

MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP POLICE



2020 ANNUAL REPORT

Mission and Value Statements

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

COMPASSION

We care for and empathize with our fellow human beings.

COURAGE

We face danger to ensure the safety of others. We will stand up for what is right. We will be brave when others may not. We strive to eliminate fear through our actions.

EXCELLENCE

We employ those who strive to achieve a higher standard. We listen to our employees and the members of our community to continually improve our effectiveness and reliability. We strive to exceed community and professional expectations.

FAIRNESS

We will treat all individuals impartially. We will act in a just manner. We appreciate different points of view. We exercise discretion appropriately.

INTEGRITY

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

RESOURCEFULNESS

We can be relied upon for help and support. We have the ability to deal with situations effectively. We build on our mutual experiences to effectively resolve problems.

RESPECT

We value the rights and beliefs of others. We are courteous. We treat others as we expect to be treated. We appreciate diversity.

WORK ETHIC

We are self-motivated and self-directed. We do what is asked and strive to achieve expectations. We hold ourselves to a higher standard.

PERSONNEL

CHIEF

Ken Plaga

ASSISTANT CHIEF

Brad Bach

LIEUTENANT

Richard Grillo

SERGEANTS

Andrew McCready	Jason Clements
Bart Crane	Brian Canen
Edward Besonen	Andrew Tobias
Chris Lofton	

OFFICERS BY SENIORITY

Paul Rambo**	Ian Mandernack
Dave Metts**	Kolby Casaday
Christina Scaccia	Lerico White
Jeff Adams	Megan Klein
Curt Squires	Austin Dietz
Erin Linn***	Blaine Anderson
Kyle Royston	Lorenzo Velasquez
Rebecca Payne	Antonio Trevino
Kevin Harvey	Kyle Cornell***
Mark Divney***	Jaclyn Allen
Michael Hagbom	Davie Reinke
Bryan LeRoy	Wes Talbot
Doug Strouse	Jordan Kuhn*
Aaron McConaughy	Sierra Alvarado*
Dan King	Megan Heinemann*
Adam Slavick	Travis Quimby* ***
Stephanie Lewis***	

CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

Kristi Schaeding, Administrative Assistant	Marcie Barnum, Records Technician***
Lynne Bach, Records Supervisor	Jennifer Ramsey, Records Technician***
Lori Hagan, Records Technician	Heidi LaFargue, Records Technician*

CADETS

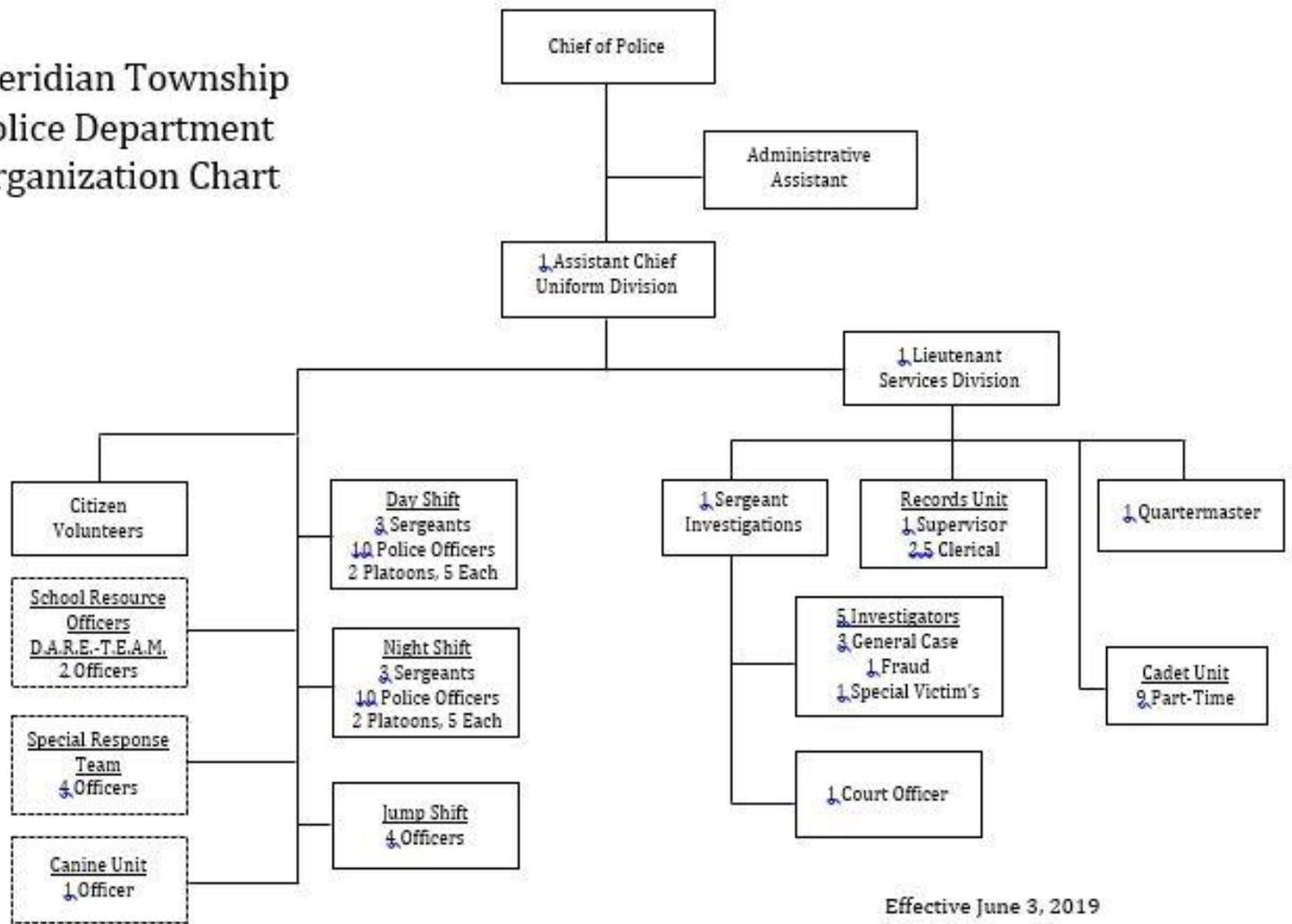
Cody Lefler***	Megan Heinemann*	Lucas Parker*
Danielle Huetner***	Maxwell Bland	Sierra Alvarado*
Maryam Masood	Natalie Tyndall*	Jonathan Kendrick***
Baylie Kaiser	Alexander Black*	
Elician Giachino*	Maggie Cole*	
Ryan Tunkl***	Megan Cole*	

*Hired in 2020

**Retired in 2020

*** Resigned in 2020

Meridian Township Police Department Organization Chart



Effective June 3, 2019
Total Sworn = 41

ADMINISTRATION

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

UNIFORM DIVISION

The Uniform Division personnel includes an Assistant Chief, 6 Sergeants, and 25 Officers. Within the division, there is the Road Patrol, Canine Unit and the School and Community Resource Unit. Road patrol personnel provide 24-hour patrol services to Meridian Township and Williamstown Township. Patrol officers are assigned to four platoons that work twelve-hour shifts with a sergeant on duty at all times.

In 2020, there were 16,228 calls for service (excluding traffic stops 3,465).

2020 Written Reports	
Alarms	575
Traffic Crashes	588
All Other	3,800
Total	4,963

Yearly Comparisons

Written Reports

2017	2018	2019	2020
6,282	6,801	6,421	4,963

Calls for Service

2017	2018	2019	2020
17,545	18,588	18,552	16,228

Arrests

2017	2018	2019	2020
559	577	563	402

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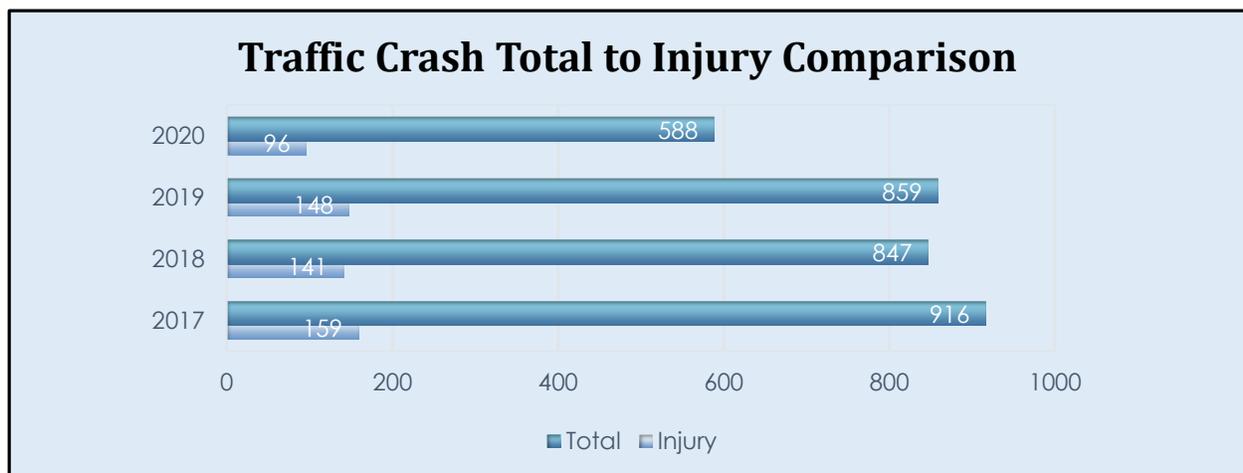
	2017	2018	2019	2020
Citations Issued	1,752	1,922	2,096	1,517
Total # of Charges	2,188	2,379	2,857	1,888

2020 Calls for Service As Received From Dispatch			
911 Hang Up	150	Noise	376
Abandoned Vehicle	41	Obscene	18
Accident Non-Traffic	1	Officer Initiated Warrant	66
Admin	544	Operating Under Influence of Drugs	43
Alarm	640	Ordinance Violation	40
Animal Call	154	Parking Complaint	81
Arson	1	Party Complaint	52
Assault	124	Police Assist	129
Attempt to Locate	116	Personal Injury Accident	71
Bar Check	15	Personal Protection Order	42
Bomb Threat	1	Peace Officer Complaint	36
Burglary	69	PININL – Accident with Entrapment	7
Chase-Pursuit	0	PBT – Preliminary Breath Test	0
Child Abuse/Neglect	57	Private Property Accident	67
Check ID	2	Pick up Property	113
Civil Disturbance	140	Property Damage Accident	538
Community Meeting	23	Prostitute	0
Crossing Guard	3	Prowler	7
Crowd Control	1	Person Requiring Treatment	13
Criminal Sexual Conduct	40	Runaway	55
Deliver Message	12	Reckless Driving	335
Disorderly Conduct	3	Repossession	21
DOA	7	Retail Fraud	315
Dog Complaint	175	Robbery	6
Domestic Assault	136	School Check	65
Drown in Moving Water	0	Security Check	137
Drugs	22	Shooting	0
Drunk	7	Shots Fired	74
Escort – Bank Escort	0	Special Assignment	126
Fight	151	Stalking	23
Fire Assist	578	Subpoena Service	186
Fireworks Complaint	57	Subject Down	1
Follow-up	848	Suicide	26
Foot Patrol	22	Suspicious Situation/Person/Vehicle	1,222
Fraud	340	Text – Request Message	51
Governor’s Orders	166	Threat	130
Harassment	144	Traffic Control	41
Hazzard – Road	281	Transport	41
Hit and Run	109	Trash / Littering Complaint	25
Inmate – Transfer	3	Trespass	29
Juvenile	63	Trouble With Subject	372
K9 – Assist	12	Test – Test CAD call	0
Key Run	1	Unlawfully Driving Away An Automobile	68
Kidnapping	2	Unknown Injury / Accident	37
Larceny	524	Unwanted Person	185
Liquor Law Violations	3	Unwanted Trouble/Unknown Trouble	135
Lock Out	19	Utility / Wires Down	58
Malicious Destruction of Property	151	Vehicle ID Check	22
Medical Assist	3,379	Visual/Vacation Property Check	101
Missing Person	38	Warrant Arrest	52
Motorist Assist	243	Weapon Violation	17
Neighbor Complaint	90	Welfare Check	865
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE: 16,228 *			

*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 2020			
Abandoned Vehicles	206	Juvenile Offenses / Runaway	32
Alarm Response	575	Kidnap	6
Animal Cruelty	1	K9 Search/Training	19
Arson	0	Larceny	442
Assault	245	Liquor Law/Violations	11
Building Code Violation	0	Medical First Responder	186
Burglary	87	Miscellaneous Non-Criminal Offense	287
Commercialized Sex/Prostitution	0	Motor Vehicle Theft	44
Conservation	5	Murder	0
Criminal Sexual Conduct	51	Negligent Homicide/Manslaughter	1
Damage to Property	111	Obscenity	9
Disorderly Conduct	15	Obstructing Justice	209
Dog Complaints	18	Obstructing Police	27
Embezzlement	12	Ordinance Violation	14
Extortion	14	OUI of Liquor of Drugs	53
Family Abuse / Neglect / Other	37	Peeping Tom	0
Fire Assist	8	Public Peace Other	40
Fireworks	0	Retail Fraud	305
Forgery / Counterfeiting	20	Robbery	12
Fraud	270	Sex Offense (Other)	8
Health and Safety	7	Stolen Property	23
Hit and Run Motor Vehicle Accident	4	Threat to Burn/Bomb	0
Immigration	0	Traffic Civil	768
Incapacitated / Mental Health	110	Traffic Criminal	254
Intimidation / Stalking	82	Trespass	105
Investigation / Inspection (Non-Criminal)	186	Violation of Controlled Substance	20
Invasion of Privacy (other)	2	Weapons Offense	25
TOTAL OFFENSES REPORTED: 4,966			
<i>*Some written reports have multiple offenses</i>			

Crash investigations in Meridian Township totaled 588 in 2020. This was a decrease of 271 from the previous year. Crashes are classified as personal injury, property damage (no injuries) and hit and run crashes. There were 96 crashes with injured occupants, 491 crashes with no injuries and 1 fatal accident.



TRAFFIC SAFETY

Meridian Township views traffic safety as an important key to keeping the community safe. The Department works with the Ingham County Road Commission and the State Highway Department to address road design related concerns. Officers take enforcement in areas identified as directed patrols based on complaints from citizens. Additionally, the speed trailer and speed sign are utilized to educate motorists, complete traffic studies regarding speed-related safety concerns and traffic counts and can be deployed to locations with citizen's request. This year we completed 10 traffic studies and 42 directed patrols.

Two of our officers provide car seat inspections to the public. A total of 17 inspections were completed in 2020. Officers completed car seat inspection recertification in 2020.

The Department also participates in the Capital Area Traffic Safety Network. This is a regional group made up of law enforcement, driving instructors and insurance providers that focusses on traffic safety and best practices for the region.

TRAFFIC CRASH INVESTIGATION TEAM

Traffic crashes involving fatal or potentially fatal injuries require investigators with specialized training and equipment. Area law enforcement agencies have committed personnel to a regional crash investigation team. On-duty team members are called to assist participating agencies with potentially fatal crash investigations. This effort has increased the experience of the investigators while reducing overtime costs for the Departments.

Meridian Township Deer Involved Collision Data			
Year	Injury Involved	No Injury Involved	Total
2017	4	122	126
2018	2	125	127
2019	3	150	153
2020	5	157	162

VOLUNTEERS

2020 was a challenging year for our volunteers. With social gatherings being canceled, we were unable to have our annual Halloween open house. In 2020, we also had our volunteer parking team retire and we will attempt to fill those positions in 2021.

COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICERS

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

Our largest community event is National Night Out which is an annual event to promote community partnerships with law enforcement and take a stand against crime. Officers visit nearly 30 neighborhoods that have gatherings to promote safety throughout the community. The 2020 event was canceled and we look forward to the having the event in 2021.

ADULT CROSSING GUARDS

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

CANINE SUMMARY

With the retirement of K9 Yukon in 2019, the Department purchased another K9 in 2020. Officer Blaine Anderson is the Department's current K9 Handler and is assigned K9 Ares. K9 Ares was imported from Poland and purchased through Mid-Michigan Police K9. K9 Ares is a 2 year old German Shepherd. Officer Anderson and K9 Ares completed their initial training at the end of May 2020. This team is trained in article searches, building searches, narcotics detection, and tracking. In addition to providing police K9 service to Meridian Township, when on-duty, this team does provide mutual aid to surrounding police agencies when they either do not have a K9 team on duty or within their Department. This provides an opportunity to receive similar K9 mutual aid, if needed, when Officer Anderson is off-duty.



With the COVID-19 pandemic, training throughout the department was greatly reduced, including most formal, regularly scheduled K9 training days. In addition to maintenance training during available on-duty time, the K9 Team completed 72 hours of continued training beyond the K9 handler school.

2020 Canine Team Activity Numbers	
Calls Handled By Meridian's Canine Team	14
Calls Handled By Other Departments	13
Call Outs To Other Departments	14
Total Calls For Service	41
Activity Type	
Ingham Regional SRT	0
Article Search	3
Area Search	1
Building Search	0
Narcotics Search	20
School Sweeps (OHS/HHS/ELHS)	0 (Schools closed due to COVID-19 pandemic)
Tracking	14
Demonstrations	0
Other Use	3
Total	41

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

SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM

The Ingham Regional Special Response Team (IRSRT) is comprised of personnel from the Ingham County Sheriff's Department, East Lansing Police Department, MSU Police Department, and Meridian Township Police Department. The team is called upon by agencies when a tactical team is needed to respond. Meridian Township commits three officers and one sergeant to the team. Meridian Township Officers received 528 hours of regular monthly training and 180 hours of annual training. This totals 708 hours of yearly training. IRSRT had eight activations in 2020.

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY RESOURCE UNIT

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

The officers participated in “No Senior without Christmas” event. This is a Tri-County TRIAD program. There were 400 holiday baskets distributed to the tri-county elderly residents. Meridian Township delivered 28 of those.

Meridian Township held their own virtual “Shop with a Cop” event in 2020. The officers worked with school counselors and 11 area students participated. The officers worked in conjunction with Walmart, and the Haslett Okemos Rotary Foundation, as well as the FOP and POAM unions.

Number of Classes Held in 2020	
D.A.R.E	80
T.E.A.M.	8
Other Presentations	30
Total	118

SERVICES DIVISION

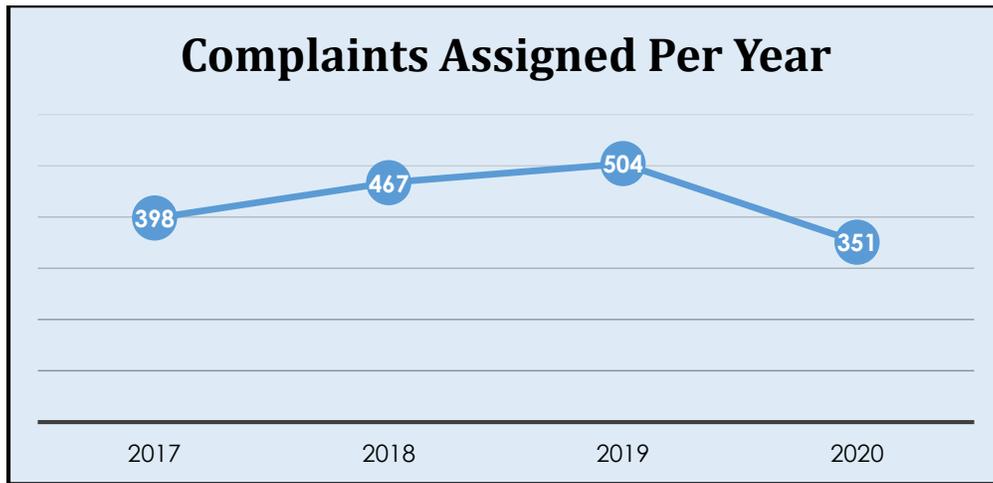
The Services Division is responsible for police investigations, records management, maintaining the MLEAC accreditation status, management of evidence and property, and recruitment and hiring. The Services Division includes the following units: The Records Unit, the Investigations Unit, Court Services, the Evidence Unit, the Recruiting Team, and the Cadet Program.

INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

Personnel are selected to serve in the Investigations Unit for a three-year assignment. Extensions may be granted based on rotation to keep experienced officers as part of the team. The Investigations Unit includes a sergeant, four officers investigating cases and a Court Services Officer (CSO). The CSO is assigned to be the liaison with prosecutors, township attorney and courts. The CSO is also responsible for sex offender registration and verification. The officers are assigned to investigate criminal complaints including but not limited to homicides, sexual assaults, robberies, child abuse, elderly abuse, home invasions, embezzlements, larcenies and death investigations. Cases are closed when a suspect is identified and the prosecutor authorizes charges, or all investigative efforts have been exhausted. Crimes against persons are given greater priority than crimes involving theft.

The table below shows the Investigations Unit assigned a total of 351 complaints in 2020.

Complaints Assigned Per Year	
2017	398
2018	467
2019	504
2020	351



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	2017	2018	2019	2020
Homicide	2	0	1	0
Kidnap	1	2	1	0
Criminal Sexual Conduct	40	88	83	54
Robbery	18	7	7	1
Assault/Stalking	24	25	18	13
Arson	1	1	2	0
Extortion	2	0	2	7
Burglary	62	65	57	55
Larceny	97	94	113	56
Unlawful Driving Away Auto	19	18	10	4
Forgery	13	2	16	15
Fraud	67	78	94	71
Embezzlement	6	4	3	2
Stolen Property	2	9	9	8
Malicious Destruction of Property	32	8	9	7
Retail Fraud	23	14	8	13
Drugs	12	7	2	5
Sex Offenses	0	0	0	3
Obscene Material	6	8	13	11
Child Abuse	3	3	6	10
Liquor Law Violation	0	0	0	0
Obstructing Police	0	0	0	2
Obstructing Justice	0	0	1	0
Weapons Offense	2	4	1	4
Public Peace	0	3	2	1
Hit & Run Accident	2	1	0	1
Health and Safety	0	3	1	0
Invasion of Privacy	2	0	2	1
Conservation	4	0	0	0
Juvenile Runaway	5	2	2	1
Traffic Offenses	0	1	0	0
Juvenile Violation	0	3	2	1
Civil Custody	0	0	0	0

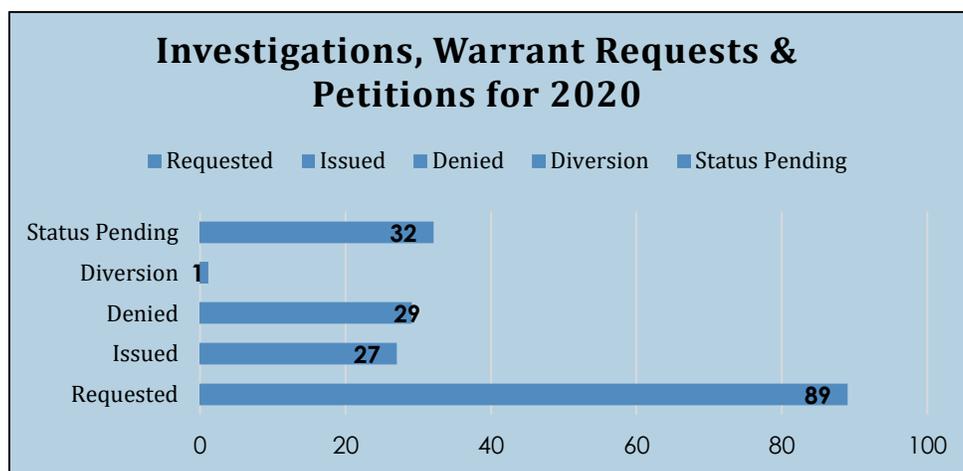
Motor Vehicle Accidents	0	0	0	0
Suspicious Situations	11	16	27	32
General Assist	2	2	4	3
Death Investigations	35	50	43	43
Missing Persons	5	1	4	3
TOTAL	498	519	543	427

In 2020, the Investigations Unit continued to investigate 66 offenses from 2019, 351 offenses were assigned, 185 were cleared, 110 were inactivated, and 90 will continue to be investigated in 2021.

2020 Complaint Dispositions	
Continued from 2019	66
Assigned in 2020	351
Cleared in 2020	185
Inactivated in 2020	110
Continued in 2021	90

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 2020, the Investigators submitted 89 requests for warrants and petitions to the ICPO.

Investigations, Warrant Requests & Petitions for 2020			
	Felony	Misdemeanor	Totals
Requested	58	31	89
Issued	16	11	27
Denied	15	14	29
Diversion	1	0	1
Status Pending	26	6	32



A total of \$442,903 worth of stolen property was recovered in 2020. The majority of the recovered stolen property was returned to the victims.

Noteworthy investigations for 2020 include:

- A vehicle crash that led to an armed barricaded subject. The subsequent investigation spanned several counties with multiple victims.
- A discovery of a deceased subject in a recycling vehicle. Worked with multiple agencies to determine the subject died as a result of an accident.

COURT SERVICES

The Court Services Officer (CSO) processes criminal complaints and submits them to the Ingham County Prosecutors Office and the Township Attorney to request arrest warrants and juvenile petitions. The CSO swears to warrants, arraigns prisoners, attends juvenile hearings, serves subpoenas, delivers citations to the court and collects bond money posted and delivers it to the court. Registered Sex Offenders report to the CSO as required by law. The CSO schedules Sex Offender Address Verifications on a regular basis. The CSO investigates Sex Offender Registry Act violations and submits those complaints to the Ingham County Prosecutor's Office for arrest warrants.

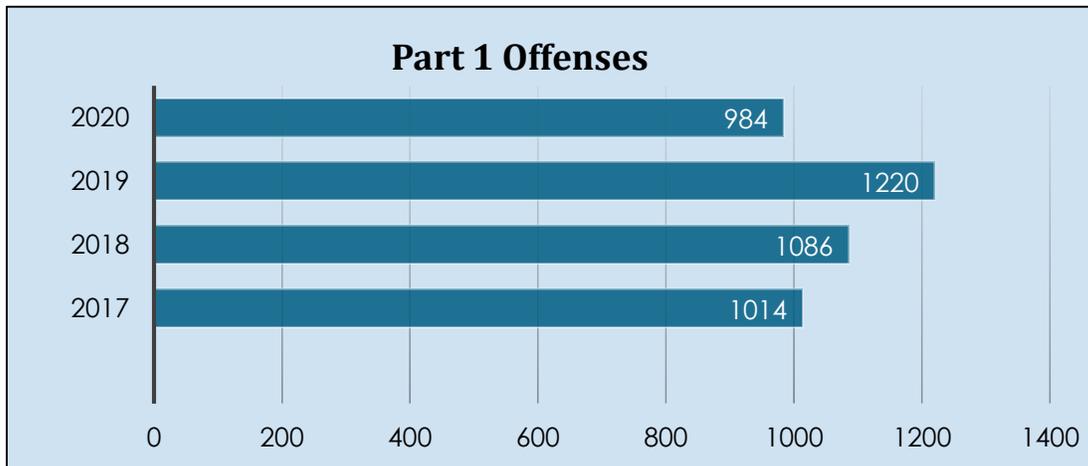
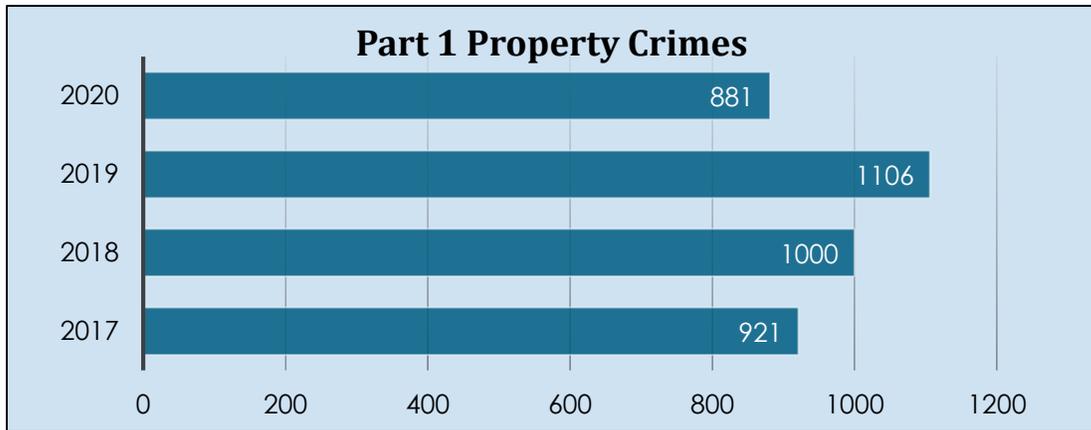
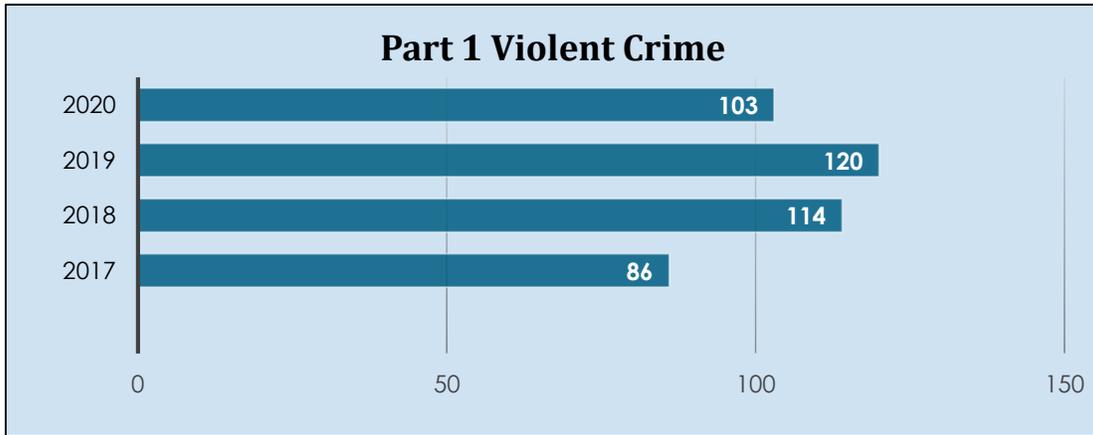
COURT SERVICES	2017	2018	2019	2020
Subpoenas Served	842	832	692	729
Personal Protection Orders	67	38	41	43
Warrant Requests	522	605	614	581
Warrants Signed by CSO	431	429	378	362
Twp. Attorney Requests	177	188	144	113
Total Petition Requests	152	134	102	39
Retail Fraud Requests	319	332	234	190
OWI Requests	80	66	62	61
Assault Requests	62	48	42	47
Assault Requests-Domestic	144	175	180	151
Larceny/Fraud Requests	76	95	82	70
Narcotics Requests	75	75	20	10

RECORDS UNIT

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

Annual Crime Reporting Summary	2017	2018	2019	2020	% Change 2019-2020
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	1	0	1	1	0%
Rape and Attempted Rape	32	58	70	51	-27%
Robbery	18	15	12	12	0%
Aggravated Assault	35	41	37	39	5%
Total Part 1 Violent Crime	86	114	120	103	-14%
Burglary	112	115	96	88	-8%
Larceny	801	864	935	749	-4%
Vehicle Theft	18	21	52	44	-14%
Arson	4	3	4	0	-100%
Total Part 1 Property Crime	927	1,000	1,106	881	-5%

Annual Crime Reporting Summary	2017	2018	2019	2020	% Change 2019-2020
Total Part 1 Offenses	1,014	1,086	1,220	984	-6%
OWI Arrests (Liquor or Drugs)	58	72	63	53	-9%
Traffic Accident – Roadway	1046	916	847	588	-34%



TRAINING

Under the direction of the Chief of Police, the Training Sergeant oversees all training for the Department. The Department provided employees with 3,455 hours of training in 2020. It included some of the following:

- In-Service: 1,178.5 hours (this includes de-escalation training, mental health/PRT training)
- External: 1538 hours
- Firearms: 361 hours

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

ACCREDITATION

The Meridian Township Police Department became the first agency in Mid-Michigan to become a fully accredited police department in December 2019. Accreditation is a progressive and time-proven way of assisting law enforcement to improve performance and service to the community. It is the voluntary adoption of the best practices in law enforcement and requires a constant evaluation of the professional objectives set forth by the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission. It is an on-going process that ensures our Department is consistently achieving professional excellence. Accreditation status acknowledges the implementation of conceptually sound written directives, policies, procedures, and training.

MID-MICHIGAN POLICE ACADEMY

The Services Division Commander is assigned as a coordinator for the Lansing Community College's Mid-Michigan Police Academy. During the seventeen-week academy, the coordinator works closely with the recruits in training and career development. The coordinator also has the unique position of monitoring the recruit's individual progress and identifying potential future Department employees. The Department sponsored one recruit, Sierra Alvarado, through the Mid-Michigan Police Academy. The Department hired an additional officer, Megan Heinemann, from the Mid-Michigan Police Academy. Officer Alvarado and Officer Heinemann completed their police academy training in December 2020 and have been assigned to the road patrol.

22nd CITIZENS' ACADEMY

The Department typically hosts a ten-week Citizens' Academy that meets once a week for three hours in the fall. This academy exposes the attendees to police operations and procedures. Due to the COVID19 pandemic the Department did not hold an academy.

14th YOUTH CITIZENS' ACADEMY

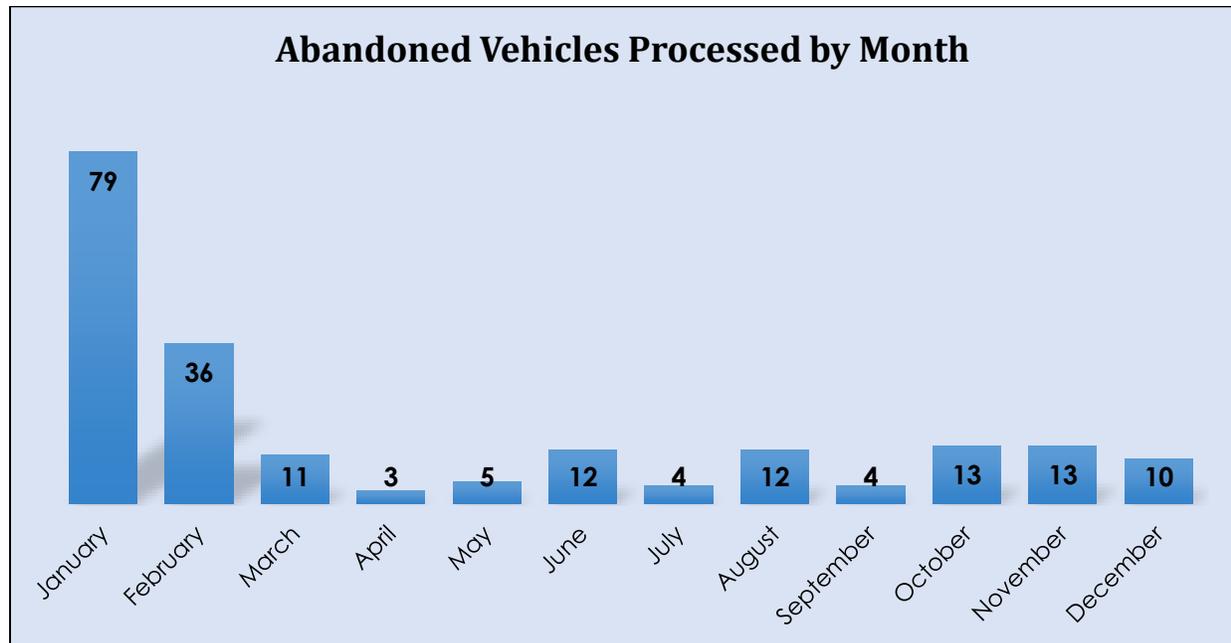
The Department hosts a seven-week Youth Academy that meets once a week for two hours in the spring. The students learn about police work while being able to experience hands-on activities. The Department began a Youth Academy in 2020, but had to cancel it in March due to the COVID19 pandemic.

PROPERTY ROOM REPORT

The Quartermaster maintains the property room. Activity involving the property room in 2020 included:

- 2,120 items entered as evidence.
- 607.75 pounds of narcotics incinerated from the Prescription Drug Drop Off Box.
- 34 firearms sent to the Michigan State Police for destruction.

The Department processed 202 abandoned vehicles in 2020.



CITIZEN SATISFACTION SURVEY

A total of 1,000 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 2020, a total of 211 surveys were returned. The 21% response rate was increased as compared to 2019.

Citizen Satisfaction Survey for Sworn Personnel

Category	Rating of Excellent/Good
Helpfulness	99%
Friendliness	97%
Knowledge	99%
Quality of Service	97%
Professional Conduct	97%
Response Time	96%

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

Category	Rating of Excellent/Good
Helpfulness	75%
Friendliness	68%
Knowledge	71%
Quality of Service	72%
Professional Conduct	73%

**Not all questions generated a response.*

CITIZEN SERVICE COMPLAINT SUMMARY

The Department investigated six formal citizen service complaints during 2020. The following is a summary of the findings.

- 3 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.
- 2 Exonerated – The incident occurred but was lawful or proper.
- 0 Unfounded – The alleged actions or events did not in fact occur.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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

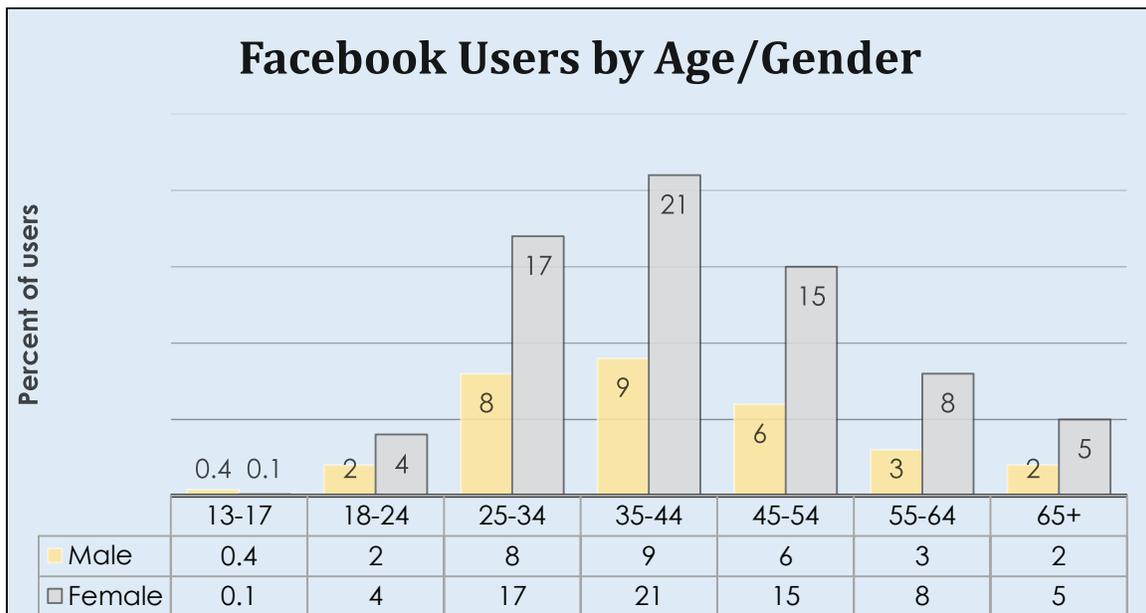
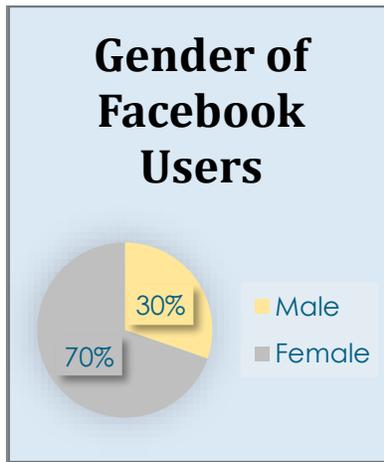
EVERBRIDGE ALERTS

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

<https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736727116#/signup>

FACEBOOK

Facebook offers the greatest return on time invested. The 9,531 people who “Like” our page is up from the 7,592 who did in 2019. Facebook has been helpful in many areas including the identification of suspects, distributing traffic alerts and the posting of wanted persons. The Department also uses its Facebook platform to engage the community in discussions.



TWITTER

There are 2,520 individuals that follow the Department's Twitter page.

POLICE DEPARTMENT 2020 GOAL BASED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

Receive and Maintain accreditation through the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police and the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission.

On February 6th the Police Department received accreditation from the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission. The Department has received new standards issued by the Commission and is working toward compliance with the new standards. The ongoing maintenance of accreditation is a priority and ensures compliance with all previously met standards set by the Commission.

Select and train a new canine handler and obtain a new canine for the Department.

On February 14th, the Department selected Officer Blaine Anderson as the next canine handler. Blaine and canine Ares have been on patrol and responded to several calls for canine assistance and have successfully recovered narcotics from a vehicle search. The K9 Team completed 72 hours of continued training beyond the K9 handler school in 2020.

Work diligently toward full staffing (41).

On December 14th, two new officers were sworn into service with Meridian Township. The Township has also offered a sponsorship to Maggie and Megan Cole to the Mid-Michigan Police Academy at LCC. They will begin training in January of 2021.

This past year we have had four officers resign from the Department and leave the law enforcement profession. The Department currently is staffed with 36 sworn officers.

Continue collective efforts to foster an environment that is welcoming, diverse and inclusive.

Governor Whitmer has called for diversity and implicit bias training, comprehensive reporting on the use of force, duty to intervene policy, and training for de-escalation. Our Department had completed those trainings before being called on by Governor Whitmer, and we continue to train in those areas. The Department continues to participate in the Advocates and Leaders for Police and Community Trust (ALPACT) meetings. We are also seeking to recruit diverse applicants to the Department. Recruiting officers have visited police academies around the state seeking diverse applicants.

The Department is participating in the Township Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) work group to assist in promoting a more welcoming and inclusive Township. On September 24th, the Township held a Community Forum on Policing to seek township resident input on how we can better serve the community.

Update the existing Axon in-car and body worn camera system.

The body worn camera and in-car camera systems have been upgraded by the vendor to ensure reliable recordings of citizen contacts by officers. New body worn cameras have been issued to all officers.

Update the Nelson room with new tables, chairs and audiovisual equipment to foster training and enhance meeting capabilities.

The Nelson room upgrades have been completed. The room has been used for several meetings including interviews for a new Human Resources Director and the Department hosted a legal update class for multiple law enforcement agencies. Hosting training reduces costs for the Department and allows more officers to attend training. The Nelson Room also serves the Clerk's office and provides a location for the Absent Voter Counting Board (AVCB) during elections.

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

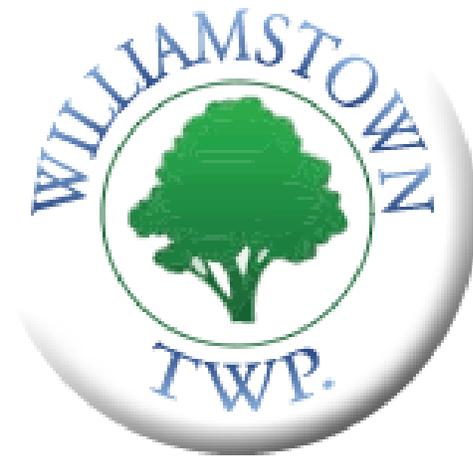
Sgt. Chris Lofton is currently enrolled in the Michigan State University School of Staff and Command and will graduate January 2021.

Assist the Parks Department with the deer management efforts.

The Department has taken an active role in assisting with deer management within the Township. We are currently purchasing equipment to allow officers to harvest deer within the township. This program is designed to remove deer from problem areas where vehicle accidents are frequent and foliage damage is occurring. The Department is developing best practices through collaboration with the experienced US Department of Agriculture sharpshooters.

**MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP
POLICE**

**WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP
POLICE SERVICES**



**2020
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**Williamstown Township
Police Services
2020 Annual Report**

The Meridian Township Police Department provides law enforcement services to Williamstown Township. The 2019-2021 contract arranges for Williamstown Township to compensate Meridian Township \$229,721.00 for calendar year 2020 and \$58.41 per hour outside of the 80 hours of weekly patrol for emergency and non-emergency responses.

Williamstown Township Statistics				
	2017	2018	2019	2020
Written Reports	381	384	323	285
Calls for Service	1616	1769	1451	1304
Calls for Service (excluding traffic stops)	1226	1239	1038	1043
Arrests	12	20	17	8
Citations Issued	73	101	170	115
Total Number of Charges	89	120	204	132

Written Reports				
	2017	2018	2019	2020
Alarms	66	61	52	31
Traffic Crashes	115	116	107	102
All Other	200	207	164	152
Total	381	384	323	285

Williamstown Township Deer Involved Collision Data			
Year	Injury Involved	No Injury Involved	Total
2017	1	63	64
2018	2	66	68
2019	0	65	65
2020	2	64	66

Calls for Service As Received from Dispatch			
911 Hang Up	10	Neighbor	5
Abandoned Vehicle	2	Noise	7
Admin	10	Obscene	2
Alarm	55	Officer Initiated Warrant	2
Animal Call	42	Ordinance Violation	4
Arson	0	Operating While Intoxicated	4
Assault	5	OID	0
Assist	0	Parking Complaint	1
Attempt to Locate	3	Party	3
Attempt Warrant Pickup	0	Peace	2
Bar Check	0	Personal Injury Accident	15
Break In	4	Personal Protection Order	1
Canine Assist	0	Pickup Property	3
Check Area	0	Police Assist	9
Check Subject	0	Private Property Accident	0
Check Vehicle	0	Property Check	17
Child Abuse	6	Property Damage Accident	91
Civil	10	Prowler	0
Community Meeting	1	Reckless Driving	36
Criminal Sexual Conduct	0	Robbery	0
Deliver Message/Death Notification	3	Runaway	0
DOA	1	School Walk Through	2
Dog	12	Security Check	17
Domestic	6	Shots	7
Drugs	0	Sex Offender Registration Violation	0
Driving While License Suspended	0	Special Assignment	1
Family/Neglect	6	Stalking	0
Fight	1	Subpoena Service	4
Fire Assist	49	Suicide	0
Fireworks	3	Suspicious Situation/Person/Vehicle	67
Follow-up	23	Threat	8
Foot Patrol	2	Traffic Control	3
Fraud	21	Traffic Hazard	47
General / Non-Criminal	0	Traffic Stop	261
Governor's Orders	7	Train	0
Harassment	9	Transport	1
Hazard/Road	0	Trash / Littering Complaint	4
Hit and Run	1	Trespass	1
Juvenile	0	Trouble With Subject	16
Larceny	8	Unlawfully Driving Away An Automobile	1
Liquor Law Inspection/Violation	0	Unknown Injury / Accident	3
Lockout	0	Unknown Trouble	3
Lost Property	0	Unwanted Person	3
Malicious Destruction	5	Utility / Wires Down	8
Medical Assist	242	Vehicle Impound	0
Mental	0	VIN Check	8
Minor In Possession	0	Warrant Arrest/Attempt	8
Missing Person	0	Weapon Violation	2
Motorist Assist	24	Welfare Check	56
Natural Death	0		

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE: 1,304 *

*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 2020			
Alarm Response	31	Juvenile	0
Animal Complaint	2	K9 Search/Training	0
Animal Cruelty	0	Larceny	8
Arson	0	Liquor Violations	1
Assault	12	Littering	1
Assist Other Agency	2	Medical First Responder	20
Burglary	3	Miscellaneous Non-Traffic-Offense	13
City Ordinance	2	Missing Person	1
Conservation	0	Motor Vehicle Theft	1
Contributing to the Delinquency of Minor	1	Natural Death	5
Criminal Sexual Conduct	2	Noise	0
Damage to Property	5	Obscene Materials	1
Disorderly Conduct	0	Obstructing Justice	1
Embezzlement	1	Obstructing Police	0
Extortion	1	OUI of Liquor of Drugs	5
Family Abuse/Neglect/Other	3	Public Peace	0
Fraud	14	Sex Offender/Fail to Comply	0
Harassing Communication	3	Suicide	0
Health and Safety	0	Traffic Civil	109
Hit and Run Motor Vehicle Accident	0	Traffic Criminal	7
Incapacitated/Mental Health	8	Trespass	2
Indecent Exposure	1	Violation of a Controlled Substance	0
Intimidation/Stalking	4	Weapons Offense	0
Investigation/Inspection (Non-Criminal)	15		
Total Offenses Reported 285			
<i>*Written reports may have multiple offenses</i>			

**Williamstown Township
2020 Annual Crime Reporting Summary
Part 1 Offenses and OUIL/OUID Arrests & Traffic Accidents**

<i>Part 1 Offenses:</i>	2017	2018	2019	2020	% Change 2019-2020
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0%
Rape and Attempted Rape	1	1	2	2	0%
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0%
Aggravated Assault	2	4	2	3	50%
Total Part 1 Violent Crime	3	5	4	5	25%
Burglary	16	8	5	3	-40%
Larceny	18	14	9	8	-11%
Vehicle Theft	3	1	0	1	100%
Arson	0	0	0	0	0%
Total Part 1 Property Crime	37	23	14	12	-14%
Total Part 1 Offenses	40	28	18	17	-6%
OUIL / OUID	4	5	5	5	0%
Traffic Accidents	116	101	107	103	-4%

A total of 103 traffic crashes were investigated in 2020. Of those, 15 crashes involved personal injury to people and 88 crashes resulted in property damage without any injuries.

Investigations Unit

During 2020, 0 cases were continued from the previous year, 16 reports were assigned, 10 reports were cleared, 6 reports were inactivated, and no reports will continue to be investigated in 2021. 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.

2020 Report Dispositions	
Assigned	16
Cleared	10
Inactivated	6
Continued in 2021	0

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

Offenses	2020
Check Fraud	1
Child Neglect	1
Criminal Sexual Conduct	2
Death Investigation	1
Embezzlement	1
Family Trouble	1
Harassment	1
Home Invasion	1
Identity Theft	2
Indecent Exposure	1
Kidnapping	1
Larceny - From Yards	2
Suspicious Situation	1
Total Offenses Investigated	16