

# **Meridian Township Police Department**

## **2010 Annual Report**



# MISSION STATEMENT

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

## VALUES

### **COMPASSION**

We care for and empathize with our fellow human beings.

### **COURAGE**

We face danger to ensure the safety of others.

We will stand up for what is right.

We will be brave when others may not.

We strive to eliminate fear through our actions.

### **EXCELLENCE**

We employ those who strive to achieve a higher standard.

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

We strive to exceed community and professional expectations.

### **FAIRNESS**

We will treat all individuals impartially.

We will act in a just manner.

We appreciate different points of view.

We exercise discretion appropriately.

### **INTEGRITY**

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

### **RESOURCEFULNESS**

We can be relied upon for help and support.

We have the ability to deal with situations effectively.

We build on our mutual experiences to effectively resolve problems.

### **RESPECT**

We value the rights and beliefs of others.

We are courteous.

We treat others as we expect to be treated.

We appreciate diversity.

### **WORK ETHIC**

We are self-motivated and self-directed.

We do what is asked and strive to achieve expectations.

We hold ourselves to a higher standard.

# PERSONNEL

## Officers

Police Chief David Hall

Lieutenant Greg Frenger (\*\*)

Lieutenant Ken Plaga

Lieutenant Alan Spencer (\*)

Sergeant Dawn Sawallich

Sergeant Don Lound

Sergeant Lana Howell

Sergeant Scott Dawson

Sergeant Brad Bach

Sergeant Bart Crane (\*\*)

Sergeant Andrew McCready

Officer Candace Hampton(\*)

Officer Leslie Diebolt

Officer Scott Stratton

Officer Dale Hausermann

Officer Jon Wicks

Officer Gregory Poxson(\*)

Officer Kelly Blask

Officer Gayelord Mankowski

Officer Kristi Lysik

Officer Paul Rambo

Officer Dave Metts

Officer Judy Hood

Officer John Free

Officer Christina Scaccia

Officer Jeff Adams

Officer Curt Squires

Officer Brett Reed

Officer Erin Linn

Officer Brian Canen

Officer Greg Harris

Officer Charles Glumb

Officer Andrew Tobias

Officer Richard Grillo

Officer Christopher Lofton

Officer Aaron Hubbard

Officer Robert Jurhs

Officer Jonte Slack

Officer Kyle Royston

Officer Edward Besonen

Officer Rebecca Payne

Officer Peter Menge

## Support Staff

Carol Hasse, Department Secretary

Andrew McEntee, Property Technician

Cindy Cummings, Records Supervisor

Lynne Bodell, Records Technician

Mary Glee, Records Technician (\*) (\*\*\*)

Carrie Gross, Records Technician

(\*) Retired in 2010

(\*\*) Promoted in 2010

(\*\*\*) Hired Part-time in 2010

## Cadets

Heather Elias\*

Andy Foreman

Lesley Fox

Nic Hoornstra

Brandon Knapp

Lindsay Kruger

Chuck Lieblich\*

Craig Long

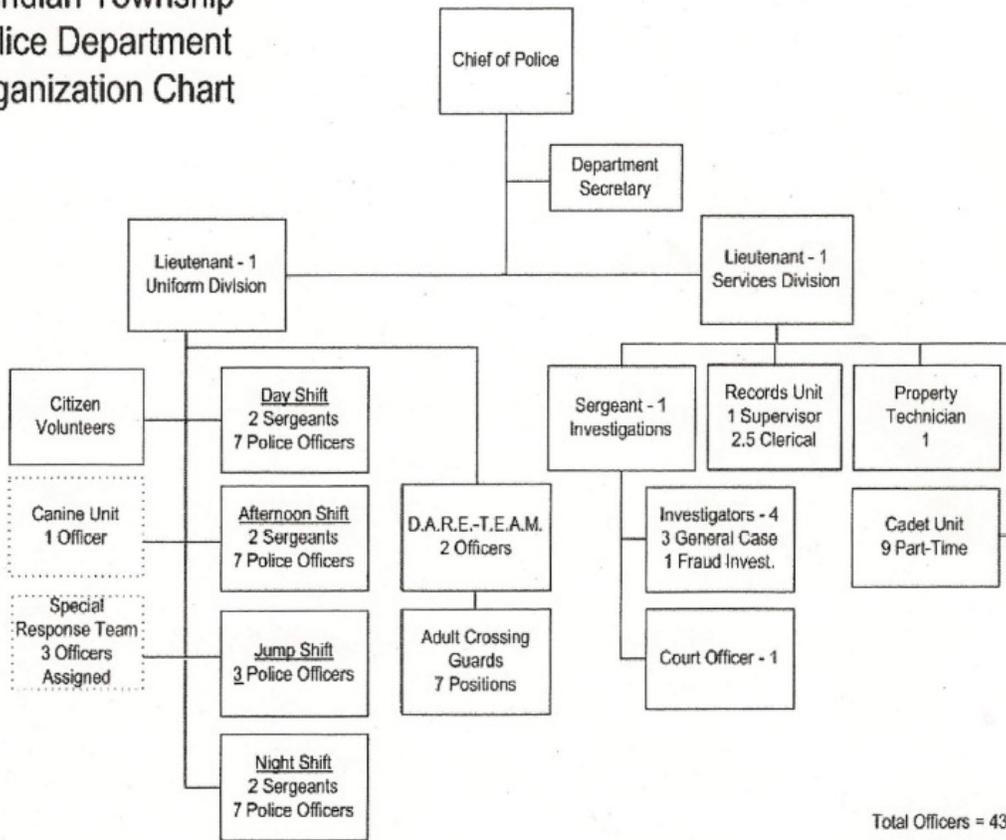
Ronald Maynard

William Starbird

Nicholas Wagner

\* Left the Department in 2010

# Meridian Township Police Department Organization Chart



Total Officers = 43  
Effective Date: January 2010

## ADMINISTRATION

During 2010, the command structure of the Department consisted of the Chief of Police and two Lieutenants. One Lieutenant led the Uniform Division and one Lieutenant led the Services Division. The Department promoted one lieutenant and one sergeant due to a retirement that took place.

## UNIFORM DIVISION

The Uniform Division serves as the primary role of the Meridian Township Police Department. Patrol coverage continued 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. Utilizing six sergeants and twenty-four patrol officers accomplished this coverage. Officers continued to work 10-hour shifts. This schedule allowed overlapping hours of coverage during peak call load times. Two Uniform Division officers continued to be assigned to the School and Community Resource Unit during the school year.

In 2010, there were 13,600 calls for service (excluding traffic stops). Of those calls, 6,152 were written police reports. 932 arrests were made with 906 charges. Officers issued 4,622 citations with a total number of 5,224 charges. Each citation can include up to three charges.

2010 Written Reports	
Alarms	749
Traffic Crashes	1,006
All Other	4,397
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,152</b>

### Yearly Comparisons:

#### Written Reports

2008	2009	2010
6,804	6,274	6,152

#### Calls for Service

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
16,423	17,159	14,093	13,577	13,600

#### Arrests

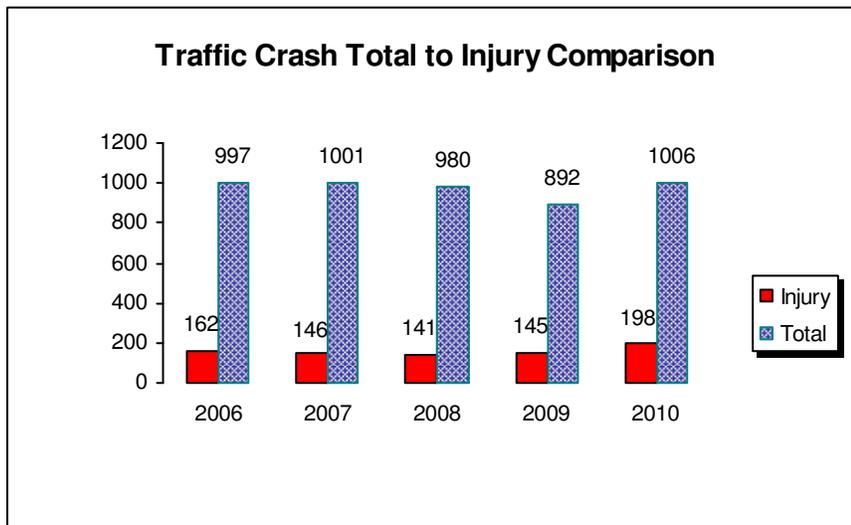
2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
1,564	1,398	1,270	1,259	932

#### Citations

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Citations Issued	9,770	6,918	5,235	5,528	4,622
Total # of Charges	n/a	n/a	5,918	6,147	5,224

Officers investigated 1,006 traffic crashes in 2010 compared to 892 in 2009. This included personal injury, property damage, and hit and run accidents. Of the total, 198 accidents involved injuries. There were no fatalities in 2010. Officers are licensed as

Medical First Responders and can begin advanced treatment of injuries when traffic crashes occur. During the fourth quarter of 2010, the State of Michigan asked the Department to be licensed separately rather than being licensed under Meridian Fire. The Township made the decision to purchase the additional equipment to continue as Medical First Responders. Ten automated external defibrillators (AEDs), along with the additional equipment, were purchased and licensing under the Police Department's name was anticipated for January 2011.



## **TRAFFIC SAFETY**

The Police Department remained committed to traffic safety within the Township to provide a safe community in which to live and travel. Traffic and traffic safety issues are consistently listed as one of the community's major concerns related to law enforcement services. Enforcement, engineering, and education are the three main components of impacting traffic safety, reduction in traffic crashes, and ease of travel throughout the community.

**Enforcement:** Officers continued the commitment of providing quality traffic control and enforcement within the Township. Officers have several tools available to achieve this level of quality. Marked patrol cars with radar speed measuring systems, handheld speed measuring units, handheld radar devices, motorcycle patrols, and in-car video camera systems were utilized. In 2010, the in-car video systems were upgraded to assist in the documentation of violations. Areas requiring additional enforcement activities were identified through citizen concerns and the analysis of traffic crash data. Officers were instructed to do direct patrols during the times of day when violations were known to have occurred to help reduce violations and prevent traffic crashes. In addition, the Department continued to participate and administer traffic safety grants provided through the Office of Highway Safety. These grants targeted specific traffic behavior such as seatbelt violations and drunk driving. The funding allowed additional patrol hours to target those activities.

**Engineering:** The Department continued to maintain relationships with the Ingham County Road Commission, the Michigan State Police, and the Michigan Department of Transportation. Working together with these agencies helped identify problem areas and assisted in the reduction of congestion and traffic crashes.

**Education:** The most effective way to have sustained safe roadways is through

maintaining an education program that informs the public of proper driving habits. The Department participated in media events hosted by the Office of Highway Safety Planning and community outreach activities with citizens. Car seat inspections continued to be performed to ensure vehicle child restraints were properly installed and being used correctly. The Department participated in the Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Committee and the Young Driver Action Team. This team focuses its efforts on young drivers who are more likely to be involved in traffic crashes or commit violations. In addition, the Department utilized the school and community resource officers to provide educational programs to teen drivers.

### **TRAFFIC CRASH INVESTIGATION TEAM**

Five officers are trained in advanced crash investigation and investigate crashes involving serious injuries or fatalities. The team assists by preserving evidence at the scene, taking photographs and measurements, and preparing scaled diagrams. Speeds, direction of travel, and points of impact are established through reconstruction of a crash scene. The team conducts follow up and investigations, interviews witnesses, and locates pertinent information for prosecution when necessary. The team works with the Ingham County Prosecutor's Office, Medical Examiner's Office, and the Michigan State Police during the investigation process. The team responded to two traffic crashes during 2010.

- A motorcycle was traveling west on M-78 when a vehicle exiting the Marvel Lanes pulled in front of it. The motorcycle was unable to avoid the collision. The driver of the vehicle, a 62-year-old female from Williamston, was cited for failing to yield to the motorcycle. The driver of the motorcycle, a 21-year-old male from Haslett, was seriously injured. Charges were sought against the motorcycle driver for not having a motorcycle endorsement and for possession of marijuana.
- A single vehicle was traveling east on Tihart Road and approaching Cornell Road. The driver, a 15-year-old female from Haslett, was traveling with her cousin and her grandfather. Her grandfather, a 57-year-old man from Georgia, pressed the accelerator while telling the driver to go faster. The driver lost control and struck a tree. The grandfather was severely injured. Charges were sought for Reckless Driving and Child Endangerment against the grandfather.

### **COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICERS**

The Meridian Township Police Department remained committed to the Community Policing Program that has been established and maintained through the years. Many neighborhoods have assigned neighborhood officers and individuals identified as community leaders. Many community leaders are also the neighborhood watch contact person. Officers were required to make monthly contact with the community leaders to solicit concerns and input regarding police services; in addition, officers performed periodic sweeps of assigned neighborhoods to check for code enforcement violations and other potential issues. The Department hosted regularly scheduled neighborhood leader meetings to allow neighborhood leaders direct access to Department administrators and other Township officials to express concerns and needs for their community. The most important event in the Department's policing efforts was National Night Out. Every year, National Night Out is held the first Tuesday of August. It is an event that brings communities and police officers together in a stand against crime. Neighborhood leaders were encouraged to hold events within their neighborhoods.

Officers, McGruff the Crime Dog, the K-9 unit, and the motorcycle unit participated to help strengthen relationships with the community. This is one way the Department continued to foster communication, promote efforts against crime, and improve the quality of life for residents in Meridian Township.

### **VOLUNTEERS**

The Volunteer Program is an important role in the Department. Volunteers are utilized for many tasks and provide valuable services. The skill sets of individuals are matched to assignments within the Department. Assistance in statistical reporting, data entry functions and parking enforcement were a few areas enhanced by volunteers. In 2010, over 200 hours of volunteer service were provided.

### **ADULT CROSSING GUARDS**

Meridian Township, in conjunction with the Haslett, Okemos and East Lansing school districts, employed six adult crossing guards for seven crossings. Crossing guards once again performed the vital duty of assuring the safety of pedestrian students to and from school. Department cadets, trained as crossing guards, filled in for sicknesses and absences. In 2010, both the Okemos and Haslett school districts adjusted the walking distances for students. This further reinforced the important role of crossing guards. Once again, the Department established the need for crossing guards by utilizing national assessment methods developed by AAA; furthermore, AAA remained a resource for training and informational materials.

### **CANINE TEAM**

Meridian Township continued to maintain one canine unit. Officer Brian Canen and his partner Asta, a Belgian Malinois, provided services such as article searches, area searches, tracking, building searches, aggression control, and drug detection. The canine team was scheduled for hours of service during the time of day when calls for canine usage were more likely to occur. If an incident occurred and the canine was unavailable, the on-duty supervisor could request a canine team from another department to assist. Officer Canen and Asta attended bi-monthly training.

<b>Team Activity Numbers</b>	
Calls Handled By Meridian's Canine	37
Calls Handled By Other Departments	17
Call Outs To Other Departments	10
Total Calls For Service	64
<b>Activity Type</b>	
Drug Search	16
Suspect Track	31
Building Search	10
Evidence Location	3

### **SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM**

The Department once again participated with the East Lansing Special Response Team (SRT) for call outs for service throughout Ingham County (with the exclusion of the City of Lansing). Call outs include high-risk search warrants, arrest warrants, drug raids,

civil unrests, or other tactical situations where the team's specialty training and equipment would be valuable. The unit continued to utilize officers from Meridian Township, City of East Lansing, Michigan State University, and the Ingham County Sheriff's Office. Three Meridian officers were assigned to the SRT and functioned on an on-call basis. In addition, the Department provided two additional officers trained as hostage negotiators. Officers received training in marksmanship, surveillance techniques, special firearms operations, tactical entry, and physical conditioning. Team members continued to train once per month and a multi-day training at a military installation was attended. In 2010, the team was called out on six activations. Two of the activations occurred in Meridian Township. One incident was a response to a barricaded gunman and the other incident was a high-risk search warrant for a weapons offense.

## **SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY RESOURCE UNIT**



The Department continued to maintain a positive presence in our schools by providing uniformed officers to instruct D.A.R.E. and T.E.A.M. The officers participating in this role undergo training and demonstrate the ability to mentor and teach students.

The D.A.R.E. Program teaches elementary students about the dangers of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, violence, and making smart life choices. T.E.A.M. provides instruction for elementary, middle, and high school students. Teachers have numerous curriculum requirements and T.E.A.M. meets many of the curriculum goals. The flexible curriculum allows teachers to choose which topics work best with their lesson plans. Both programs generate beneficial discussions between the students and officers.

In 2010, D.A.R.E and T.E.A.M. continued to be an important component of our commitment to community policing. 324 Okemos students and 225 Haslett students participated with the D.A.R.E. Program. The officers also participated in the Meridian Area Business Expo (MABA) and science fairs at local elementary schools. These functions provided excellent opportunities to strengthen relationships with staff and students.

<b>Number of Classes Held in 2010</b>	
D.A.R.E	224
T.E.A.M.	381
<b>Total for 2010</b>	<b>605</b>

The officers were a resource for the school districts' emergency response plans. The schools and officers worked jointly to ensure safe and comfortable learning environments. In 2010, an increase in presentations regarding internet/cell phone safety and bullying/cyber bullying took place. The requests came from all grade levels.

Other services were provided to the community such as assisting with TRIAD (Tri-County on Aging), the Halloween Open House (approximately 600 people attended), and a Christmas Party for over 100 local children of need.

## **SERVICES DIVISION**

The Services Division provides non-patrol support services to the Department. These

services include investigations, records management, property and evidence management, department training, the cadet program, and information systems maintenance.

## **INVESTIGATIONS UNIT**

The Investigations Unit consisted of a supervisor, a fraud investigator, three general investigators, and one court services officer. All personnel in the Investigations Unit are assigned for a three-year rotation. The court services officer rotated during 2010.

The Investigations Unit investigated 490 complaints during 2010. This number has decreased slightly from 2009.

<b>Complaints Investigated Per Year</b>	
<b>2006</b>	317
<b>2007</b>	442
<b>2008</b>	442
<b>2009</b>	493
<b>2010</b>	490

The following table lists the types of crimes investigated. The total number investigated (542) is higher than the number assigned (490) because some incidents involved more than one type of crime.

<b>Investigations Unit Yearly Comparisons</b>					
<b>Crime</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
Homicide	1	2	0	0	<b>0</b>
Kidnap	1	0	0	0	<b>3</b>
Criminal Sexual Conduct	21	26	31	25	<b>26</b>
Robbery	9	14	5	27	<b>9</b>
Assault/Stalking	20	18	26	10	<b>34</b>
Arson	1	1	2	6	<b>2</b>
Extortion	0	1	0	0	<b>2</b>
Burglary	31	48	74	97	<b>95</b>
Larceny	51	68	75	136	<b>100</b>
Unlawful Driving Away Auto	25	13	13	10	<b>8</b>
Forgery	3	17	12	4	<b>11</b>
Fraud	74	113	99	151	<b>115</b>
Embezzlement	15	15	18	5	<b>11</b>
Stolen Property	1	3	1	9	<b>1</b>
Malicious Destruction Property	9	7	5	13	<b>3</b>
Retail Fraud	4	11	5	19	<b>21</b>
Drugs	7	10	10	19	<b>9</b>
Sex Offenses	3	9	9	0	<b>2</b>
Obscene Material	1	2	1	4	<b>4</b>
Child Abuse	1	5	4	5	<b>9</b>
Liquor Law Violation	1	0	0	4	<b>1</b>
Obstructing Police	1	2	0	4	<b>6</b>
Obstructing Justice	13	7	6	2	<b>6</b>
Warrant Arrest for Other Agency	0	0	0	1	<b>5</b>
Weapons Offense	0	1	1	2	<b>5</b>
Public Peace	6	15	10	7	<b>7</b>
Hit & Run Accident	0	1	2	2	<b>2</b>
Health and Safety	0	0	1	0	<b>1</b>

Invasion of Privacy	1	4	0	0	<b>0</b>
Conservation	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Juvenile Runaway	1	2	2	4	<b>4</b>
Traffic Offenses	0	0	0	0	<b>3</b>
Juvenile Violation	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Civil Custody	3	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Motor Vehicle Accidents	0	1	3	0	<b>1</b>
Accidents Other	0	0	0	1	<b>0</b>
Accidents Other, Shooting	0	1	0	0	<b>0</b>
Suspicious Situations	5	6	1	6	<b>12</b>
General Assist	3	12	10	3	<b>7</b>
Death Investigations	4	5	14	16	<b>16</b>
Missing Persons	1	2	2	1	<b>1</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>593</b>	<b>542</b>

In 2010, the Investigations Unit continued 88 investigations from 2009. Investigators closed 265 complaints and inactivated 200 complaints. At the end of 2010, the Investigations Unit held an active caseload of 113 complaints that will continue to be investigated in 2011.

<b>2010 Complaint Dispositions</b>	
Continued from 2009	88
Assigned in 2010	490
Cleared in 2010	265
Inactivated in 2010	200
Continued in 2011	113

In cases where a suspect is identified, investigators take the completed case to the Ingham County Prosecutor for review. In 2010, 117 cases were reviewed by the Prosecutor's Office.

<b>Adult Warrant Requests for 2010</b>			
	<b>Felony</b>	<b>Misdemeanor</b>	<b>Totals</b>
Requested	96	21	<b>117</b>
Issued	55	11	<b>66</b>
Denied	24	5	<b>29</b>
Diversions	5	0	<b>5</b>
Pending @ ICPO	12	5	<b>17</b>

A total of \$32,936 worth of stolen property was recovered in 2010. The majority of the recovered stolen property was returned to victims.

The Investigations Unit did not investigate some crimes due to a lack of leads. In those situations, the supervisor notified the victim by mail. The victim was advised that the case may be opened if new information becomes available and would assist in furthering an investigation. There were approximately 394 letters sent to victims of crimes in 2010.

The Investigations Unit also tracked the number of school related incidents. In 2010, 79 school notification letters were sent to the administrative offices of the Haslett, Okemos, or East Lansing School Districts. Notification letters were completed when a crime occurred on school property or a school bus, at a school-sponsored event, within 1,000 feet of the school property, or the crime occurred off school property but posed a

significant threat or imminent danger to students, staff, or school property.

In addition to investigating complaints, the members of the Investigations Unit participated in a number of boards and task forces. These included Elderly Death Review Board, Child Death Review Board, Capital Area Sexual Assault Response Team, Pediatric Sub-Committee for Abuse and Sexual Assault, Michigan Association of Check Investigators, Tri-County Loss Prevention, Crime Stoppers, and Tri-County Sex Offender Task Force (Tri-Sort). Most meetings were held once a month to discuss cases of concern or interest, problem solve, develop protocols, and share information on suspects and trends. Participation in weekly area detective meetings also took place to discuss current crimes, share intelligence, and foster working relationships between agencies.

Cases of interest throughout 2010:

- Two local businesses were broken into during the nighttime hours. Within a few days, the investigator found some of the stolen property at a pawnshop. A suspect was developed, a search warrant was conducted, and stolen property was recovered. In addition, the Lansing Police Department was able to solve an additional business breaking and entering case. The subject was on parole and arrested immediately. He was convicted and sentenced to 5 to 22 years in prison.
- A domestic dispute at a residence turned into an intentional vehicle collision. When officers responded to investigate, an officer was assaulted by a female involved in the dispute. The female was arrested for assaulting an officer.
- A female employee at an apartment complex was sexually assaulted by a person viewing an apartment. A description of the suspect and vehicle was broadcasted to area agencies. The suspect was stopped and arrested by the Michigan State Police near Detroit.
- A break in occurred at a residence near an elementary school. Children at the school saw what was happening and a teacher called the police. The suspects were gone once officers arrived. Two suspects were developed in the case; however, one denied involvement and the other would not speak to investigators. The case was inactivated due to lack of evidence. The child who alerted the teacher was given a Civilian Commendation award by the Department.
- Police responded to a residence for an unresponsive 4-month-old child who died. An investigator responded with the medical examiner to the scene for interviews with the family. The medical examiner ruled the cause of death was SIDS with contributing factors of unsafe sleep practices and a pre-existing medical condition.
- The Michigan State Police located a man wanted for criminal sexual conduct. The crimes occurred in 2004 at a residence in Meridian Township. The suspect had been living in Clare under an alias name. The suspect pled to two counts of CSC 2<sup>nd</sup> and habitual offender.
- Residents living in Florida during the winter were notified by their granddaughter that their home in Meridian Township had been broken into. The investigator located some of the stolen property at a local pawnshop. The victim's granddaughter had

pawned the items. The suspect was interviewed and admitted she committed the crime due to a gambling problem.

- The Michigan State Police Lab returned DNA test results from a larceny from auto that occurred at the Meridian Mall in 2008. The suspect had spit on the window of the vehicle and the saliva was collected by the responding officer. The Ingham County Prosecutor's Office issued a warrant for the suspect.
- Approximately 14 home invasions were investigated during the month of June. The cases were not solved due to lack of leads.
- A suspect committing armed robberies of businesses in the Ingham County area was caught by a Meridian Township officer. After committing an armed robbery in Okemos, the officer stopped the suspect a few miles away and took him into custody. The suspect admitted to ten armed robberies in the Lansing area. Furthermore, significant information about narcotic trafficking in the Lansing area was provided by the suspect.
- Two men broke into a home and threatened the resident with handguns. Medical marijuana and cash were stolen. The suspects left behind articles that were collected and analyzed for DNA. The two suspects were identified and are waiting to be tried in court. In addition, the resident was in violation of the medical marijuana law by growing too many plants outdoors without being in a locked area. The Prosecutor denied those charges.
- A resident reported a robbery and home invasion. Investigators secured a search warrant for the residence and found a half pound of marijuana in individual packages, electronic scales, cash, and paperwork indicating drug trafficking. The Ingham County Prosecutor's Office issued charges for possession of marijuana with intent to deliver. The suspect pled to a misdemeanor charge for possession of marijuana. The robbery was not solved.
- A female subject, posing as a Sparrow employee, was targeting elderly residential homes to steal money from victims. The Lansing Police Department had similar incidents. A suspect was developed after pictures were shown on the news. Charges were issued.
- In November of 2009, the Department received information regarding a woman taking advantage of a person who qualified as a vulnerable adult. The victim was living with the suspect when the suspect began taking the victim to the bank to withdraw large sums of money from the victim's account. The Prosecutor's Office issued a warrant for the suspect. In July 2010, the suspect was arrested in New York and extradited back to Michigan. The charges were dropped in court because the victim could not be contacted to testify.
- A victim returned from active duty overseas and discovered telephone accounts he did not open were in collections. The investigator served search warrants for the telephone companies and determined the service address was from an apartment complex in the Township. The investigator confronted the suspect with the information and the suspect confessed.

- A name familiar to investigators showed up on a pawn sheet. The investigator met with the suspect's mother and inquired about the jewelry. The woman confirmed it was her jewelry and wanted to press charges. The Ingham County Prosecutor's Office issued charges for larceny from a building.
- An elderly man was hospitalized. His daughter discovered approximately \$32,000 was taken from his bank account by his caretaker. During the time of the investigation, the victim passed away. The Prosecutor's Office would not prosecute without the victim.
- A mentally ill 18-year-old man struck his father several times over the head with a snow shovel. The victim did not report this for several days as he and his wife were trying to make arrangements for mental health services. The individual was sent to a specialized care facility in California. The Prosecutor's Office denied any criminal charges.
- The East Lansing Police Department provided two names of suspects who may have committed home invasions in Meridian Township. Investigators interviewed the two suspects who confessed to committing three home invasions.
- An investigation that began in late 2009 involved a late report of a sexual relationship between a student and a teacher. The situation began when the female victim was a freshman in high school. The student reported having a sexual relationship with a teacher that lasted more than two years. Some of the incidents occurred at the teacher's residence in Delta Township. The Eaton County Prosecutor's Office issued three counts of CSC 1<sup>st</sup> degree and three counts of CSC 3<sup>rd</sup> degree. Additional crimes occurred in Ingham County; the Ingham County Prosecutor's office issued four counts of CSC 1<sup>st</sup> and two counts of CSC 3<sup>rd</sup>. The cases are scheduled for court in 2011.

## **COURT SERVICES**

The court services officer, who is part of the Investigations Unit, is a liaison between Meridian Township Police Department, the courts, the Ingham County Prosecutor, and the township attorney. The court officer is responsible for seeking warrants and juvenile petitions for the Department as well as arraigning persons arrested for Meridian Township charges. The court officer also verifies registered sex offenders on a quarterly basis and participates with the Tri-SORT's annual address verification sweep.

	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
Arraignments	299	329	301	282	<b>227</b>
Subpoenas Served	2232	2050	1890	1906	<b>1333</b>
Warrants Into LEIN*	593	579	577	622	<b>168</b>
Personal Protection Orders	55	51	53	58	<b>51</b>
Warrant Requests	1246	1196	1024	1210	<b>779</b>
Warrants Signed by CSO	423	535	481	521	<b>439</b>
Twp. Attorney Requests	236	182	137	328	<b>250</b>
Total Petition Requests	100	152	174	107	<b>98</b>
Retail Fraud Requests	297	277	307	457	<b>297</b>
OWI Requests	234	180	152	121	<b>100</b>

Assault Requests	280	101	91	91	<b>68</b>
Assault Requests-Domestic	175	259	265	190	<b>159</b>
Larceny/Fraud Requests	84	92	77	60	<b>55</b>
Narcotics Requests	118	117	92	74	<b>61</b>

## **RECORDS UNIT**

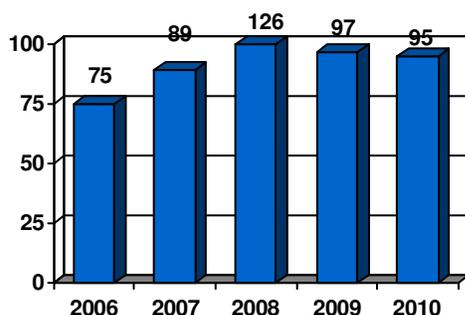
The Records Unit consists of a supervisor and two full-time and one part-time records technicians. The staff is responsible for the data entry of all criminal and non-criminal reports, maintaining the records database, verifying quarterly sex offender registrations, issuing permits to purchase pistols, conducting local background checks, handling requests for information from the public by telephone and at the service counter, maintaining several statistical tables, and receiving overflow telephone calls to the Department. In 2010, the Department repeated a 0% error rate on MICR reporting with the State of Michigan.

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

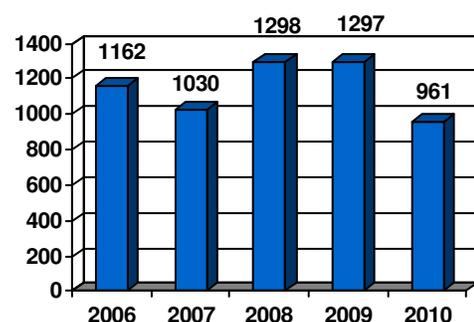
## **Annual Crime Reporting Summary**

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Percentage Change 2009-2010
Murder	1	0	1	0	0	*
Rape and Attempted Rape	18	30	44	24	29	21
Robbery	15	23	23	22	22	0
Aggravated Assault	41	36	58	51	44	-14
<b>Total Part 1 Violent Crime</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>-2</b>
Burglary	186	190	218	203	172	-15
Larceny	948	801	1024	1058	761	-28
Vehicle Theft	24	32	39	26	19	-27
Arson	4	7	17	10	9	-10
<b>Total Part 1 Property Crime</b>	<b>1162</b>	<b>1030</b>	<b>1298</b>	<b>1297</b>	<b>961</b>	<b>-26</b>
<b>Total Part I Offenses</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>1119</b>	<b>1424</b>	<b>1394</b>	<b>1056</b>	<b>-24</b>
OWI Arrests (Liquor or Drugs)	263	180	152	123	113	-8
Traffic Accident – Roadway	997	1005	992	892	1005	13

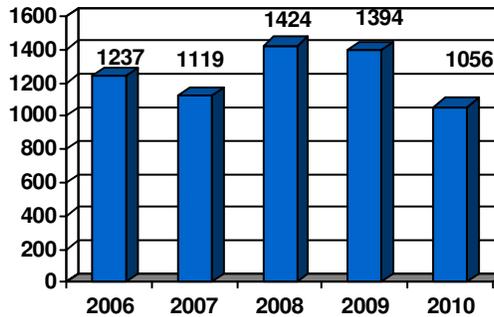
**Part 1 Violent Crimes**



**Part 1 Property Crimes**



## Part 1 Offenses



## **TRAINING**

Officers begin their careers with over 650 hours of training in the police academy. That training is crucial, but continuous training is necessary to provide the public with the best police services possible. Sworn personnel and non-sworn personnel participate in training hosted at the Department, the Michigan State Police Training Academy, and various other locations.

Training coordination is the responsibility of the Services Division Commander. In 2010, a total of 3,885.25 hours of training was conducted.

The 2010 training schedule consisted of the following:

- 28 hours of scheduled Department training
- 12 hours of Quarterly Firearms Training and Active Violence Training
- 1.5 hours of Roll Call Training

Meridian Township hosted training for Interview and Interrogation, Legal Update, and a Taser Instructor course. The Township received discounts and equipment for hosting the courses. The total value of those agreements was approximately \$3,000. In addition, instructors were brought to the scheduled training at no cost to the Department. Those instructors were from Gateway Services, Michigan Conservation Office, Veteran's Administration, and the Meridian Township Fire Department.

## **MID-MICHIGAN POLICE ACADEMY**

The Department continued to send a patrol sergeant as a liaison with the Mid-Michigan Police Academy at Lansing Community College. The commitment to the academy ensures area agencies influence recruit instruction and the quality of future law enforcement officers in our community. The sergeant monitored recruits, conducted inspections, and conducted course presentations. In addition, the sergeant provided performance critiques for academy cadets during scenario-based instruction. Continued participation allowed the Department to receive scholarship money to be utilized through Lansing Community College.

## **CITIZENS' ACADEMY**

The twelfth Citizen's Academy was hosted in the fall. Eleven citizens successfully completed the program. Participants learned about the Department, the role of police officers in the community, the criminal justice system, and citizen involvement in

policing.

## **CITIZEN SATISFACTION SURVEY**

Citizen satisfaction surveys continued to be used to monitor customer satisfaction of police and dispatch services. 300 surveys were mailed each quarter to victims and complainants involved in traffic accidents and other calls for service. For the year, 254 surveys were returned to the Department for a response rate of 21%. This was a slight decrease of 1% from 2009. Respondents were given the opportunity to request further contact from the Department and obtain information regarding the Citizens' Academy.

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

<b><i>Category</i></b>	<b><i>Rating of Excellent/Good</i></b>
Helpfulness	95%
Friendliness	96%
Knowledge	97%
Quality of Service	96%
Professional Conduct	99%
Response Time	90%

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

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

\* Not all questions generated a response.

## **CITIZEN SERVICE COMPLAINT SUMMARY**

The Department investigated 15 formal citizen service complaints during 2010. Below is a summary of the findings.

5\* Sustained – Sufficient evidence existed to support the allegation and further action was taken.

1 Not sustained – Insufficient evidence existed to support or refute the allegation.

6 Exonerated – The incident occurred but was lawful or proper.

4\* Unfounded – The alleged incident did not in fact occur.

\* One complaint had two dispositions.

## **AWARDS**

Numerous awards were presented during the 2010 Awards Ceremony hosted by the Department in April.

- Three citizens were awarded a Civilian Commendation Award.
- Five citizens were awarded a Certificate of Appreciation Award.

- Two officers were awarded a Meritorious Award.
- A total of 26 officers were awarded a Unit Citation Award.
- Four officers were awarded the Life Saving Award.

**Officer of the Year Award:** The 2010 Officer of the Year award was presented to Officer Scott Stratton. Throughout his twenty-five years of service, Officer Stratton has served the Department in many roles and has demonstrated professionalism in all of his duties. During his time as a court services officer, he exemplified what is desired of a Meridian Township Police Officer. Furthermore, he continually shows a positive attitude and puts forth a strong work ethic.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT 2010 GOAL BASED ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Worked cooperatively with HOM-TV on various law enforcement topics. Topics included fraud, the no texting while driving law, child safety and the enhanced OWI (drunk driving) law.
- Conducted two alcohol compliance checks of licensed establishments.
- Conducted a citizens' academy in the fall. Eleven participants graduated.
- Continued to participate in the planned consolidation of Ingham County's dispatch services.
- A taser instructor course was hosted in April. Two instructors were re-certified and one new instructor trained. The fee for the Department's attendance was waived and over \$2,000 in taser cartridges were received. In September, the Department hosted an Interview & Interrogation course and received one free entrance into the class.
- The Department participated in an effort to identify ways to share training resources. The agencies shared information and opened courses to other agencies at no cost or for the cost of materials to participate in the class.
- A tentative license plate reader vendor was selected and the final assessment stage of the process started.
- Volunteer support was sought at community events. Parking enforcement volunteer applications were received and background checks were completed late in the year.
- Cadets were utilized for parking enforcement duties.
- Cadets received training in February on the new manual content as well as a refresher on current duties.
- Electronic Field Based Reporting (FBR) has been implemented. Officers are entering incident report data in the patrol cars.
- The in-car citation writing software by APS has been installed and implemented in the patrol vehicles.
- The automated crash reporting system was written into the VisionAir Field Based Reporting (FBR) application. The software implementation continues to be a work in progress with other jurisdictions.
- VisionJail software was included in the Vision suite of software modules. This software allows for a regional approach to data management. Meridian Township, the City of Lansing, and Ingham County participated together to allow prisoners to be booked prior to transport to the jail. This will streamline processing of prisoners.
- Continued to coordinate the Office of Highway Safety Planning grant "Michigan Safe Communities" for Ingham County to reduce alcohol related crashes and youth alcohol issues. Applications for the Michigan Communities Grant were submitted and an additional grant was acquired for 2011.

- Locally funded traffic safety task forces were deployed. High crash areas within the Township were identified, specifically areas of concern such as school zones and neighborhoods, and the speed trailer was utilized in an effort to reduce traffic issues.
- A July sweep of 28 registered sex offenders in the Township revealed one person in violation.
- Quarterly meetings of the Tri-SORT (Tri-County Sex Offender Task Force) were attended.
- The Department provided assistance with code enforcement by responding to complaints and identifying code violations through regular patrol. Violations were reported to the Planning Department and action was taken. In addition, police cadets were utilized for code enforcement duties (June to August) and the Division Commander attended monthly code enforcement meetings with Community and Planning personnel.
- Nixle.com was implemented throughout the Township. Approximately 500 subscribers joined the Nixle alerting system.
- The Department hosted three child safety seat events throughout the Township. Officers inspected 83 child seats.
- An additional motorcycle officer was trained.
- Citizen surveys continued to be utilized for necessary follow up.
- Periodic review of patrol officers ensured policies are being adhered to and consumer treatment maintained.