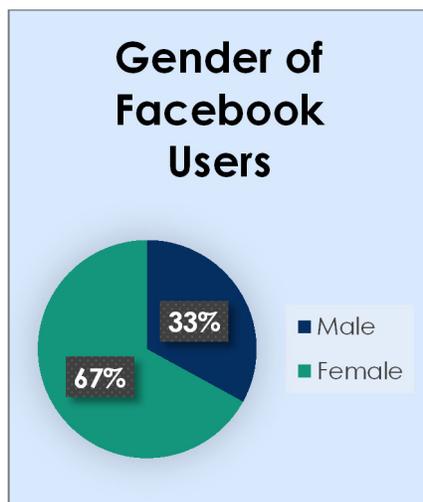
The semi-monthly reports and press releases continue to be uploaded to the Meridian Township Police Page. The Department's blog includes press releases, crime prevention tips, and helpful links for the community (i.e., animal control, school district personnel) which together has contributed to our overall goal of maintaining closer communications with the public.

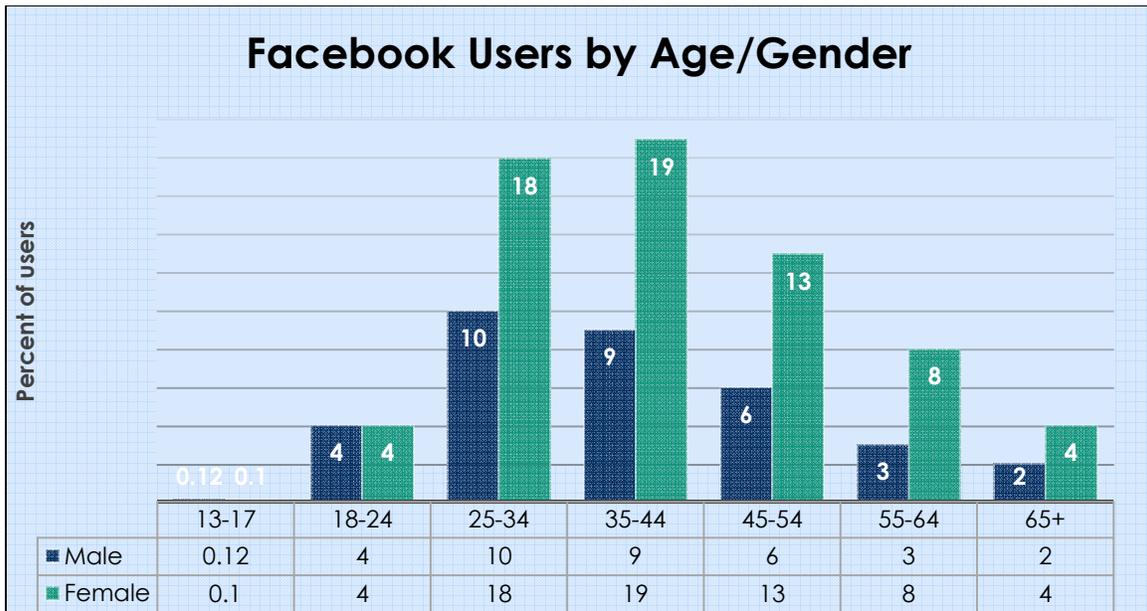
NIXLE

Nixle is used nationwide by police departments to release community alerts. The Department uses Nixle to inform the public about emergencies such as road closures and important incidents, as well as a means of providing links to our blog and other social media sites. There are 7,021 total contacts for our Nixle updates, as we maximize internet distribution of critical information to the online viewing public.

FACEBOOK

Facebook offers the greatest return on time invested. The 3,934 people who "Like" our page is up from the 3,233 who did in 2015. 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. The following charts depict gender and age demographics of our Facebook page users in 2016.



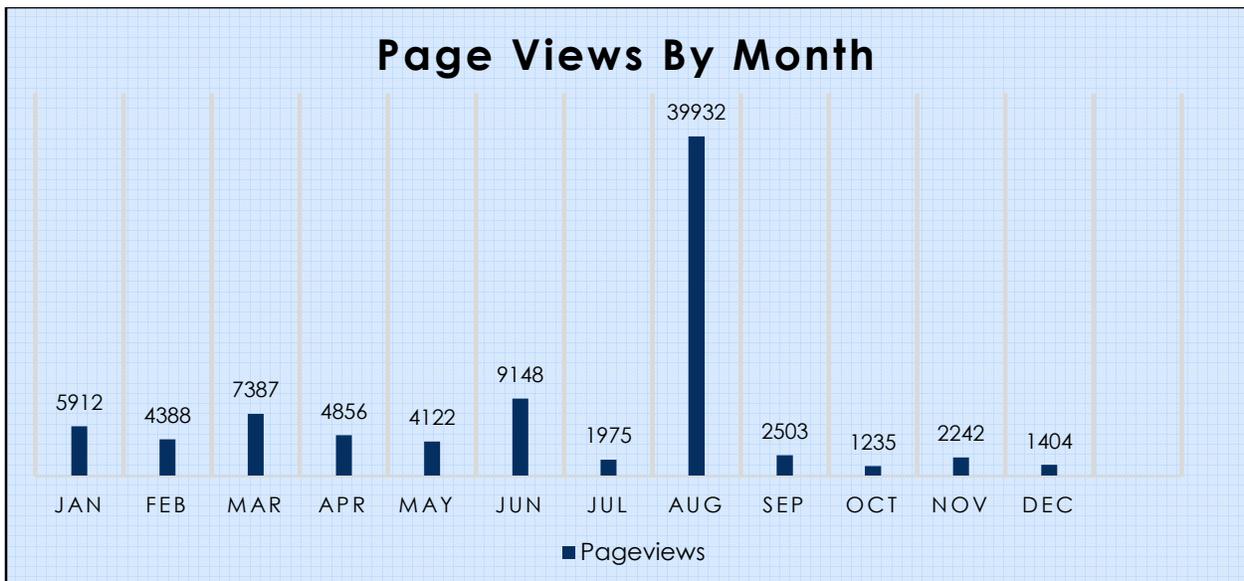


TWITTER

There are 2,070 individuals that follow the Department's Twitter page.

BLOG

- 404,857 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 2016 continue to be posts seeking suspect identity information.



The significant increase in page views in August was the result of three incidents that month: a Meridian Mall threat, boil your water advisory and a missing person.

POLICE DEPARTMENT 2016 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.

- During 2016, the Department has worked toward diversity and inclusion strategies. Many initiatives have been undertaken including receiving command staff and supervisors input on what steps they recommend to improve diversity. Other efforts include attending recruiting events such as at Wayne State University sponsored by the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives. In addition, the recruiting officer will be assessing other police academies in pursuit of potential recruits asking them to consider Meridian as a career destination. The Department is also considering the idea of sponsoring recruits through the academy when a worthy candidate is found. The Department is also open to giving conditional offers prior to background checks in order to compete with other Departments who are seeking to hire the same candidates. The Department has made contact with the MSU sports department and continues with the intern program to promote our open positions to students. The Department has become more diverse because of these efforts.
- To reduce and avoid lawsuits and workers compensation claims, the Department identified improvements in training, documentation and communication. Software was found to better assist the Department to track training and issuing general orders, special orders and training bulletins to include an automated testing process on issued directives. The Department hopes to participate in the newly developed state accreditation program for law enforcement. Nationally, accreditation has shown to reduce civil liability of departments who participate. Both training software and accreditation was delayed due to budget considerations but will be reconsidered next years. A training program was developed to provide instruction to commanders, supervisors and officers on current issues surrounding law enforcement civil liability specific to the Department. When administration becomes aware of a lawsuit, it will be reviewed and information disseminated to officers so they are aware of issues the Department is confronting and to increase the chance that future performance errors, if any, are corrected. Follow up will be conducted so officers know what courts have ruled – win or lose. A supervisor has been assigned to produce regular written tests to ensure employees understand and remember the critical issues of department directives. The Department is prepared to pursue immediately the purchase and implementation of body-worn cameras. Body-worn cameras have been determined to impact performance of both officers and citizen contacts.
- Chief Hall met individually with command and supervisors to receive their input on the reduction of compensation claims. The Meadow Brook (MML) loss prevention representative (workers compensation) met with the Chief to discuss ways to help reduce claims. A review of previous claims were conducted to research common causes of workers compensation claims and with resulting strategy's to reduce work related injuries. Unique to law enforcement, injuries not only come from ordinary slip, trips and falls, they also arise from aggressive actions of subjects officers come in contact with. The issuance and mere display of Tasers have been helpful in reducing aggressive action by subjects. Replacement Tasers are being purchased with integrated video. Effective early 2017, all officers will be trained in verbal de-escalation skills with the intent to prevent suspect contacts from becoming violent. A revised 2017-19 training plan was developed with consideration for training designed to address liability issues. Consideration is being given to increase the size of training sessions, topic dependent, to promote more discussion between officers. The Department requested additional salt barrels be placed in the police carport area to reduce the chance of slip and falls on black ice during the winter.

- The contract to provide police services to Williamstown Township was approved for 2017-18 by both Meridian and Williamstown Townships. The services provided remain consistent with previous contracts. This service began in 2011.
- The Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP) provided a traffic grant to: provide for additional enforcement in the area of impaired driving and seatbelt use. Grant management for participating agencies continues in 2017. The Department participated in 8 nights for operating under the influence information and 10 days for seatbelts. The Department held two compliance checks and 11 days of compliance checks with participating agencies (East Lansing, Ingham county and MSU).
- The Department participated in training with Michigan State University on the topic of implicit bias training. All members participated.
- Command staff attended a fellowship dinner organized by the Union Missionary Baptist Church. The event provided an opportunity to recruit and connect with the greater Lansing community.
- Members of the Department participated in a Racial Healing Workshop sponsored by the Michigan State University Police. The workshop was designed to promote critical thought and introspection about diversity and inclusion between the police and the community.
- The Department attended a Community Forum on 21st Century Policing in Lansing with area law enforcement, meeting and answering questions from the public.
- The Assistant Chief attended a professional executive development seminar on de-escalation training provided by the MSU School of Criminal Justice.
- Officers conducted sex offender task force compliance sweeps in 2016. A total of 52 checks were conducted. There were 26 total sex offenders, with 23 in Meridian Township and three in Williamstown Township. Residence checks are completed in April and October. In April, there were no violations. In October, two violations were found and charges were later submitted to the prosecutor's office.
- The Department participated with a newly formed group called Advocates and Leaders for Police and Community Trust (ALPACT). The mission of ALPACT is to examine issues affecting police and community relations and ensure equitable enforcement of laws. Areas of interest include racial profiling, police discretion and use of force, recruitment and training, citizen complaint process, community partnering, police leadership and management disciplinary practices. The group works to develop recommendations and best practices designed to enhance trust between law enforcement and the communities we serve. The goal is to recommend implementation strategies to law enforcement and community groups.
- The Department increased information shared with the public through social media regarding public safety tips, public service announcements, emergency communications, and police and fire services. HOMTV interviews were conducted in 2016. Command staff worked with HOMTV and local TV stations to educate citizens on current law enforcement issues including:
 - Seat belt use
 - Drunk driving enforcement
 - Children and pets in vehicles
 - Fireworks safety
 - Gun control issues
 - Marsh Road and Haslett High School traffic safety study
 - Sexual Predator Investigations

- Receiving of the Land Stewardship Award
 - Holiday safety
 - Vacation security safety
 - Live scan
 - Shopping safety
 - Pet safety
 - Political signs
 - Distracted driving
 - Body worn cameras
 - Vehicle theft prevention
- All Department members are expected to have a timely response to all inquiries. The Department has processes for responding to citizens' complainants and all complaints are thoroughly investigated with the findings sent to citizens. Citizen surveys are regularly sent out. The vast majority of responses received are positive. Those that are not, are followed up with the respondent. Feedback received from neighborhood leader meetings have been positive.
 - The Department implemented the State Records Management System (SRMS) software early in 2016. The software allows the Department to integrate records management with other Departments in Ingham County and many throughout the State. The SRMS software was an exceptional value with no initial cost and annual costs are competitive.
 - Electronic crash reporting entry has been implemented allowing officers to complete crash reports using the computer rather than hand written. This system sends crash data directly to MSP to provide a more timely analysis of crash data and was grant funded.
 - Electronic citation writing software was upgraded to integrate with the new SRMS and was grant funded.
 - New fingerprinting technology was installed in the booking area. Officers can now take palm prints of arrested persons and the software was grant funded.
 - Implement the Language First Program township-wide in an effort to aid our township staff with communicating with visitors from all over the world. It is the same program used extensively at Michigan State University.
 - Sergeant Besonen attended Michigan State University Staff and Command school, a ten-week program designed for leadership development. In 2017, Sergeant Richard Grillo will attend.
 - Lansing Metro Public Private Partnership focused on emergency preparedness cooperatively working together on preparedness activities. The Department participated in the Moores River Dam functional exercise in cooperation with Lansing Emergency Management.
 - The Department participated in a buffer zone protection plan exercise that encompassed the airport, Emergent, Lansing's Emergency Management, and the State of Michigan.
 - The Assistant Chief participated with personnel from Wolverine pipeline as they conducted an oil boom exercise in Ferguson Park.
 - The Department participated in the Regional Taxi Authority.
 - Command staff participated in the Young Driver's Action Team 16-24 age, a Subcommittee of the Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Committee.

- The Department acquired a speed trailer, one laser and two hand-held radars.
- The Department purchased new digital cameras for officers' use on investigations.
- Worked with MDOT, the Ingham County Road Department and Williamstown Township to make safety improvements on site distance at Meridian and M-43.
- The Department added three new patrol vehicles into service.
- The Department added one additional officer to the Ingham Regional Special Response Team.
- Held a fundraiser for the police department's annual Christmas Party. The police vs fire basketball raised several thousand dollars.
- The Department held quarterly neighborhood watch meetings and encouraged neighborhoods to participate in National Night Out. Officers are assigned to active neighborhoods to promote two-way communications on issues of neighborhood concerns and crime trends.
- The Department purchased four Tasers with video recording capability included.

**MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP
POLICE**

**WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP
POLICE SERVICES**



**2016
ANNUAL REPORT**

**Williamstown Township
Police Services
2016 Annual Report**

The Meridian Township Police Department provides law enforcement services to Williamstown Township. The services have been provided via contract since 2011. 2016 was the sixth year of contracted services. In the fall of 2016, Williamstown Township renewed their contract for 2017-18 years. Meridian Police provides 80 hours of patrol time weekly and responds to calls at an hourly rate outside the 80 hours. 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				
	2013	2014	2015	2016
Written Reports	448	381	370	379
Calls for Service	1432	1322	1508	1546
Calls for Service (excluding traffic stops)	1035	990	1111	1103
Arrests	14	24	21	11
Citations Issued	164	111	162	159
Total Number of Charges	176	128	186	175

Written Reports				
	2013	2014	2015	2016
Alarms	132	62	53	68
Traffic Crashes	116	102	128	127
All Other	200	217	189	184
Total	448	381	370	379

Williamstown Township Deer Involved Collision Data			
Year	Injury Involved	No Injury Involved	Total
2009	2	66	68
2010	0	50	50
2011	1	69	70
2012	0	70	70
2013	1	72	73
2014	2	68	70
2015	1	67	68
2016	1	76	77

Calls for Service As Received from Dispatch			
911 Hang Up	7	Natural Death	0
Abandoned Vehicle	2	Noise	17
Admin	26	Obscene	0
Alarm	86	Ordinance Violation	5
Animal Call	41	Operating While Intoxicated	6
Arson	0	OUID	0
Assault	4	Park	5
Assist	0	Peace	1
Attempt to Locate	4	Personal Injury Accident	14
Attempt Warrant Pickup	0	Personal Protection Order	0
Bar Check	0	Pickup Property	4
Break In	5	Police Assist	10
Canine Assist	0	Private Property Accident	1
Check Area	0	Property Check	26
Check Subject	0	Property Damage Accident	116
Check Vehicle	0	Prowler	2
Civil	8	Reckless Driving	39
Community Meeting	0	Robbery	0
Criminal Sexual Conduct	1	Runaway	2
Deliver Message/Death Notification	2	School Walk Through	0
DOA	1	Security Check	15
Domestic	2	Shots	6
Drugs	0	Sex Offender Registration Violation	0
Driving While License Suspended	0	Special Assignment	13
Family/Neglect	0	Subpoena Service	2
Fight	5	Suicide	1
Fire Assist	40	Suspicious Situation/Person/Vehicle	72
Fireworks	7	Threat	4
Follow-up	45	Traffic Hazard	10
Fraud	17	Traffic Stop	443
General / Non-Criminal	21	Train	0
Harassment	7	Transport	0
Hazard	45	Trash / Littering Complaint	3
Hit and Run	2	Trespass	1
Juvenile	0	Trouble With Subject	15
Larceny	18	Unlawfully Driving Away An Automobile	1
Liquor Law Inspection	0	Unknown Injury / Accident	8
Lost Property	0	Unwanted Person	9
Malicious Destruction	12	Utility / Wires Down	6
Medical Assist	199	Vehicle Impound	0
Mental	0	Warrant Arrest/Attempt	17
Missing Person	2	Weapon Violation	0
Minor In Possession	0	Welfare Check	31
Motorist Assist	32		
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE: 1,546 *			

*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 2016			
Alarm Response	68	K9 Search/Training	2
Arson	1	Larceny	16
Assault	9	Medical First Responder	62
Burglary	5	Miscellaneous Non-Traffic-Offense	1
Conservation	0	Missing Person	2
Criminal Sexual Conduct	2	Motor Vehicle Theft	1
Damage to Property	5	Natural Death	5
Disorderly Conduct	1	Obstructing Justice	11
Embezzlement	0	Obstructing Police	2
Family Abuse/Neglect/Other	3	OUI of Liquor of Drugs	5
Fraud	22	Suicide	2
Harassing Communication	2	Traffic Civil	128
Health and Safety	3	Traffic Criminal	12
Hit and Run Motor Vehicle Accident	0	Trespass	2
Incapacitated/Mental Health	4	Violation of a Controlled Substance	4
Intimidation/Stalking	1	Weapons Offense	2
Investigation/Inspection (Non-Criminal)	15		2
Total Offenses Reported 398			
<i>*Written reports may have multiple offenses</i>			

**Williamstown Township
2016 Annual Crime Reporting Summary
Part 1 Offenses and OUIL/OUID Arrests & Traffic Accidents**

Part 1 Offenses:	2013	2014	2015	2016	% Change 2015-2016
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0%
Rape and Attempted Rape	1	2	1	2	100%
Robbery	1	0	0	0	0%
Aggravated Assault	2	6	2	3	50%
Total Part 1 Violent Crime	4	8	3	5	67%
Burglary	21	11	3	5	67%
Larceny	8	13	9	15	67%
Vehicle Theft	0	1	1	1	0%
Arson	1	0	1	0	-100%
Total Part 1 Property Crime	30	25	14	21	50%
Total Part 1 Offenses	34	33	17	26	53%
OUIL / OUID	3	9	10	5	-44%
Traffic Accidents	116	102	128	127	-1%

A total of 141 traffic crashes were investigated in 2016. Of those, 2 people were killed in a crash, 16 crashes involved personal injury to people and 131 crashes resulted in property damage without any injuries. The 80 crashes involving deer previously noted in this report are also included in the 141 total crashes in 2016.

Investigations Unit

During 2016, 1 case was continued from the previous year, 22 reports were assigned, 14 reports were cleared, 6 reports were inactivated, and 2 will continue to be investigated in 2017.

2016 Report Dispositions	
Assigned	21
Cleared	14
Inactivated	6
Continued in 2016	2

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

Offense	2016
Criminal Sexual Conduct	2
Threats/Other	1
Home Invasion	2
Larceny – Theft from Building	4
Larceny – Theft from Motor Vehicle	2
Larceny-Other	1
Death Investigations	2
Possession of drugs	1
Fraud	6
Intimidation/Stalking	1
Attempt Suicide	1
Total Offenses Investigated	22