

Meridian Township Police Department



2013 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

Sergeant Don Lound
Sergeant Dawn Sawallich
Sergeant Lana Howell
Sergeant Scott Dawson
Sergeant Andrew McCready
Sergeant Brad Bach
Sergeant Bart Crane

Officer Jon Wicks **
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 Kevin Harvey
Officer Mark Divney
Officer Jason Clements *
Officer Michael Hagbom *
Officer Michael Brazier * ***

Support Staff

Steven Nordquist, Department Secretary
Andrew McEntee, Property Technician

Cindy Cummings, Records Supervisor
Lynne Bodell, Records Technician
Carrie Gross, Records Technician
Rhonda Floyd, Records Technician

Cadets

Scott Foote***
Kalea Frisbie-Horton
Chris Hurst***
Craig Long***
William Starbird
Amanda Triplet***
Nicholas Wagner

Jordan Woodruff
Lance Gilbert*
Sidra Alvi*
Rebecca Smith*

* *Hired in 2013*

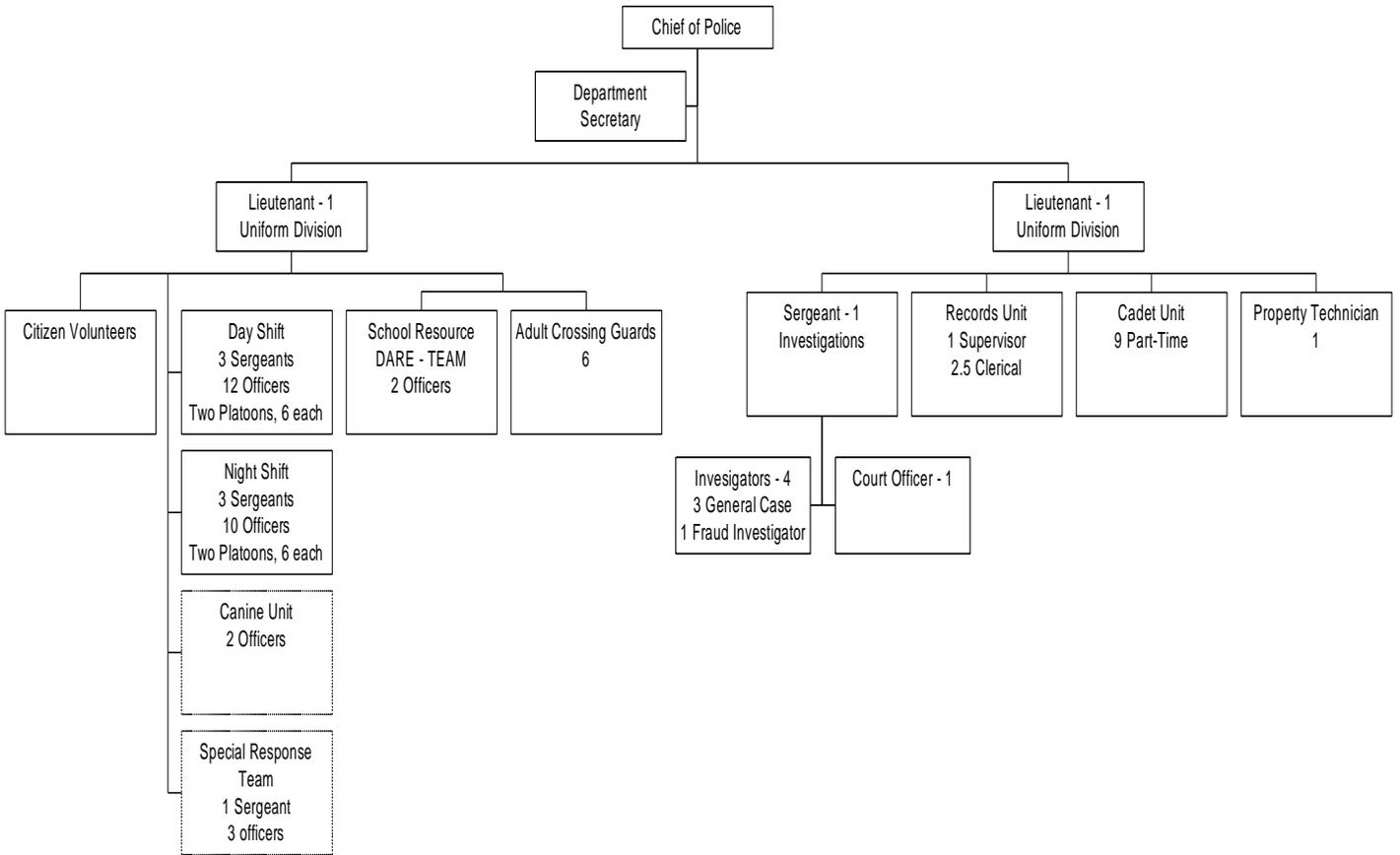
** *Retired in 2013*

*** *Resigned in 2013*

Meridian Township Police Department

Effective January 2013

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ADMINISTRATION

The command structure of the Department remained consistent with previous years. There is the uniform division and the services division. Both divisions are led by Lieutenants.

UNIFORM DIVISION

The Uniform Division serves as the primary role of the Police Department. Patrol coverage continued 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. Six sergeants and twenty-four patrol officers are assigned this task. Officers work 12-hour shifts and cover both Meridian and Williamstown Townships. Two Uniform Division officers are assigned to the School and Community Resource Unit during the school year. These two officers provide instruction in DARE and TEAM in Okemos and Haslett School Districts.

In 2013, there were 13,839 calls for service (not including traffic stops), 5,973 written police reports (these written reports may include multiple offenses), and 864 arrests. Officers issued 2,883 citations that yielded a total number of 3,468 charges.

2013 Written Reports	
Alarms	867
Traffic Crashes	978
All Other	4,128
Total	5,973

Yearly Comparisons

Written Reports

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
6,274	6,152	6,057	6,160	5,973

Calls for Service

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
13,577	13,600	13,512	14,162	13,839

Arrests

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
1,259	932	978	975	864

Citations

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Citations Issued	5,528	4,622	3,666	3,789	2,883
Total # of Charges	6,174	5,224	3,888	4,296	3,468

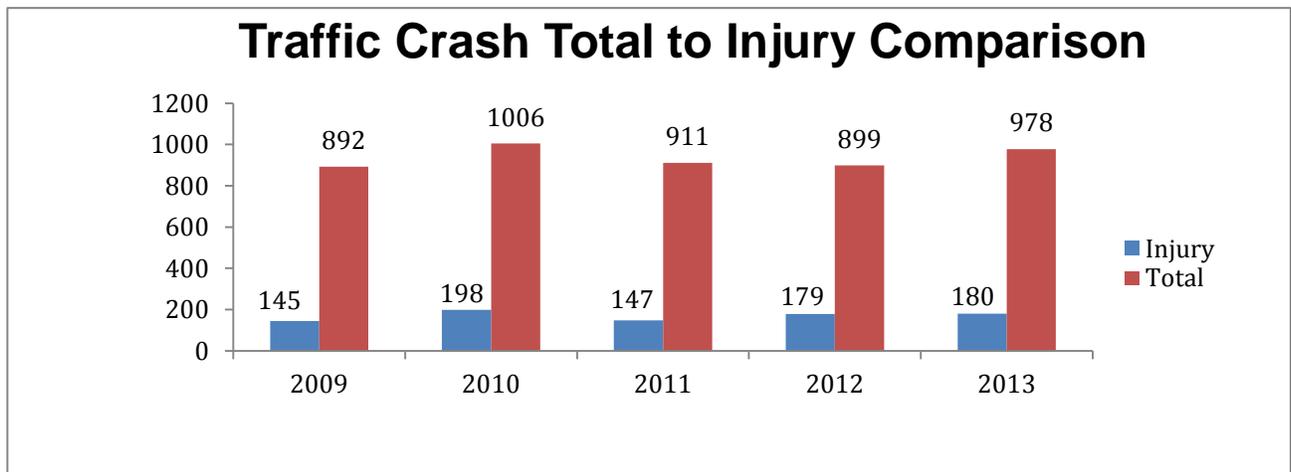
Calls for Service As Received From Dispatch

911 Hang Up	119	Lost Property	21
Abandoned Vehicle	92	Malicious Destruction	195
Admin	549	Medical Assist	683
Alarm	905	Mental	48
Animal Call	410	Missing Person	50
Arson	1	Minor In Possession	11
Assault	131	Motorist Assist	346
Assist	11	Noise	441
Attempt to Locate	22	Obscene	21
Bar Check	24	Operating While Intoxicated	68
Bomb Threat	1	Operating Under Influence of Drugs	1
Break In	146	Panhandling	24
Business Check	2	Peace Officer Complaint	26
Canine Assist	38	Personal Injury Accident	112
Check Area	127	Personal Protection Order	55
Check Subject	229	Pickup Property	157
Check Vehicle	181	Police Assist	226
Child Neglect	46	Police Pursuit	1
City Ordinance	4	Private Property Accident	88
Civil	164	Probation	4
Code Violation	30	Property Damage Accident	894
Community Meeting	13	Prowler	17
Court	52	Receive / Conceal Stolen Property	1
Conservation	2	Reckless Driving	111
Criminal Sexual Conduct	33	Retail Fraud	359
Curfew Violation	0	Robbery	17
Disorderly Conduct	5	School Walk Through	536
Death Investigation	5	Security Check	164
DOA	5	Shots	61
Domestic	118	Sex Offender Registration Violation	22
Drugs	113	Special Assignment	76
Driving While License Suspended	36	Stabbing	3
Endangered Person	16	Stalking	15
Extortion	3	Subpoena Service	77
Family Trouble	0	Suicide	48
Fight	97	Suspicious Situation/Person/Vehicle	672
Fire Assist	110	Threat	94
Fireworks	70	Traffic Hazard	362
Follow-up	645	Traffic Stop	5907
Foot Patrol	14	Trash / Littering Complaint	20
General / Non-Criminal	208	Trespass	39
Fraud	662	Trouble With Subject	235
Harassment	128	Unlawfully Driving Away An Automobile	43
Hit and Run	170	Unknown Injury / Accident	65
Incapacitated Person	14	Unwanted Person	132
Indecent Exposure	2	Utility / Wires Down	43
Juvenile	74	Vehicle Impound	31
Kidnapping	1	Warrant Arrest	309
Lock	23	Weapon Violation	23
Larceny	483	Welfare Check	425
Liquor Law Inspection	33		

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE: 19,746

Written Reports*			
Alarm Response	867	Medical First Responder	155
Arson	3	Miscellaneous Criminal Offense	0
Assault	261	Miscellaneous Non-Criminal Offense	461
Burglary	168	Motor Vehicle Theft	26
Conservation	8	Negligent Homicide / Manslaughter	4
Criminal Sexual Conduct	39	Obscenity	5
Damage to Property	174	Obstructing Justice	269
Disorderly Conduct	47	Obstructing Police	25
Embezzlement	20	Ordinance Violation	2
Extortion	0	OUI of Liquor of Drugs	79
Family Abuse / Neglect / Other	24	Parental Kidnapping	5
Forgery / Counterfeiting	12	Public Peace Other	0
Fraud	235	Retail Fraud	371
Health and Safety	30	Robbery	31
Hit and Run Motor Vehicle Accident	188	Stolen Property	14
Incapacitated / Mental Health	118	Traffic Civil	978
Intimidation / Stalking	85	Traffic Criminal	200
Investigation / Inspection (Non-Criminal)	359	Trespass	42
Juvenile Offenses / Runaway	12	Vagrancy	0
Larceny	400	Violation of a Controlled Substance	77
Liquor Violations	33	Weapons Offense	12
Lost / Found Property	134		
TOTAL WRITTEN REPORTS: 5,973			
<i>*Some written reports have multiple offenses</i>			

Officers investigated 978 traffic crashes in 2013 compared to 899 in 2012. These included personal injury, property damage, and hit and run accidents. Of the total, 180 accidents involved injuries. There were no fatal crashes in Meridian Township in 2013.



TRAFFIC SAFETY

Traffic safety has always been a top community concern. This concern is taken seriously and the department considers it to be a quality of life issue. Traffic issue concerns are handled in several different ways. Patrol officers are assigned directed patrols to allow high visibility during peak traffic hours in areas of concern. The department also utilizes the speed awareness trailer in areas of concern to make drivers more aware of their speed. The department has a motorcycle officer that is used in traffic safety. Motorcycles are also utilized in neighborhoods and business areas where a patrol vehicle may have trouble performing traffic enforcement. The department considers the Ingham County Roads Department to be a valued partner in offering input on traffic safety needs that allows us to focus our resources to those areas with the greatest need.

The department provides educational programs to adults and youth with an emphasis on the importance of safe driving habits; included are the adult and youth citizen's academy. The department conducts child safety seat inspections by appointment and special event. The Office of Highway Safety and Planning (OHSP) is also a valued resource and partner in the township's traffic safety efforts.

TRAFFIC CRASH INVESTIGATION TEAM

The department investigated 978 traffic crashes in Meridian Township 2013. Crashes involving death or life-threatening injuries require additional investigation and time. Five personnel are assigned to the crash investigation team to investigate those crashes. In 2013, the Traffic Crash Investigation Team responded to one fatality. The fatal crash occurred in Williamstown Township. The investigation determined that a passenger car was traveling north on Meridian Road and a motorcycle was traveling south on Meridian Road. As the passenger car approached the curve south of Grand River Avenue, the driver crossed the center line, struck the oncoming motorcycle, then struck an embankment, and rolled over. The occupants of the vehicle were not injured. The driver of the motorcycle was transported to the hospital and died. The report has been turned over to the Ingham County Prosecutor's Office for review.

VOLUNTEERS

The department receives support from volunteers who provide hours of their skills and talent. Prospective volunteers skills' are matched with identified needs in the department. Prior to being accepted into the volunteer program, applicants are screened through a background investigation. The department provides training to familiarize volunteers with police services and the department's basic rules and regulations. The department recognizes the value of the volunteers and continually seeks to expand the number of volunteers. The department received 154 volunteer hours in handicap and fire lane parking patrols. These patrols resulted in 54 parking citations insuring that fire lanes are clear and those with disabilities have available parking. The department's Records Unit received 36 volunteer hours that allowed for statistical reports and other necessary functions to be completed in a timely manner.

COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICERS

Community policing is an ongoing initiative of the department. Meridian officers are assigned neighborhoods to provide a connection between the department and the citizens. Regular neighborhood leaders meetings are held at the department providing citizens access to police administration and an opportunity to voice concerns and ask questions. The department also promotes the national crime prevention awareness program “National Night Out” on the first Tuesday in August. Community Officers assist in organizing events that bring neighborhoods together in a stand against crime.

ADULT CROSSING GUARDS

Adult crossing guards are an important role in providing for the safety of student pedestrians walking to and from school. Six crossing guards provide assistance to children in three school districts. When crossing guards are unable to staff their post, Officers and Cadets fill in. Traffic assessments known as gap studies are conducted to determine the need for a crossing guard post. The Department partners with AAA of Michigan to remain current on proper training and to have access to appropriate resource materials.

CANINE TEAM

In 2013 Meridian Township welcomed an additional canine to the department – ‘Yukon’. Yukon and his handler, Officer Andy Tobias, joined canine Uby and Officer Erin Linn in June. Both Yukon and Uby are dual purpose trained for narcotics detection and tracking, including building/area searches. The canines also provide officer protection. While Yukon and Uby are on leave, Meridian Township receives canine services from other area departments. Yukon and Uby also provide services to other departments upon request.

At the request of Lansing Police, Yukon and Officer Tobias conducted a suspect track on Moores River Drive that ended with the recovery of blood stained clothing related to a kidnapping/assault. Uby and Officer Linn conducted a track that ended with the recovery of a handgun used in a homicide in Meridian Township.

Canine Team Activity Numbers	
Calls Handled By Meridian’s Canine	92
Calls Handled By Other Departments	23
Call Outs To Other Departments	46
Total Calls For Service	161
Activity Type	
Drug Search	58
Suspect Track	55
Building Search	28
Evidence Location	4
Demonstration	12
Missing Person	4

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

SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM

Meridian Police partners with local agencies in Ingham County as part of a countywide Special Response Team (SRT). The team includes officers from Meridian Township, East Lansing, Michigan State University Police and Ingham County Sheriff. In previous years East Lansing Police held the leadership position of the team. In 2013 a new leadership structure was developed in order to allow each participating agency equal authority and responsibility in the partnership. Administration from each participating agency is part of an advisory board that governs and provides direction for the team. The department provides four members, including Sergeant Brad Bach as the supervisor. The team is trained in the use of special weapons, equipment and tactics to utilize during high risk situations such as felony arrest and search warrant executions, response to barricaded gunmen incidents and while policing incidents of civil unrest. The team is headquartered at Michigan State University and members participate in monthly training to enhance skills. The team is activated by an on-call plan. In 2013, SRT responded to 4 call-out activations. One call-out was in Lansing Township where a bank robbery suspect out of Ann Arbor was taken into custody while hiding out at a local hotel. Another activation involved the execution of a search warrant in East Lansing that led to suspects being taken into custody. In addition to these types of incidents, SRT also worked with the Tri-County Metro Narcotics Team in a joint operation that ended in the closure of a 49 plant grow operation and the forfeiture of cash.

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY RESOURCE UNIT



The department continues its presence in the Okemos and Haslett School Districts and St. Martha's School by providing officers who instruct D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance and Education) and T.E.A.M (Teaching Educating and Mentoring). The School Resource Unit is an excellent way for the department to have positive daily contact with students and staff.

In 2013 the School Resource Unit worked with the 55th District Court to present the "Court to School" program. This popular program enables a Judge from the 55th District Court to conduct courtroom activities such as traffic hearings and sentencing of convicted defendants for the day at the school. This provides students a unique opportunity to observe the criminal justice system in action as well as seeing firsthand court-ordered consequences resulting from poor choices.

In addition to D.A.R.E and T.E.A.M., the officers continued to serve as a resource for the schools for their School Emergency Response Plans. In the fall of 2013 Meridian Police conducted a lockdown at Okemos High School. The lockdown involved clearing every room then instructing the students on evacuation procedures in the event of an actual incident. The officers were present for additional practice drills at other school buildings covering all education levels. It is important for students to enjoy a safe learning environment and to practice proper reactions in a crisis situation.

The T.E.A.M. curriculum is taught as requested in any K-12 classroom. Educators are free to choose T.E.A.M. topics that work best with their class prior to scheduling an officer to present the instructional topics. Some of the most requested topics at the high school level include cyber safety (in particular the safe use of social media and the dangers of 'sexting'), alcohol and drinking and driving laws, domestic violence, school

violence awareness and response, and fire safety. At the elementary level “My Big Five Safety Rules” is popular as well as the proper use of 911, gun safety and computer safety.

The D.A.R.E. program consists of a 10 lesson instructional course that addresses many of the same topics as the common core standards set forth by the federal government. Course curriculum includes lessons on self-awareness and management, responsible decision making, understanding others, relationship and communication skills and handling responsibilities. Both Haslett and Okemos school districts find the D.A.R.E. program valuable and continue to welcome officers back into their classrooms.

The School Resource Unit taught “Halloween Safety” to hundreds of elementary age students and played an important role in planning the annual MTPD “Halloween Open House”. The unit also works with TRIAD, an organization dedicated to the elder community in Ingham, Clinton and Eaton Counties that sponsor events such as “Senior Prom” (a fundraising event) and “No Senior Without Christmas” (an event offering basic necessities and a small holiday gift to less fortunate seniors in our community).

The School Resource Unit also hosts tours of the Police Department for any organization that requests them, oftentimes the girl scouts and boy scouts.

Number of Classes Held in 2013	
D.A.R.E	293
T.E.A.M.	154
Other Presentations	151
Total for 2013	598

SERVICES DIVISION

The Services Division includes the Records Unit, Investigations Unit, Cadet Staff, and the Property Technician. The personnel in the Services Division support the patrol staff with investigations, resources, information systems, and statistical reports. The Services Division also works in cooperation with the township’s Human Resources Director in the recruitment and hiring of police officers and cadets.

INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

Personnel are selected for the Investigations Unit for a three-year assignment. The unit includes a supervisor, three investigators, a fraud investigator, and a court services officer. The investigators conduct follow up investigations on cases that require additional time and/or specialized training. The court services officer serves as our liaison with the courts and prosecutor.

The investigator's duties include, but are not limited to conducting follow-up investigation on a broad array of complaints, including the more serious criminal complaints such as breaking and entering, criminal sexual conduct, stalking, identity theft and embezzlements. This is considered a special assignment for the officers. At the conclusion of the assignment, Officers rotate back to road patrol where they are able to continue to use their acquired knowledge, experiences and contacts to serve the community.

Complaints Investigated Per Year	
2009	493
2010	490
2011	430
2012	305
2013	256

The above table shows that the Investigations Unit investigated a total number of 256 complaints in 2013. The larger chart on the following page lists the types of offenses investigated. The total number of offenses investigated during the year (287) is higher than the complaints investigated during the year (256) because some complaints involved more than one offense.

Investigations Unit Yearly Comparisons – Meridian Township

* Homicides are the fatal crash and death of a newborn

Crime	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Homicide	0	0	2*	0	4
Kidnap	0	3	0	1	2
Criminal Sexual Conduct	25	26	28	25	26
Robbery	27	9	14	7	11
Assault/Stalking	10	34	30	21	14
Arson	6	2	1	1	1
Extortion	0	2	0	1	0
Burglary	97	95	62	47	27
Larceny	136	100	90	72	48
Unlawful Driving Away Auto	10	8	6	10	5
Forgery	4	11	3	7	1
Fraud	151	115	109	54	47
Embezzlement	5	11	4	7	6
Stolen Property	9	1	3	6	3
Malicious Destruction of Property	13	3	6	8	11
Retail Fraud	19	21	22	12	26
Drugs	19	9	8	5	0
Sex Offenses	0	2	6	0	3
Obscene Material	4	4	4	4	4
Child Abuse	5	9	6	3	4
Liquor Law Violation	4	1	2	0	2
Obstructing Police	4	6	1	2	0
Obstructing Justice	2	6	1	0	0
Warrant Arrest for Other Agency	1	5	1	0	2
Weapons Offense	2	5	0	1	2
Public Peace	7	7	4	5	2
Hit & Run Accident	2	2	0	1	2
Health and Safety	0	1	0	0	0
Invasion of Privacy	0	0	0	0	1
Conservation	0	0	0	0	0
Juvenile Runaway	4	4	9	7	3
Traffic Offenses	0	3	0	1	0
Juvenile Violation	0	0	0	0	0
Civil Custody	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	0	1	0	1	0
Accidents Other	1	0	0	0	0
Accidents Other, Shooting	0	0	0	0	0
Suspicious Situations	6	12	18	18	8
General Assist	3	7	7	2	0
Death Investigations	16	16	13	10	14
Missing Persons	1	1	3	6	3
TOTAL	593	542	463	345	287

In 2013, the Investigations Unit continued 101 investigations from 2012, 256 reports were assigned, 157 reports were cleared, 77 reports were inactivated, and 107 will continue to be investigated in 2014.

2013 Report Dispositions	
Continued from 2012	101
Assigned in 2013	256
Cleared in 2013	157
Inactivated in 2013	77
Continued in 2014	107

When an investigation is completed and reviewed for charges, the investigator is responsible for taking the warrant request to the Ingham County Prosecutor's Office. There were 105 total cases reviewed by the Prosecutor's Office in 2013. This is a decrease from 131 total cases reviewed by the Prosecutor's Office in 2012.

Investigations Warrant Requests & Petitions for 2013			
	Felony	Misdemeanor	Totals
Requested	75	30	105
Issued	35	18	53
Denied	18	10	28
Diversions	3	0	3
Status Pending	15	9	24

A total of \$5,300 worth of stolen property was recovered in 2013. The majority of the recovered stolen property was returned to the victims.

The Investigations Unit supervisor reviews all written reports taken by the road patrol. During this review, unsolved cases are examined for solvability in order to select those that will be assigned to an investigator. Cases lacking sufficient solvability factors are placed in an inactive status and a letter is sent to the victim notifying them of this change in their case status. This letter also informs the victim that the case may be reopened should new information be uncovered that increases its solvability. There were 287 victim letters sent in 2013.

Whenever a crime occurs on school property, on a school bus, at a school sponsored event, within 1,000 feet of school property or if the incident itself poses a significant threat or imminent danger to students, staff, or school property, a school notification letter is sent to the school administrative office informing them of the incident. In 2013, 86 school notification letters were sent to the Haslett, Okemos, and East Lansing school districts. There were no incidents affecting Williamston Schools.

Members of the Investigation Unit continued participation 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 Subcommittee for Abuse and Sexual Assault, Michigan Association of Check Investigators, Tri-County Loss

Prevention, Crime Stoppers, and Tri-County Sex Offender Task Force (TriSort). Most meetings were held once a month to discuss cases of concern or interest, problem solve, create county-wide protocol, and share information on suspects and trends. The investigators also participated in weekly area detective meetings to discuss current crimes, share intelligence, and foster working relationships between agencies.

Noteworthy investigations for 2013 include:

Harassing Telephone Calls – A suspicious profile of a funeral home with fake obituaries was posted online. The account was traced back to an individual in the Armed Forces who was part of the Arizona National Guard. The computers used were in Phoenix and the Middle East. It was determined the Department had no jurisdiction and it was forwarded to Phoenix Police Department as well as the Army CID.

Stalking – A subject was posting harassing messages on Facebook and Twitter and also sending texts from an unknown number. Five search warrants to various online service providers tracked back to a childhood friend of the victim's located in Petoskey. A confession was obtained at our request by the Emmett County Sheriff. ICPO issued warrants.

Child Abuse– The Department received a CPS referral alleging an individual had assaulted his daughter causing her to injure her wrist. Investigators interviewed the victim and the suspect; both accounts of the event were the same. The father was attempting to grab the daughter by the arm when she fell backward injuring her wrist. This case has been sent to ICPO for review.

Armed Robbery –It was an armed robbery of the Marathon gas station/convenience store. The Department posted a picture of the suspect on social media. We received numerous tips that indicated the suspect an Okemos resident. During the course of the investigation the Department was able to recover the clothing the suspect wore during the robbery. ICPO issued Robbery and Habitual Offender charges against the individual.

Illegal Use of a Credit Card/Larceny from Building – The victim had his credit card stolen from his home by an acquaintance. The card was then used by the suspect at two different Speedway gas stations in the Lansing area. Investigators identified the suspect but were unable to locate her. Investigators conducted photo line-ups with the Speedway employees and the victim. A two count felony warrant was issued by ICPO.

Larceny from Building – A suspect stole a key to the backroom of a store. A suspect was identified through security footage. A warrant was requested.

Larceny from Auto/Illegal Credit Card Use – Money and credit cards were taken from a vehicle. The credit cards were used at three local Meijer stores. The suspect was interviewed and confessed. Warrants were requested.

Breaking & Entering/Uttering & Publishing –The office of the apartment complex was broken into and a lock box was stolen. Money orders were then cashed at a local Walmart. Suspect confessed and ICPO has the case to review charges.

Open Murder – A male subject was stabbed to death. A suspect was identified, charged and convicted of 2nd Degree Murder.

Death Investigation – A mobile home burned to the ground. The male half of the elderly couple made it out of the fire. The female half perished in the fire. Investigators interviewed the male survivor in an attempt to ascertain if foul play had occurred. After the interview, Investigator's found that no foul play occurred.

Unarmed Robbery – A victim was grabbed and pulled to the ground in front of the Meijer store. Items were stolen from her. A suspect was identified. The case was sent to the Ingham County Prosecutor's Office for review.

Indecent Exposure – A male subject was exposing himself to a female subject near a local coffee shop. The victim took pictures of the suspect. A flyer was made and put out to area detectives, however, no one recognized him. The subject was later identified and charged based on information received from social media.

Retail Fraud – Two black females stole large amounts of baby formula from the Okemos Meijer store as well as other area stores. The suspects were identified through social media. A request was sent for warrants to ICPO.

Unarmed Robbery – Three suspects stole \$1800 in merchandise and left the area in a car. Investigators obtained one suspect's name from the registration plate on the car. This case was sent to ICPO for charges.

Larceny from Building/Illegal Use of Credit Card Use – An unknown suspect stole a purse with credit cards and then used the credit cards at Wal-Mart, Meijer and Dick's. Investigators received suspect information from Culver's. The suspect confessed and Investigators recovered the purse, ID and credit cards. The case was sent to ICPO for charges.

Attempted Murder –The victim was involved in a mutual combatants fight and her throat was cut by a known suspect. Originally the victim did not want to press charges, however, changed her mind. Investigators removed some text messages off her phone and forward the case to the ICPO for a warrant.

Uttering and Publishing/False Police Report – The suspect filed a false police report through MTPD and altered the date on a check from the victim. A two-count warrant for false police report and U&P was issued by ICPO.

UDAA – A vehicle was stolen from the parking lot. The vehicle was found in Bath Township due to the fact that the suspects burned the vehicle. A suspect eventually confessed to taking the vehicle and they were interviewed. The case was sent to ICPO for warrant request.

False Information to Police – A subject was involved in a property damage accident. He provided false information to the responding officer to avoid being cited for driving while revoked. The information given to the responding officer was for the brother of the suspect. The suspect later came to MTPD and admitted to giving false information.

ID Theft/Credit Card Fraud – The victim's ID and credit card were used at Wheat Jewelers, JB Robinson and Fred Meyer at the Meridian Mall. The same suspects committed the same crimes in Kent County during the same time frame. The Kent

County Detective was able to locate a suspect in Chicago, Illinois. The suspect was arrested in Chicago and will be extradited to Kent County once Illinois has completed their charges. A four count felony warrant was issued against the suspect and the warrant is in LEIN.

Embezzlement – A former employee embezzled approximately \$400,000 while employed as the office manager of the vet clinic. The suspect confessed and the complaint was sent to the ICPO.

Organized Retail Fraud – An unknown female was captured on surveillance footage stealing clothing from Younkers. Her picture was put on Facebook and she was identified from the tips received. She subsequently confessed to stealing from various stores all over the Lansing area and then selling the merchandise.

Murder/Suicide –The female victim was shot by her husband who then shot the dogs and himself. He had called 911 minutes before shooting himself and explained there had been an accidental shooting at his residence.

Surveillance of an Unclad Person –The victim reported while in a changing room at Target she noticed that she was being videotaped by a cell phone under the stall door. The suspect was identified and confessed to the crime. Charges were authorized through ICPO.

COURT SERVICES

The court services officer (CSO) transports prisoners, seeks warrants, and delivers required paperwork to various offices. The CSO seeks warrants and juvenile petitions for the department as well as arraigning persons that are arrested for Meridian Township and Williamstown Township charges. The CSO also verifies registered sex offenders on a quarterly basis and participates with Tri-SORT while conducting registered sex offender address verification sweeps.

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Arraignments	282	227	131	314	261
Subpoenas Served	1,906	1,333	1,031	1,069	393
Warrants Into LEIN	622	168*	0	0	0
Personal Protection Orders	58	51	71	61	55
Warrant Requests	1,210	779	783	930	696
Warrants Signed by CSO	521	439	379	389	471
Twp. Attorney Requests	328	250	105	150	199
Total Petition Requests	107	98	93	97	108
Retail Fraud Requests	457	297	207	261	311
OWI Requests	121	100	52	81	51
Assault Requests	91	68	44	77	60
Assault Requests-Domestic	190	159	190	189	151
Larceny/Fraud Requests	60	55	50	78	47
Narcotics Requests	74	61	61	49	61

*Beginning in 2010 the 55th District Court assumed the responsibility of entering Meridian Township warrants into LEIN.

RECORDS UNIT

The Records Unit consists of a supervisor, two full-time records technicians and one part-time records technician. The unit processes police reports, issues permits to purchase pistols, processes freedom of information requests, conducts local background checks, creates and maintains several statistical tables, processes insurance requests, assists with sex offender quarterly registrations, handles requests for information from the public by telephone and the service counter, and answers the overflow telephone calls from the township hall.

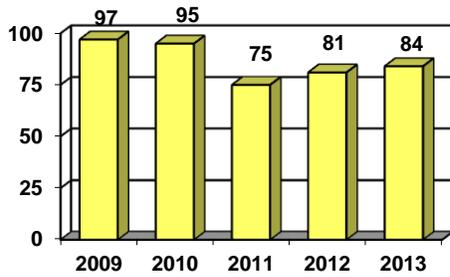
In 2013, the records unit was assigned the additional duties of entering, maintaining and canceling Personal Protection Orders and Conditional Bonds in the LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) System. The Michigan State Police is responsible for the administration of the LEIN System and in November of 2013 that agency conducted an audit of the departments LEIN activities. The Meridian Township Information Technology Department also played a significant role in the audit. Meridian Township received "Satisfactory - Exceeds Standards" rating by the auditor.

Michigan Incident Crime Reporting (MICR) incidents continued to be validated to ensure the appropriate reporting codes and required fields were reported. This process insures the department's data is accurately submitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for publication in their annual publication titled "Crime in the U.S." The records unit performed all of these same duties for Williamstown Township as part of that community's agreement for police services with Meridian Township.

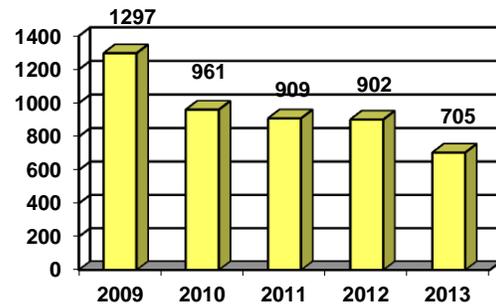
Annual Crime Reporting Summary

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	% Change 2012-2013
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	1	0	4	400 %
Rape and Attempted Rape	24	29	29	32	25	-22 %
Robbery	22	22	12	18	25	39 %
Aggravated Assault	51	44	33	31	30	-3 %
Total Part 1 Violent Crime	97	95	75	81	84	4 %
Burglary	203	172	186	183	110	-40 %
Larceny	1,058	761	692	672	574	-15 %
Vehicle Theft	26	19	25	42	18	-57 %
Arson	10	9	6	5	3	-40 %
Total Part 1 Property Crime	1,297	961	909	902	705	-22 %
Total Part I Offenses	1,394	1,056	984	983	789	-20 %
OWI Arrests (Liquor or Drugs)	123	113	90	87	56	-36 %
Traffic Accident – Roadway	892	1,005	917	905	949	5 %

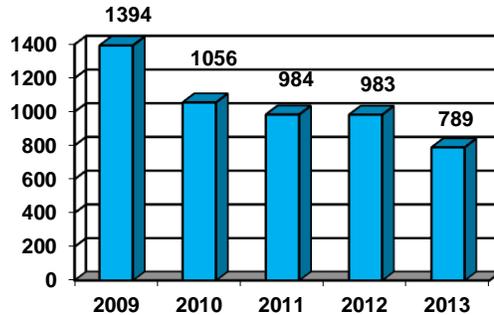
Part 1 Violent Crimes



Part 1 Property Crimes



Part 1 Offenses



TRAINING

Training plays a significant role in individual and departmental development and progression. Training is accomplished through in-service, roll-call, and external training. The Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) requires annual active-duty firearms training which includes an educational and skill component. The department also has a training plan set forth to give officers the skills and knowledge necessary to perform their duties in a safe and professional manner. Officers in special assignments and officers with specialized skills require additional training in order to perform those assigned tasks.

In 2013, department members completed a total of 1,322.25 hours of In-service training. The training is broken down by the following categories each individual received:

- 30 hours of scheduled department training
- 10 hours of firearms and active violence incident training

The department hosted a legal update course in May where 23 additional police officers from area departments attended. In the fall, officers participated in "Emergency Vehicle Operation" training sponsored by the Ingham County Sheriff's Department. Officers attended other in-service training sessions, including training in Autism Safety, Automated License Plate Reader, Alzheimer's Awareness, Domestic Violence, Personal Protection Orders, Pressure Point Control Tactics, Taser Operation and Medical First Responder. Additionally, ten members of the Field Training Cadre attended a Field Training Update while the Field Training Program underwent changes to an alternative program.

The department documented 1,880.5 hours of external training in 2013. Officer Tobias attended Canine Handler School and a second canine (Yukon) was welcomed to the department. Personnel also attended training in Police Executive and New Chief School, Detective School, Street Survival, Cyber Investigation, Emergency Medical Responder, Glock Armorer, Child Death Investigation and Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement, to name a few.

MID-MICHIGAN POLICE ACADEMY

In 2013, our Training Sergeant contributed 104 service hours to the Mid-Michigan Police Academy at Lansing Community College (LCC). During these service hours our Training Sergeant conducted Wednesday morning inspections and participated in academy scenario based training. In exchange for the Training Sergeant's time at the police academy, scholarship funds were allotted to the department. A portion of these funds were used to pay for an officer to attend Emergency Medical Responder class at LCC. Remaining funds were used for firearms training where students attending our Citizens' and Youth Academies were able to utilizing the firearms training simulator in scenario based "shoot" or "don't shoot" training. This highly realistic experience helped participants gain an understanding of the decision making process an officer experiences when encountering potentially deadly circumstances.

CITIZENS' ACADEMY

In September, the department sponsored the fifteenth annual Citizen's Academy. Thirteen citizens participated in classroom and hands-on instruction on the operation of the department and police procedures. The nine week academy ended in November, 2013 with all participating students receiving a Certificate of Completion.

YOUTH CITIZENS' ACADEMY

In February, the department hosted the seventh annual Youth Academy with twelve individuals participating. Students learned about the department organization, crime scene investigation, use of force, traffic enforcement, alcohol laws and experienced many hands-on activities. The seven week academy ended in May, 2013 with all participating students receiving a Certificate of Completion.

CITIZEN SATISFACTION SURVEY

A total of 1,180 citizen satisfaction surveys were mailed to victims and complainants involved in traffic accidents and other calls for service. Surveys are used as a tool to monitor customer satisfaction with the department's services. In 2013, a total of 178 surveys were returned. The 16% response rate was a decrease compared to 2012.

Citizen Satisfaction Survey for Sworn Personnel

Category	Rating of Excellent/Good
Helpfulness	92%
Friendliness	92%
Knowledge	94%
Quality of Service	94%
Professional Conduct	91%
Response Time	89%

Rating of Emergency and Non-Emergency Dispatch Service

Category	Rating of Excellent/Good
Helpfulness	83%
Friendliness	78%
Knowledge	77%
Quality of Service	73%
Professional Conduct	74%

**Not all questions generated a response.*

CITIZEN SERVICE COMPLAINT SUMMARY

The Department investigated 12 formal citizen service complaints during 2013. Below is a summary of the findings.

- 4 Sustained – Sufficient evidence exists to support the allegation and further action was taken.
- 2 Not sustained – Insufficient evidence existed to support or refute the allegation.
- 5 Exonerated – The incident occurred but was lawful or proper.
- 1 Unfounded – The alleged incident did not in fact occur.

AWARDS

2013 Officer of the Year – Sergeant Brad Bach, an eighteen-year veteran who is a dedicated and highly respected supervisor, is recognized for his broad range of professional skills he brings to the department and for his generous sense of community expressed by his involvement with volunteerism in the community.

Unit Citation – Sergeant Bart Crane, Officer Erin Linn, Officer Rebecca Payne, Officer Kyle Royston, Officer Kevin Harvey and Deputy John Vance (Clinton County Sheriff Department) were recognized for their rapid response and outstanding teamwork that lead to the apprehension of a burglar responsible for numerous crimes that had occurred in various jurisdictions in Michigan.

Certificate of Commendation – Sergeant Andrew McCready was recognized for his unique skills and abilities to connect the department with the community to solve crimes through the use of internet based social media platforms. Sgt. McCready develops and maintains all of the department's social media sites and is recognized statewide as a leader in this developing area of law enforcement.

Letter of Appreciation – Officer Judy Hood and Officer Dave Metts were honored for their skilled use of CPR to extend the life of a citizen and giving his family the opportunity to later stay by his side and comfort him before passing.

Letter of Appreciation – Cadet Nicholas Wagner was recognized for his professionalism, his exceptional work ethic and his willingness to volunteer personal time while enforcing the township’s handicap parking ordinance to ensure greater access to these parking spaces for motorists with a legitimate need.

Citizen Awards

Certificate of Appreciation – Rachel Freeman was honored for her compassion for children and sense of community. Ms. Freeman hosted bake sales and arranged matching funds that in total exceeded \$6,000 to benefit the “Mankowski Annual Holiday Party for Needy Children”. Ms. Freeman’s efforts helped event organizers extend the reach of this annual children’s event to many more children in need.

Certificate of Appreciation – Betsy Bowers, Julie Stauffer and Summer Palmer were recognized for their volunteer time contributed to the Meridian Township Police Records Unit through their involvement in the Volunteers In Police Service program. Their volunteerism helped enhance the delivery of police services while building effective partnerships within the community.

Certificate of Appreciation – Crary Grattan was recognized for responding to a life-threatening medical emergency at his neighbor’s home. Mr. Grattan administered CPR immediately prior to the arrival of emergency personnel and helped extend the life of his neighbor. He was honored for his sense of community and willingness to take action.

Certificate of Appreciation – Peyton Houghton was recognized for his quick thinking and sense of guardianship for his younger brother. In spite of his age and the difficult circumstances Peyton reacted quickly to alert his parents that his younger brother was suffering from a serious medical condition in need of immediate emergency medical treatment.

Certificate of Appreciation – Michelle and Tracey Wellman were recognized for their willingness to respond to a cry for help and their quick action in helping aid an individual suffering from dehydration and hypothermia. Their involvement lead to the victim receiving the emergency medical attention he badly needed.

SOCIAL MEDIA

The department continued its commitment to an online presence using social media. The department identifies those sites that bring value to the community. These sites include Facebook, Twitter, Blogger.com and Nixle.

We have solved crimes that would most likely have remained unsolved without the teamwork of the department and community members made possible through social media. A breakdown of those crimes includes:

- The wrong individual had been charged with Retail Fraud 3rd as a result of the suspect presenting fake identification. A photograph of the suspect was posted on Facebook resulting in him being positively identified and then charged with the offense that he had committed.
- The photos of two suspects were posted on Facebook seeking their identity. They were both identified and we will be seeking Retail Fraud charges through the Ingham County Prosecutor's Office.
- A suspect's photograph was posted on Facebook seeking his identity. The suspect was identified and arrested for multiple counts of indecent exposure based on information received from Facebook.
- A suspect's photograph was posted on Facebook seeking his identity. The suspect was identified and charged with Felony Organized Retail Fraud.
- A suspect's photograph was posted on Facebook seeking his identity. The suspect was identified and charged with Retail Fraud.
- Photographs of two suspects were posted on Facebook seeking their identity. Both suspects were identified and charged with Retail Fraud 2nd degree resulting from information received from social media.
- A suspect's photograph was posted on Facebook in reference to a larceny from a building. The suspect was identified and charged based on information received from social media.
- A suspect's photograph was posted on Facebook in reference to a Retail Fraud 2nd degree. She was identified on information received from social media and subsequently confessed to the crime.
- A suspect's photograph was posted on Facebook in reference to a Retail Fraud. As a result of this posting his name and address were provided by a tipster. Charges were submitted to Ingham County Prosecutor's Office.

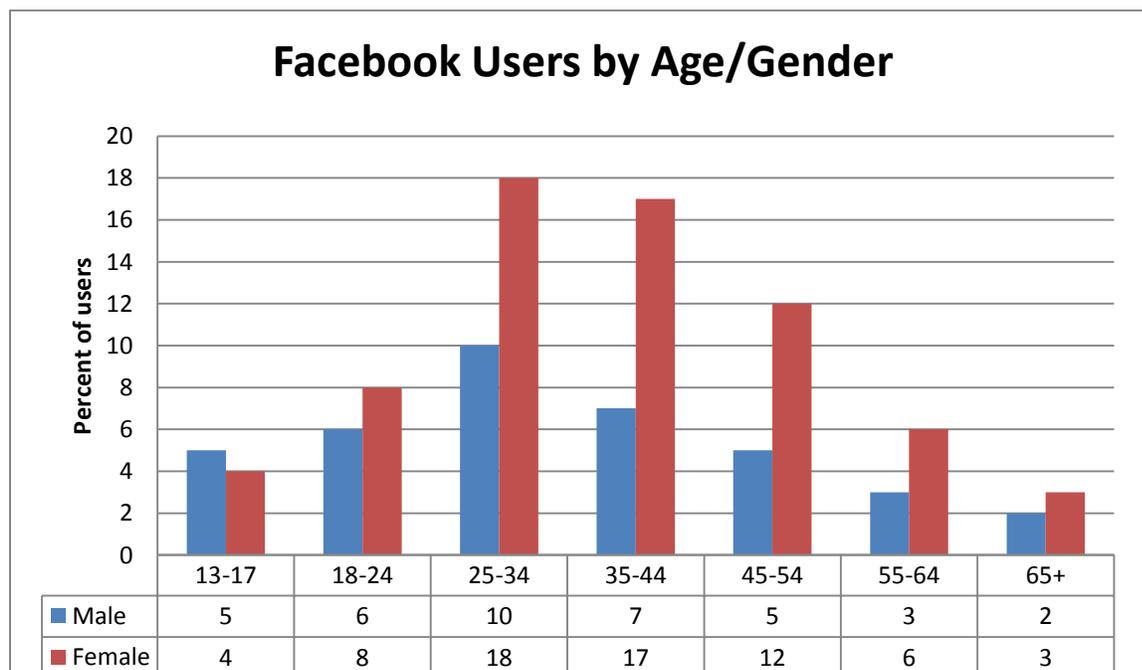
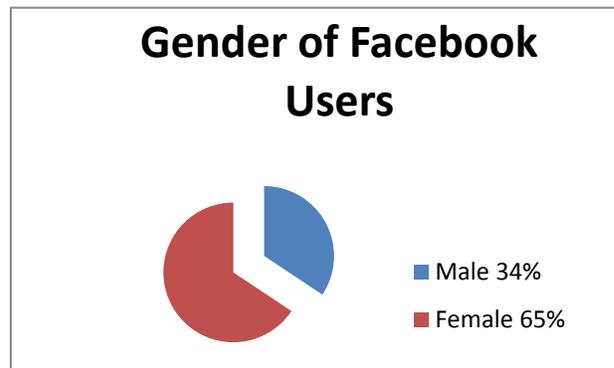
The department's semi-monthly reports continue to be uploaded to our Google Docs account and linked to our blog. Our blog includes press releases, crime prevention tips, and helpful links for the community (i.e., animal control, school district personnel) which together has contributed to our overall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

Nixle

Nixle is used nationwide by police departments to send out 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 as we maximize internet distribution of critical information to the online viewing public. The 2,559 users of our Nixle account represent's a jump of 44% over last year's number of users.

Facebook

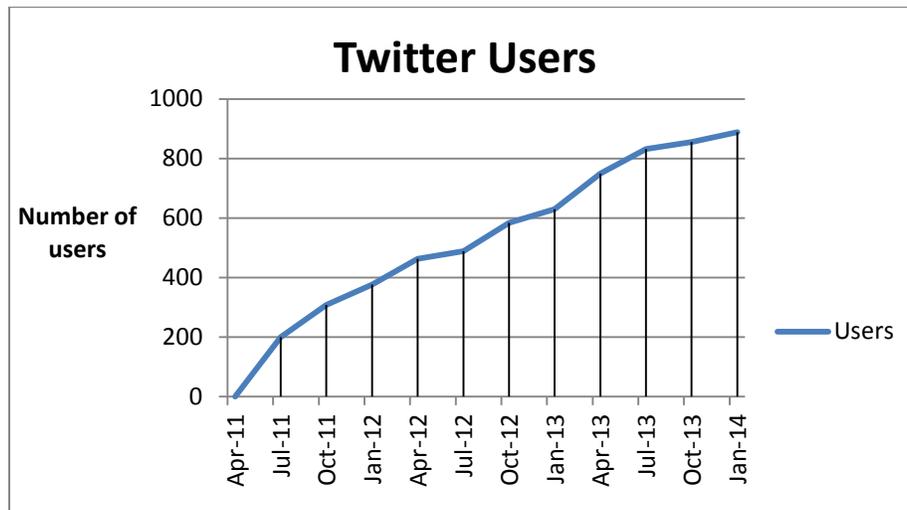
Facebook offers the greatest return on time invested. The 1,949 site visitor's that "like" our page represents a 27% jump over last year's "like" volume. Facebook has been helpful in many areas including the identification of suspects, distributing traffic alerts, and the posting of wanted persons. The 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 2013.



Twitter

There are 888 individuals that follow the department's Twitter page. This number of followers represents a 29% jump over last year's volume. Twitter is used in conjunction with Nixle to distribute much of the same information however Twitter offers the added benefit of enabling the department to engage in real-time online conversations with individuals, other law enforcement agencies and local businesses. The "Twitter Users"

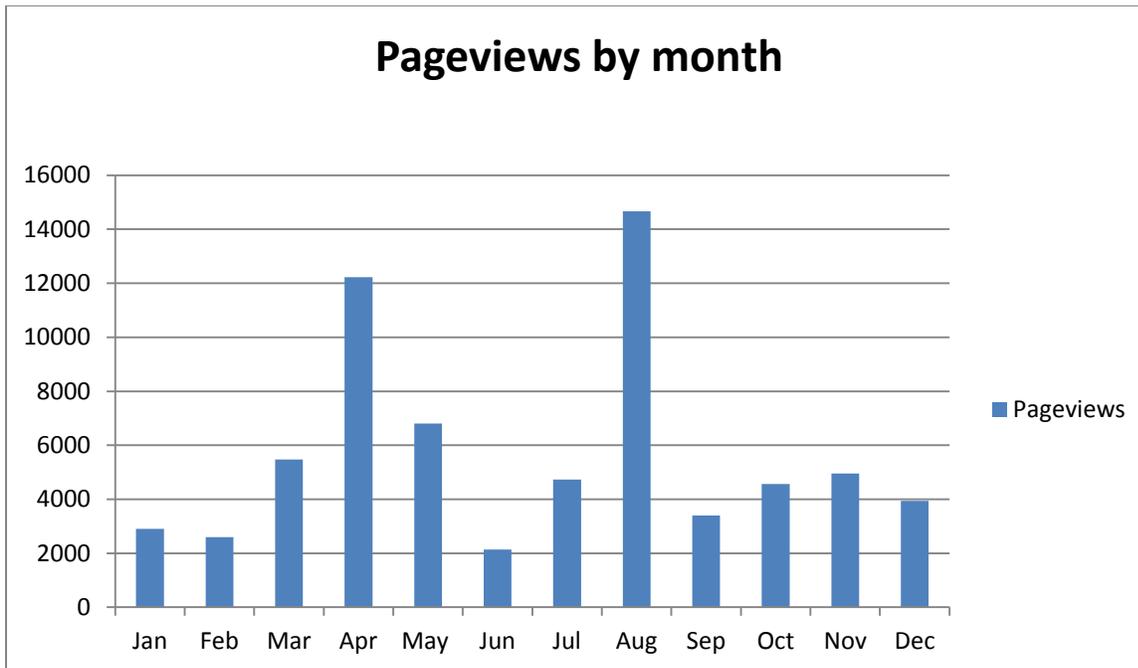
chart on the following page shows the steady and consistent growth of users since the department began using the Twitter platform in April of 2011.



Blog

The blog is the department's online newspaper. All social media traffic points to this site. We use our blog to post crime prevention tips, statistical reports, information on wanted persons, press releases, and links to community sites. As you can see from the below data, online activity to our blog increased dramatically from the previous year, a strong indication of increasing public awareness and interest.

- 203,770 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 2013 continue to be posts seeking suspect identity information; one of which attracted 6,093 page views.



POLICE DEPARTMENT 2013 GOAL BASED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

As each year approaches a closing the police administration establishes specific organizational goals in order to help focus our delivery of law enforcement services to the community we serve. We are pleased to have successfully accomplished many of the goals in 2013 that we identified in 2012. Many of our goal accomplishments are listed below.

- The department participated in three car seat events while continuing car seat inspections at the department by appointment. Car seat events were held at Wal-Mart (2/9/13), Cedar Creek Apartments (6/1/13) and during the department's Halloween Open House (10/28/13). In addition to these events thirty-six car seat inspections were conducted and four new car seats were distributed.
- Expansion of the volunteer program continued with 154 volunteer hours of parking enforcement and 16 hours of volunteer hours in the Records Department during 2013.
- The department continued its commitment to working with the Office of Highway and Safety Planning by managing the S.T.E.P. (Selective Traffic Enforcement Program) grant through the Office of Highway Safety. Additionally, grant preparation has begun for the next State fiscal year for this same program.
- In an effort to reduce traffic crashes, patrol supervisors were directed to assign officers to traffic enforcement assignments in high crash areas.
- The department participated in a joint operation with the Sex Offender Task Force and conducted 32 address verifications to assure compliance with the Sex Offender Registration law.

- Quality of life issues through code enforcement were addressed by the Uniform Division Commander's continued participation in code enforcement meetings together with local citizens and other township departments.
- The department worked cooperatively with HOM-TV to address various law enforcement issues including tips on how to avoid thefts, home invasions, ID theft, and more. HOM-TV interviews included topics such as our Youth Academy, a public service announcement about our newly activated Citizen On-Line Reporting system, and interviews about a pedestrian/train fatality, bomb threats at Haslett High School and a bank robbery as well as updated information on that incident regarding arrests just a few days later.
- Thirteen youths participated in Session 7 of the department's Youth Citizens' Academy beginning in February.
- Twelve citizens participated in Session 15 of the department's Citizens' Academy beginning in September.
- Goals related to tuition cost reduction and specialized training for department members were achieved as the department hosted Legal Update classes during the month of May. In addition to department members, these classes were attended by officers from Lansing Township, Williamston, Mason, Stockbridge and Meridian Township police departments.
- The department worked with Tri-County agencies on a cooperative training plan to eliminate repetition, increase scheduling opportunities and reduce costs. This goal was accomplished in cooperation with the Meridian Township Fire Department through an organized Autism Safety training program attended at no cost by Mason, Fowlerville and Meridian Township police department officers as well as the Special Education Director of East Lansing Public Schools. MTFD administration submitted our training outline to the State of Michigan and 2-hours of credits were applied to all MFR licensed MTPD Officers at no additional cost.
- The goal of implementing automated traffic crash data entry to streamline data entry and electronically transmit traffic crash information to the State of Michigan has been partially achieved by the department purchasing VISIO software. That software is currently being tested for long-term use.
- In order to achieve the goal of tracking the investigation of drug crime and tips through the Tri-County Metro Narcotics Squad the Investigations Unit has continued to provide a monthly summary of drug crimes and the disposition of those incidents.
- The goal of establishing a proactive approach to code enforcement has been achieved through cooperative relationship with the Planning Department. Our efforts include the department regularly receiving information from the Planning Division and taking action on quality of life issues. The department also reports code compliance issues to the Community Planning and Development Department by utilizing specific forms developed for patrol officers.

- The department worked with the Planning Department responding to code violation concerns. Officers conduct periodic sweeps of their assigned neighborhoods observing for code violations.
- Our commitment to goals regarding the use of social media platforms were achieved by the expanded use of various sites, including nixle.com to provide crime information to residents on a weekly basis, and the increased use by citizens of our Facebook (+203 users), Twitter(+138 users) and online Blog (+30,677 page views) over 2012 volumes. Additionally, our Semi-Monthly report is posted on all three of these accounts.
- While challenged by working under our authorized staff strength throughout 2013, we nevertheless maintained minimum staffing levels by filling shifts with personnel on overtime. This action was taken in order to ensure that response times and quality of services were not affected.
- Our goal of improving the police records management system was achieved through participation with the Technology Improvement Cooperative (TIC) in the improvement of police records management system. Specific action items included our active involvement in meetings with the RMS Software vendor (including monthly conference calls to discuss updates and support requests), and one of our Lieutenant's holding the TIC Chairperson position.
- Treatment of Consumers goals were achieved through a variety of initiatives, including the promotion of our newly instituted online reporting system through our Facebook, Twitter and blog accounts as well as a local radio interview on WILS-AM 1320, and the distribution of nearly 1,200 citizen surveys used as a tool to monitor our processes and ensure the provision of best services. Adverse survey responses were assigned to a Lieutenant for follow-up and problem solving.

Meridian Township Police Department

Williamstown Township Police Services



2013
Annual Report

**Williamstown Township
2013 Annual Report
Police Services**

Both Williamstown and Meridian Townships continue to appreciate the cooperation on police services. Both Townships entered into a second contract covering 2013-14. The year 2013 completed the first year of that two-year contract. The Department continues to receive positive feedback from residents on the presence of Meridian officers in the Township. The Department continues to provide 80 hours of patrols weekly at a cost of \$197,200. Officers responded to calls-for-service outside the 80 hours of weekly patrols at a rate of \$51.75. There were 210 hours of patrol calculated at that rate. Included in those 210 hours is time investigating case by investigators.

Williamstown Township Statistics			
	2011	2012	2013
Written Reports	326	402	448
Calls for Service	1369	1474	1432
Calls for Service (excluding traffic stops)	859	981	1035
Arrests	14	20	14
Citations Issued	220	179	164
Total Number of Charges	249	194	176

Written Reports			
	2011	2012	2013
Alarms	45	58	132
Traffic Crashes	119	103	116
All Other	162	241	200
Total	326	402	448

Calls for Service As Received from Dispatch

911 Hang Up	14	Natural Death	0
Abandoned Vehicle	0	Noise	6
Admin	6	Operating While Intoxicated	4
Alarm	132	Park	2
Animal Call	43	Peace	4
Assault	5	Personal Injury Accident	9
Assist	1	Personal Protection Order	0
Attempt to Locate	1	Pickup Property	7
Attempt Warrant Pickup	3	Police Assist	15
Break In	17	Private Property Accident	1
Check Area	10	Property Damage Accident	103
Check Subject	9	Prowler	0
Check Vehicle	12	Reckless Driving	32
Civil	5	Robbery	1
Community Meeting	2	School	11
Criminal Sexual Conduct	1	Security Check	30
Death Investigation	0	Shots	11
Domestic	9	Sex Offender Registration Violation	1
Driving While License Suspended	3	Suicide	4
Drugs	2	Suspect Person	10
Fight	3	Suspect Vehicle	32
Fire Assist	38	Suspicious Situation	18
Fireworks	1	Threat	6
Follow Up	29	Traffic Hazard	66
Fraud	10	Traffic Stop	397
General	4	Trash	2
Harassment	7	Trespass	1
Hit and Run	6	Trouble with Subject	22
Juvenile	2	Unlawfully Drive Away Automobile	2
Larceny	15	Unknown Injury / Accident	1
Malicious Destruction of Property	24	Unwanted Person	9
Medical Assist	134	Utility / Wires Down	12
Mental	3	Warrant Arrest	7
Missing	1	Weapon Violation	0
MIP	2	Welfare Check	22
Motorist Assist	30		

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE: 1432

Written Offense Reports*			
Alarm Response	132	Investigation / Inspection (Non-Criminal)	52
Assault	14	Larceny	12
Burglary	21	Liquor Violations	2
Conservation	2	Medical First Responder	16
Criminal Sexual Conduct	1	Miscellaneous Non-Traffic Offense	0
Damage to Property	18	Motor Vehicle Theft	1
Disorderly Conduct	0	Obstructing Justice	3
Embezzlement	0	Obstructing Police	2
Family Abuse / Neglect (Non-Violent)	2	Ordinance Violation	0
Fraud	11	OUI of Liquor or Drugs	3
Health and Safety	5	Traffic Civil	116
Hit and Run Motor Vehicle Accident	9	Traffic Criminal	12
Homicide – Negligent (Vehicle)	1	Trespass	1
Incapacitated / Mental Health	6	Weapons Offense	2
Intimidation / Stalking	4		
TOTAL WRITTEN REPORTS: 448			
*Written reports may have multiple offenses			

**Williamstown Township
2013 Annual Crime Reporting Summary
Part 1 Offenses and OUIL/OUID Arrests & Traffic Accidents**

Part 1 Offenses:	2011	2012	2013
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Rape and Attempted Rape	0	1	1
Robbery	0	0	1
Aggravated Assault	1	3	2
Total Part 1 Violent Crime	1	4	4
Burglary	18	24	21
Larceny	18	20	8
Vehicle Theft	3	2	0
Arson	1	1	1
Total Part 1 Property Crime	40	47	30
Total Part 1 Offenses	41	51	34
OUIL / OUID	6	9	3
Traffic Accidents	199	115	116

Officers investigated 116 traffic crashes in Williamstown Township in 2013. These included personal injury, property damage, and hit and run accidents. Of that total, 14 accidents involved injuries, and of those 14 injury crashes 1 was a fatal injury accident resulting in the response of the traffic crash investigation team. The fatal injury crash that occurred in Williamstown Township in 2013 is described below:

- A passenger car was traveling north on Meridian Road and a motorcycle was traveling south on Meridian Road. As the passenger car approached the curve south of Grand River Ave., the driver crossed the center line, struck the oncoming motorcycle, then struck an embankment, and rolled over. The occupants of the vehicle were not injured. The driver of the motorcycle was transported to the hospital and died. The report has been turned over to the ICPO for review.

Investigations Unit

The Investigations Unit continued providing services to Williamstown Township. During 2013, 13 reports (with 15 offenses) were assigned, 10 reports were cleared, 0 reports were inactivated, and 3 will continue to be investigated in 2014.

2013 Report Dispositions	
Assigned	13
Cleared	10
Inactivated	0
Continued in 2014	3

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

Offense	2013
Robbery	1
Non-Aggravated Assault	1
Arson	1
Burglary – Forced Entry	4
Larceny – Theft from Building	1
Larceny – Theft From Motor Vehicle	1
Fraud	3
Damage to Property	1
Investigation/Inspection – Non-Criminal	2
Total Offenses Investigated	15

Cases of Interest

- Bank Robbery- A bank in Williamstown Township was robbed at gunpoint by four individuals. The investigation determined that these same individuals were connected to earlier bank robberies in the City of Brighton and in Livingston County. After our department began working with the FBI to identify and arrest the suspects they robbed yet another bank, this one located in Stockbridge, MI. Due to the four crimes being linked to the same suspects and cases we were already investigating, MTPD detectives took the lead for the Stockbridge case as well. The cooperative work between various local and federal agencies contributed to a rapid arrest of all four suspects. These subjects were charged federally and subsequently pled guilty to offenses related to the bank robberies.
- Assault and Battery- Multiple subjects were involved in a fight in Williamstown Township. A cab driver had picked up a group of individuals and was taking them home in Williamston when they began fighting amongst themselves. The victim suffered a fractured skull and brain hemorrhaging. Detectives assisted in locating witnesses and interviewing the suspect. Charges were subsequently authorized by the Ingham County Prosecutor's Office.
- Arson- An unknown subject set a vehicle afire in a cul-de-sac in Williamstown Township. The North East Ingham Emergency Service Authority (NEISA) Fire Department responded and extinguished the fire, however the vehicle was a total loss. By working with an expert from the Michigan State Police we were able to locate the burned vehicles V.I.N. This information verified that the vehicle had been stolen from within the City of East Lansing, however all investigative efforts failed in determining the identity of the person(s) that had stolen the vehicle.
- Breaking and Entering- Several items were stolen from an outbuilding located on the property of an unoccupied residence in Williamstown Township. A suspect later attempted to sell some of these stolen items at the Williamston Antique Mall. The suspect was identified and charges were issued.

Highlights

- Zimmer Road received a substantial upgrade by Ingham County Department of Roads. The redevelopment of the road included Zimmer Road at Haslett to the railroad tracks south of Grand River.
- The Zimmer Road bridge was replaced.
- A traffic signal was installed at Grand River and Zimmer by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). The construction included an upgrade of the roadway with emphasis on the Zimmer Road approaches to Grand River.
- Williamstown staff requested additional hours of patrol at Grand River and Zimmer to take enforcement action on drivers unaware of the new traffic signal. Enforcement consisted of warnings. The MDOT also placed signage at the approaches to the intersection to remind motorists of the newly installed signal.

- The accident investigation team investigated one fatal accident that occurred at the curve on Meridian Road south of Grand River. A vehicle traveling north bound at an excessive rate of speed collided with a motorcycle south bound approaching the curve.
- The Department began working cooperatively with the Township staff on enhancing code enforcement in the Township. It is anticipated the enhancement will be implemented in 2014. Expected changes include officers taking a more active role in code enforcement working cooperatively with Township staff. As part of the enhancement Township staff members are reviewing and upgrading ordinances.
- Officers continue to work closely with neighborhoods as part of the community police officer concept. Officers are pleased to see neighborhood leaders representing their neighborhoods at regular neighborhood leader meetings held by the Department. Many neighborhoods participated in Nation Night Out held annually in August. There are 15 active neighborhood groups working with police.
- Police administration meets quarterly with the Township Board to discuss the quarterly police report, law enforcement items of interest and be available for questions and comments by the Board.
- Firearms training occurs quarterly at the Lansing Capital area Rifle Club on Germany Road. The Department has an excellent relationship with the range board.
- Officer's conduct residential vacation checks for Township residents. On one particular day, an officer noticed the odor of natural gas at a home whose owner was away on vacation. NEISA fire was called to the scene and Consumer Energy arrived to investigate. The homeowner later called the Police Department thanking them for the response, as Consumers relayed that over time, the leak, in all likelihood, would have caused catastrophic damage to the home and property.