

MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP POLICE



2019 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

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

OFFICERS BY SENIORITY

Kristi Lysik**	Dan King
Paul Rambo	Adam Slavick
Dave Metts	Stephanie Lewis
Christina Scaccia	Ian Mandernack
Jeff Adams	Kolby Casaday
Curt Squires	Lerico White
Brett Reed***	Megan Klein
Erin Linn	Austin Dietz
Kyle Royston	Blaine Anderson
Rebecca Payne	Lorenzo Velasquez
Kevin Harvey	Antonio Trevino
Mark Divney	Kyle Cornell
Michael Hagbom	Jaclyn Allen*
Bryan LeRoy	David Reinke*
Doug Strouse	Dustin Badder * ***
Aaron McConaughy	Wes Talbot*

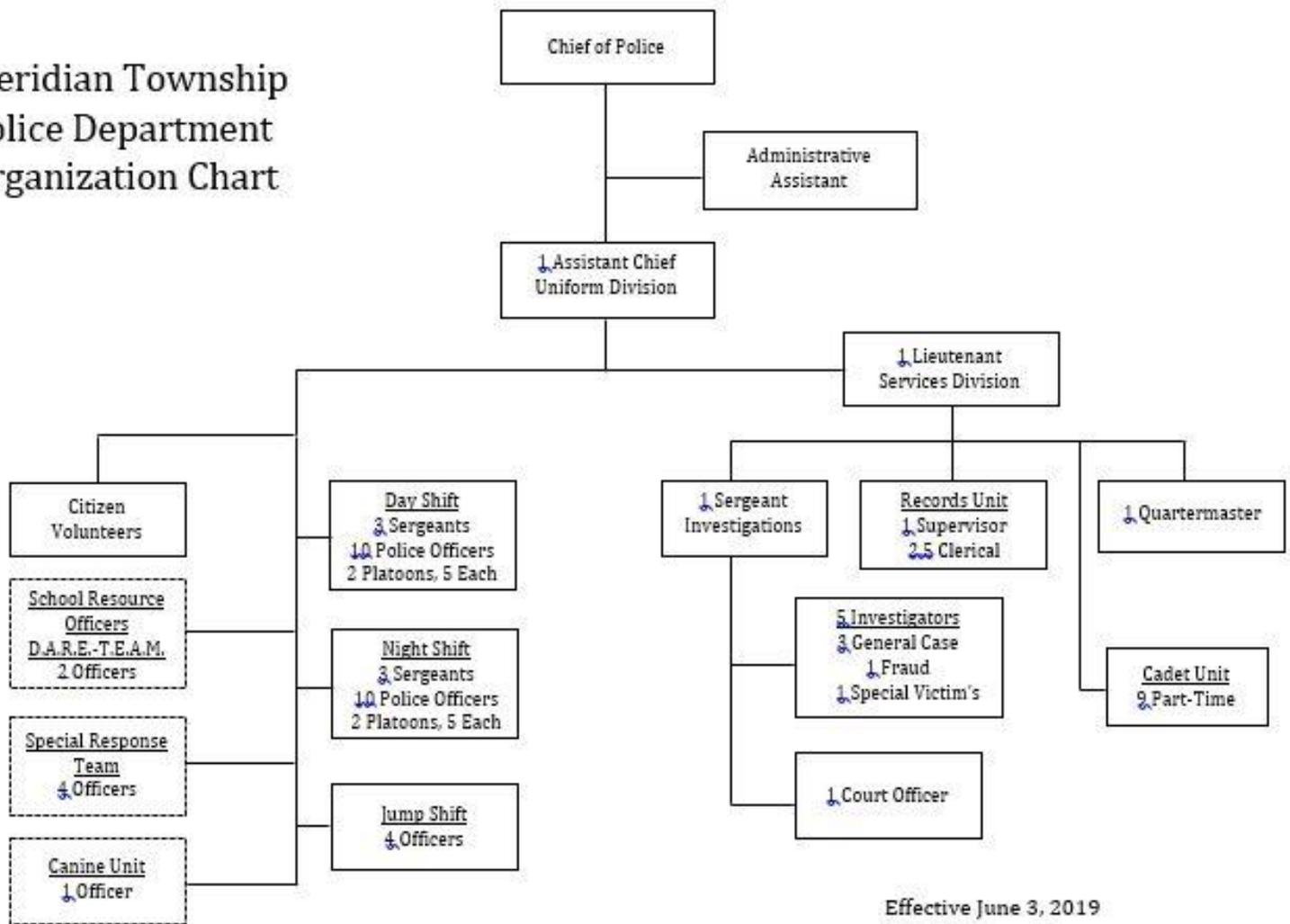
CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

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

CADETS

Evan Buckner***	Maryam Masood	Ryan Tunkl*	Matthew Kristu
Marissa Fura***	Yutaka Benson* ***	Jonathan Kendrick*	Mike Scott***
Matthew Kristufek***	Dhospina Qipo***	Maxwell Bland*	Maryam Masood
Allison Akins***	Baylie Kaiser*		
Jennah Wilson***	Danielle Huettner*	*Hired in 2019	Jacob Scarvey*
	Cody Lefler*	**Retired in 2019	Allison Akins*
		***Resigned in 2019	

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 2019, there were 18,552 calls for service (excluding traffic stops 4,873).

2019 Written Reports	
Alarms	771
Traffic Crashes	891
All Other	4,759
Total	6,421

Yearly Comparisons

Written Reports

2016	2017	2018	2019
6,332	6,282	6,801	6,421

Calls for Service

2016	2017	2018	2019
18,364	17,545	18,588	18,552

Arrests

2016	2017	2018	2019
700	559	577	563

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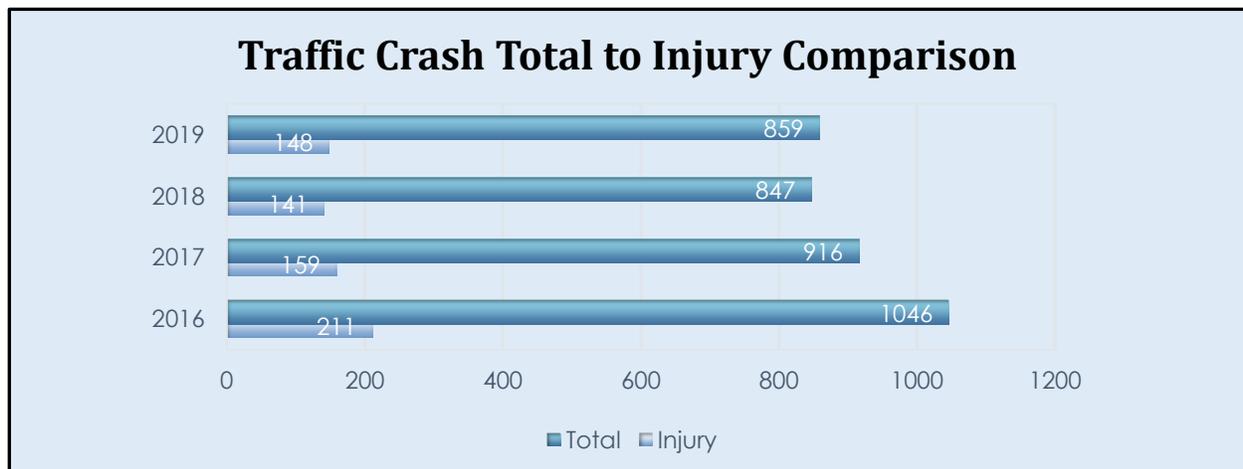
	2016	2017	2018	2019
Citations Issued	2,272	1,752	1,922	2,096
Total # of Charges	2,768	2,188	2,379	2,857

Calls for Service As Received From Dispatch			
911 Hang Up	143	Obscene	27
Abandoned Vehicle	64	OIWarrant	86
Accident Non-Traffic	0	Operating Under Influence of Drugs	47
Admin	973	Ordinance Violation	25
Alarm	852	Parking Complaint	121
Animal Call	224	Party Complaint	24
Arson	2	Police Assist	151
Assault	122	Personal Injury Accident	94
Attempt to Locate	117	Personal Protection Order	37
Bar Check	10	Peace Officer Complaint	36
Bomb Threat	0	PININL – Accident with Entrapment	4
Burglary	100	PBT – Preliminary Breath Test	6
Chase-Pursuit	0	Private Property Accident	74
Child Abuse/Neglect	69	Pick up Property	139
Check ID	7	Property Damage Accident	890
Civil Disturbance	154	Prostitute	0
Community Meeting	25	Prowler	11
Crossing Guard	31	Person Requiring Treatment	23
Crowd Control	0	Runaway	68
Criminal Sexual Conduct	59	Reckless Driving	364
Deliver Message	20	Repossession	19
Disorderly Conduct	2	Retail Fraud	374
DOA	16	Robbery	7
Dog Complaint	229	School Check	225
Domestic Assault	144	Security Check	126
Drown in Moving Water	0	Shooting	0
Drugs	38	Shots Fired	29
Drunk	12	Special Assignment	183
Escort – Bank Escort	0	Stalking	24
Fight	126	Subpoena Service	177
Fire Assist	598	Subject Down	7
Fireworks Complaint	35	Suicide	27
Follow-up	1072	Suspicious Situation/Person/Vehicle	1,345
Foot Patrol	8	Threat	115
Fraud	336	Traffic Control	81
Harassment	118	Transport	109
Hazzard – Road	354	Trash / Littering Complaint	17
Hit and Run	163	Trespass	33
Inmate – Transfer	0	Trouble With Subject	352
Juvenile	62	Test – Test CAD call	3
K9 – Assist	7	Unlawfully Driving Away An Automobile	85
Kidnapping	1	Unknown Injury / Accident	34
Larceny	519	Unwanted Person	200
Liquor Law Violations	3	Unwanted Trouble/Unknown Trouble	127
Lock Out	15	Utility / Wires Down	72
Malicious Destruction of Property	155	Vehicle ID Check	31
Medical Assist	3,617	Visual/Vacation Property Check	71
Missing Person	64	Warrant Arrest	100
Motorist Assist	331	Weapon Violation	13
Neighbor Complaint	71	Welfare Check	941
Noise	330		
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE: 18,552 *			

*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 2019			
Abandoned Vehicles	495	Juvenile Offenses / Runaway	36
Alarm Response	771	Kidnap	2
Animal Cruelty	1	K9 Search/Training	15
Arson	7	Larceny	444
Assault	270	Liquor Law/Violations	13
Building Code Violation	0	Medical First Responder	457
Burglary	104	Miscellaneous Non-Criminal Offense	379
Commercialized Sex/Prostitution	1	Motor Vehicle Theft	51
Conservation	6	Murder	1
Criminal Sexual Conduct	70	Negligent Homicide/Manslaughter	0
Damage to Property	125	Obscenity	11
Disorderly Conduct	17	Obstructing Justice	331
Dog Complaints	12	Obstructing Police	21
Embezzlement	24	Ordinance Violation	1
Extortion	2	OUI of Liquor of Drugs	58
Family Abuse / Neglect / Other	38	Peeping Tom	1
Fire Assist	3	Public Peace Other	31
Fireworks	0	Retail Fraud	334
Forgery / Counterfeiting	22	Robbery	12
Fraud	250	Sex Offense (Other)	10
Health and Safety	3	Stolen Property	4
Hit and Run Motor Vehicle Accident	1	Threat to Burn/Bomb	0
Immigration	0	Traffic Civil	1,151
Incapacitated / Mental Health	103	Traffic Criminal	232
Intimidation / Stalking	79	Trespass	132
Investigation / Inspection (Non-Criminal)	230	Violation of Controlled Substance	41
Invasion of Privacy (other)	3	Weapons Offense	16
TOTAL OFFENSES REPORTED: 6,421			
<i>*Some written reports have multiple offenses</i>			

Crash investigations in Meridian Township totaled 859 in 2019. This was an increase of 12 from the previous year. Crashes are classified as personal injury, property damage (no injuries) and hit and run crashes. There were 148 crashes with injured occupants, 710 crashes with no injuries and 1 fatal accident.



TRAFFIC SAFETY

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

Three of our officers provide car seat inspections at the Department. A total of 26 inspections were completed in 2019. Officers completed car seat inspections at the annual Halloween Open House at the police department in October.

TRAFFIC CRASH INVESTIGATION TEAM

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

Meridian Township Deer Involved Collision Data			
Year	Injury Involved	No Injury Involved	Total
2016	5	159	164
2017	4	122	126
2018	2	125	127
2019	3	150	153

VOLUNTEERS

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

Two Volunteer Parking Enforcement personnel provided a total of 75 volunteer hours in 2019. The total number of department citations written was 305 for the year. The Department does not require payment of handicap citations when the disabled person shows that he/she had a permit that was not displayed. Our concern is to keep the spaces available for those who have permits, not collecting fines from persons with disabilities.

COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICERS

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

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

ADULT CROSSING GUARDS

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

CANINE TEAM

In 2019, the Department maintained a single K9 Team, Officer Tobias and K9 Yukon. The team was trained for article searches, building searches, narcotics detection, and tracking. The K9 Team was also assigned to the Ingham Regional Special Response Team (IRSRT) to assist with perimeter, high risk tracking and area searches during activation. Area departments request and/or provide mutual aid from canines when they either do not have a canine on duty or they do not have a team on the Department. The canine team completed 192 hours of monthly training. In addition, Officer Tobias and Yukon trained with the IRSRT for a total of 48 hours in 2019. Officer Tobias was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in June of 2019. This promotion led to fewer uses of K9 Yukon because of other duties. K9 Yukon was retired and purchased by Sgt. Tobias in December 2019 after 6.5 years of service.

2019 Canine Team Activity Numbers	
Calls Handled By Meridian's Canine Team	16
Calls Handled By Other Departments	25
Call Outs To Other Departments	5
Total Calls For Service	46
Activity Type	
Ingham Regional SRT	0
Article Search	2
Area Search	5
Building Search	2
Narcotics Search	8
School Sweeps (OHS/HHS/ELHS)	5
Tracking	18
Demonstrations	3
Other Use	3
Total	46

*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 three call outs in 2019.

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

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY RESOURCE UNIT

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

The officers participated in “No Senior without Christmas” event. This is a Tri County TRIAD program. There were 350 holiday baskets delivered in the tri-county elderly residents. Meridian Township had 35 of those.

Meridian Township held their own “Shop with a Cop” event in 2019. The officers worked with school counselors and 14 area students participated. The officers worked in conjunction with Walmart, Jets Pizza and Haslett Okemos Rotary Foundation, as well as the FOP and POAM unions.

The officers attended annual DARE training and received updates to include Vaping lessons.

Number of Classes Held in 2019	
D.A.R.E	234
T.E.A.M.	12
Other Presentations	59
Total	305

SERVICES DIVISION

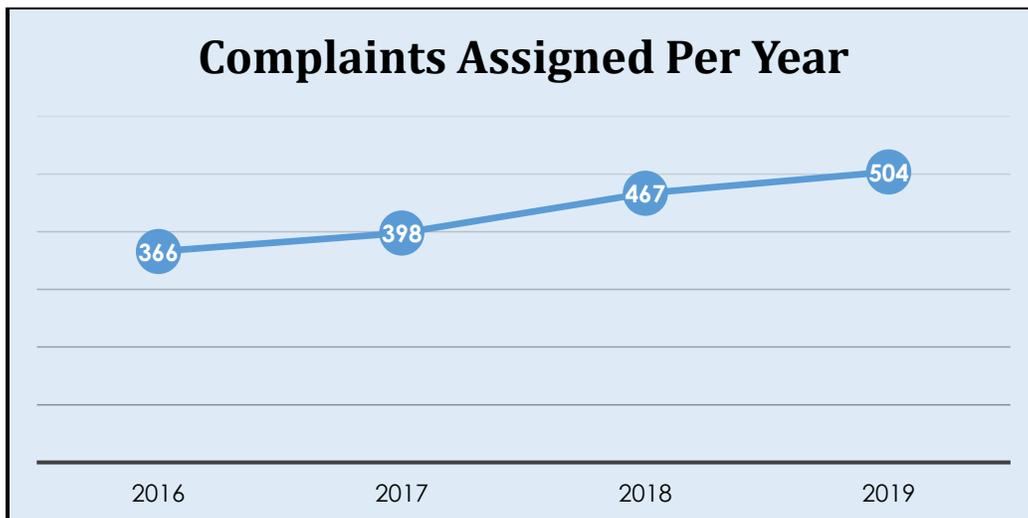
The Services Division consists of the following components: The Investigations Unit including Court Services, the Records Unit, the Property Technician, the Recruiting Unit, the Cadet Program, and Training. The Services Division is responsible for overseeing the MCLEA accreditation process, recruiting and hiring, police investigations, all records management functions, and management of all evidence and property.

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 504 complaints in 2019.

Complaints Assigned Per Year	
2016	366
2017	398
2018	467
2019	504



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	2016	2017	2018	2019
Homicide	0	2	0	1
Kidnap	1	1	2	1
Criminal Sexual Conduct	31	40	88	83
Robbery	6	18	7	7
Assault/Stalking	13	24	25	18
Arson	0	1	1	2
Extortion	2	2	0	2
Burglary	48	62	65	57
Larceny	139	97	94	113
Unlawful Driving Away Auto	5	19	18	10
Forgery	9	13	2	16
Fraud	59	67	78	94
Embezzlement	6	6	4	3
Stolen Property	1	2	9	9
Malicious Destruction of Property	2	32	8	9
Retail Fraud	11	23	14	8
Drugs	7	12	7	2
Sex Offenses	3	0	0	0
Obscene Material	4	6	8	13
Child Abuse	2	3	3	6
Liquor Law Violation	1	0	0	0
Obstructing Police	3	0	0	0
Obstructing Justice	0	0	0	1
Weapons Offense	2	2	4	1
Public Peace	0	0	3	2
Hit & Run Accident	1	2	1	0
Health and Safety	2	0	3	1
Invasion of Privacy	0	2	0	2
Conservation	0	4	0	0
Juvenile Runaway	2	5	2	2
Traffic Offenses	1	0	1	0
Juvenile Violation	2	0	3	2
Civil Custody	2	0	0	0

Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	0	0	0
Suspicious Situations	9	11	16	27
General Assist	1	2	2	4
Death Investigations	20	35	50	43
Missing Persons	2	5	1	4
TOTAL	399	498	519	543

In 2019, the Investigations Unit continued to investigate 167 offenses from 2018, 403 offenses were assigned, 285 were cleared, 217 were inactivated, and 66 will continue to be investigated in 2020.

2019 Complaint Dispositions	
Continued from 2018	167
Assigned in 2019	403
Cleared in 2019	285
Inactivated in 2019	217
Continued in 2020	66

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 2019, the Investigators submitted 111 requests for warrants and petitions to the ICPO.

Investigations Warrant Requests & Petitions for 2019			
	Felony	Misdemeanor	Totals
Requested	100	11	111
Issued	29	3	32
Denied	41	5	46
Diversion	2	0	2
Status Pending	28	3	31



A total of \$131,177.47 worth of stolen property was recovered in 2019. The majority of the recovered stolen property was returned to the victims.

Noteworthy investigations for 2019 include:

- A homicide investigation that spanned two jurisdictions. The suspect is awaiting trial.
- Multiple armed robberies across several jurisdictions. Worked with multiple agencies to locate and arrested four subjects. Suspect's are currently awaiting trial.

- A large illegal marijuana dispensary was discovered operating in the township. The case is still be investigated.

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.

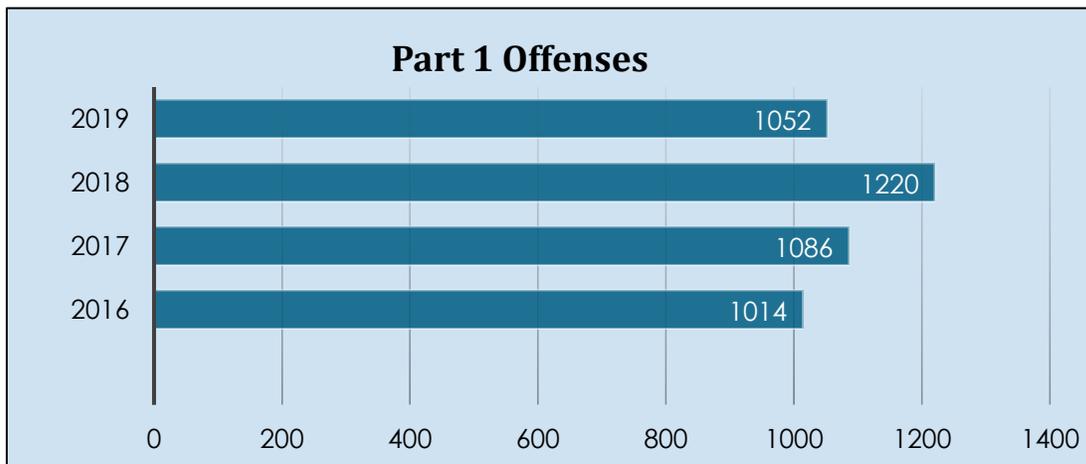
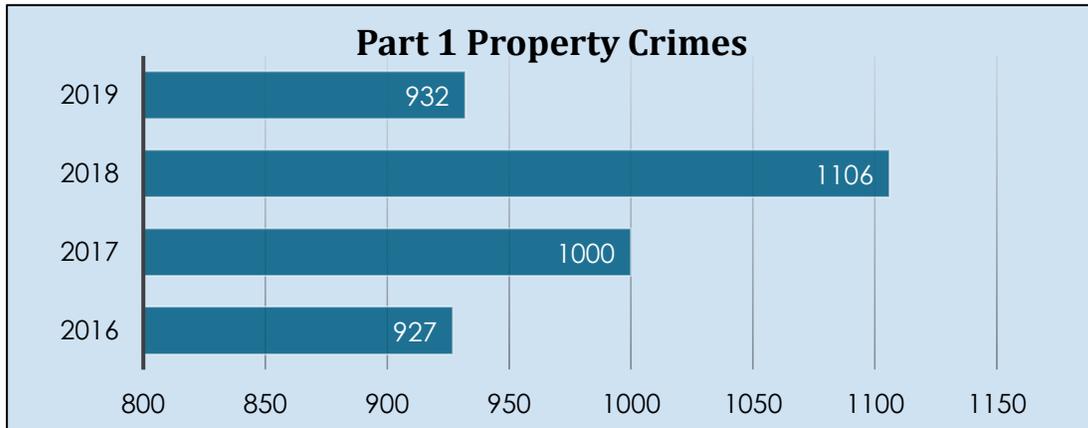
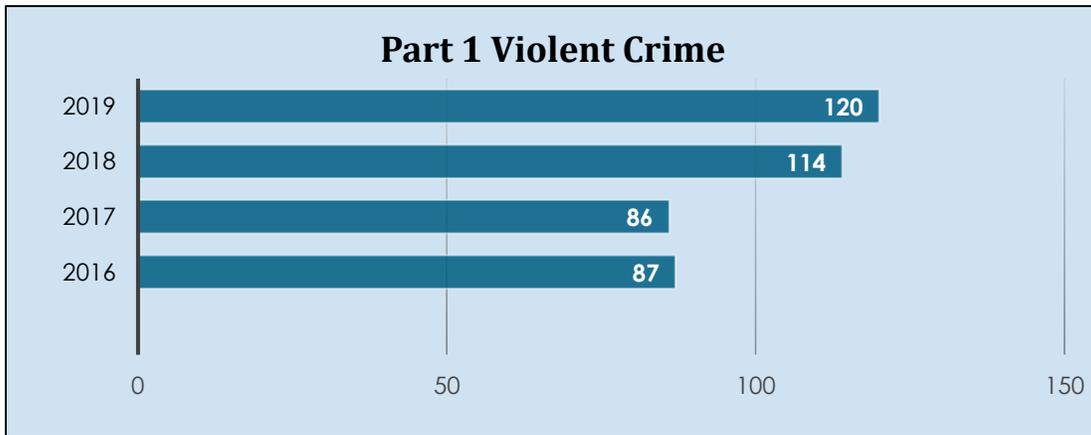
COURT SERVICES	2016	2017	2018	2019
Arraignments	273	215	154	143
Subpoenas Served	952	842	832	692
Personal Protection Orders	38	67	38	41
Warrant Requests	641	522	605	614
Warrants Signed by CSO	418	431	429	378
Twp. Attorney Requests	212	177	188	144
Total Petition Requests	74	152	134	102
Retail Fraud Requests	342	319	332	234
OWI Requests	60	80	66	62
Assault Requests	60	62	48	42
Assault Requests-Domestic	137	144	175	180
Larceny/Fraud Requests	87	76	95	82
Narcotics Requests	53	75	75	20

RECORDS UNIT

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

Annual Crime Reporting Summary	2016	2017	2018	2019	% Change 2018-2019
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	1	0	1	100%
Rape and Attempted Rape	35	32	58	70	21%
Robbery	11	18	15	12	-20%
Aggravated Assault	41	35	41	37	-10%
Total Part 1 Violent Crime	87	86	114	120	5%
Burglary	104	112	115	96	-17%
Larceny	801	864	935	778	-17%
Vehicle Theft	18	21	52	51	-2%

Annual Crime Reporting Summary	2016	2017	2018	2019	% Change 2018-2019
Arson	4	3	4	7	75%
Total Part 1 Property Crime	927	1,000	1,106	932	-16%
Total Part 1 Offenses	1,014	1,086	1,220	1,052	-14%
OWI Arrests (Liquor or Drugs)	58	72	63	58	-8%
Traffic Accident – Roadway	1046	916	847	891	5%



TRAINING

Under the direction of the Chief of Police, the Training Sergeant oversees all training for the Department. The Department provided employees with 5,432.5 hours of training in 2019.

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

MID-MICHIGAN POLICE ACADEMY

The 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.

21st CITIZENS' ACADEMY

The Department hosts a ten-week Citizens' Academy that meets once a week for three hours in the fall. This academy exposes the attendees to police operations and procedures. Sixteen citizens from Meridian, Lansing and Williamstown Townships participated in 2019.

13th YOUTH CITIZENS' ACADEMY

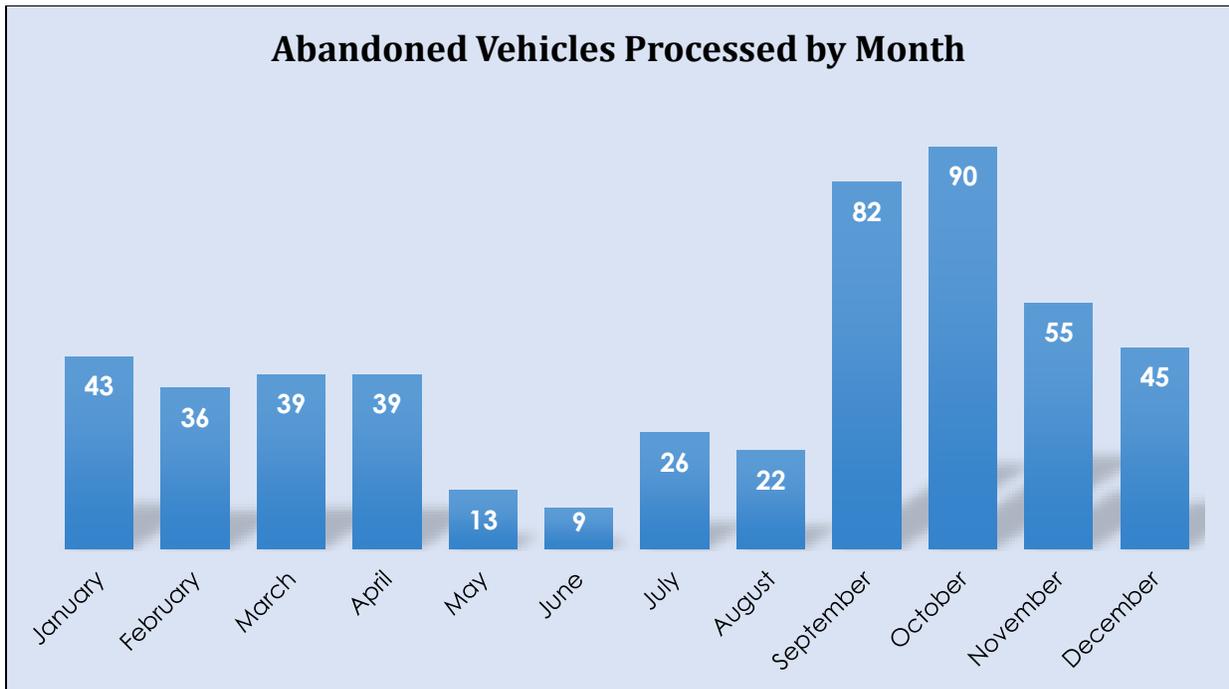
The Department hosts a seven-week Youth Academy that meets once a week for two hours in the spring. The students learn about police work while being able to experience hands-on activities. Eleven students from the Haslett, Okemos, Lansing, and Bath school districts attended the Academy in 2019.

PROPERTY ROOM REPORT

The Quartermaster maintains the property room. Activity involving the property room in 2019 included:

- 2,583 items entered as evidence.
- Over 300 lbs. of narcotics incinerated from the Prescription Drug Drop Off Box.
- 31 firearms sent to MSP for destruction.

The Department processed 499 abandoned vehicles in 2019.



CITIZEN SATISFACTION SURVEY

A total of 1,200 citizen satisfaction surveys were mailed to victims and complainants involved in traffic accidents and other calls for service in Meridian and Williamstown Township. Surveys are used as a tool to monitor customer satisfaction with the Department's services. In 2019, a total of 236 surveys were returned. The 20% response rate was increased as compared to 2018.

Citizen Satisfaction Survey for Sworn Personnel

Category	Rating of Excellent/Good
Helpfulness	95%
Friendliness	95%
Knowledge	97%
Quality of Service	94%
Professional Conduct	96%
Response Time	94%

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

Category	Rating of Excellent/Good
Helpfulness	66%
Friendliness	67%
Knowledge	66%
Quality of Service	67%
Professional Conduct	69%

**Not all questions generated a response.*

CITIZEN SERVICE COMPLAINT SUMMARY

The Department investigated three formal citizen service complaints during 2019. The following is a summary of the findings.

- 1 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.
- 1 Exonerated – The incident occurred but was lawful or proper.
- 0 Unfounded – The alleged actions or events did not in fact occur.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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

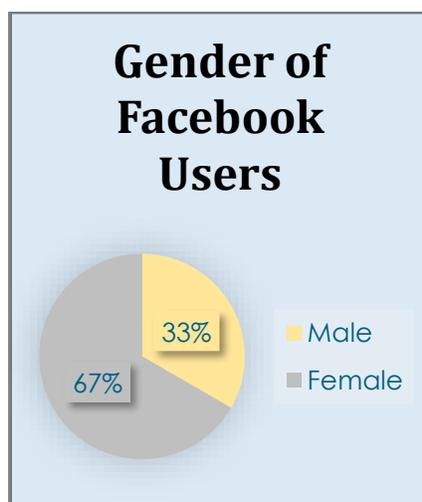
The Department's blog includes press releases, crime prevention tips, and helpful links for the community (i.e., animal control, school district personnel) which together has contributed to our overall goal of maintaining closer communications with the public.

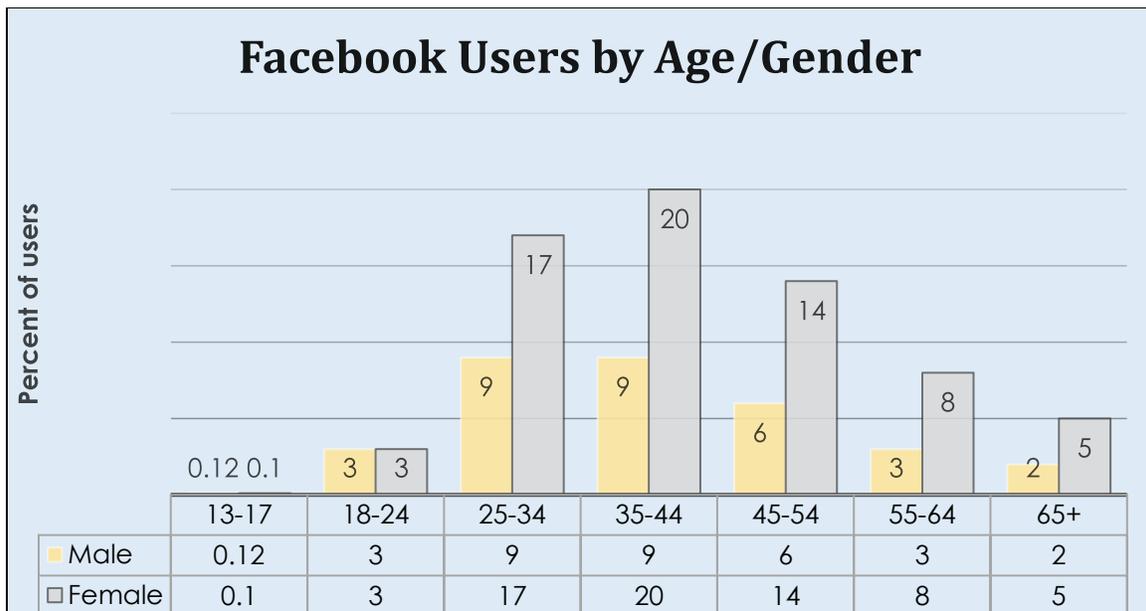
EVERBRIDGE ALERTS

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

FACEBOOK

Facebook offers the greatest return on time invested. The 7,592 people who "Like" our page is up from the 6,346 who did in 2018. 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 2,460 individuals that follow the Department's Twitter page.

BLOG

- 512,276 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 continue to be posts seeking suspect identity information.
- The Department no longer actively uses this platform.

POLICE DEPARTMENT 2019 GOAL BASED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

Complete state accreditation through the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police.

A preliminary assessment was conducted by outside assessors on September 24, 2019. Our final assessment for accreditation was December 9-10, 2019 and a report was submitted to the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission for review. If the Commission awards our Department accreditation, we will receive accreditation at the February 6, 2020, Commission meeting that will be held at the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police mid-winter conference.

Continue efforts to reduce workers compensation and lawsuits claims.

The Department is an active participant in the Township Safety Committee and we continue to seek safer and more efficient ways of conducting business. The Department has conducted numerous trainings to reduce liabilities. Some of the trainings attended by officers included: emergency vehicle operations, fair and impartial policing, vulnerable and impaired persons as well as legal update.

Upgrade the Public Safety Building video surveillance system.

The Department completed this project and the new system has been operational since November 15th. The new camera system added eight new cameras to increase the coverage on the public safety building to include the exterior. This expansion allows for coverage on the main parking and front entrance.

Work diligently toward full staffing (41).

The Department has hired four new officers in 2019 and we continue to work with the Mid-Michigan Police Academy to identify qualified applicants. The Department has attended several job fairs and sends recruiting team members to academies throughout the state. We are also partnering with Michigan State University Athletics Department in an effort to recruit from a more educated and diverse candidate pool than what we traditionally are exposed to at the police academies.

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

The Department's recruitment team is attending various police academies around the State to encourage applications for employment to our Department. The Department also attends the monthly Advocates and Leaders for Police and Community Trust (ALPACT) meetings and receives input and feedback from a diverse group of community leaders.

The Chief's office, and command staff continue to have an open door policy with employees in regards to improvements in our business practice. This openness has led to implementing a Senior Watch program, voluntary range days for officers, and other improvements to the Public Safety Building. Welcoming input from employees and including them in the process has led to employee ownership of their work product.

Continue to seek opportunities to reduce overall operating costs.

The Department seeks competitive bids on all purchases over \$250.00. The Department has also adjusted work shift hours to reduce the potential for overtime needs. Supervisors have been diligent in controlling staff overtime throughout the year when possible.

Deploy a portable fingerprint scanning system to identify missing or endangered children and adults as well as persons with outstanding warrants.

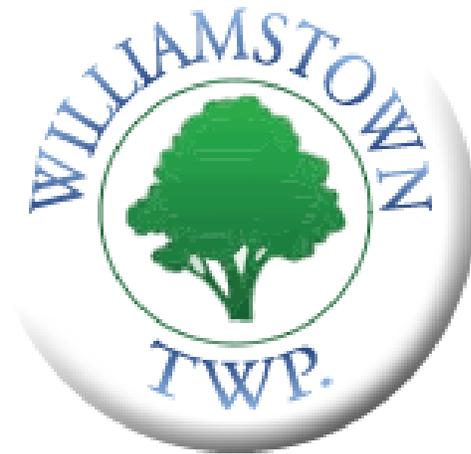
The Department deployed the fingerprint scanner in the field in February 2019. Since the deployment of this equipment, it has been used 66 times and 17 persons have been identified that attempted to conceal their identity.

Take a leadership role in finalizing the Police Department's 2020-2022 collective bargaining agreements.

Contract negotiations have begun and preliminary offers have been exchanged with the command group. Negotiations are set to continue in 2020.

**MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP
POLICE**

**WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP
POLICE SERVICES**



**2019
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**Williamstown Township
Police Services
2019 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 \$225,217.00 for calendar year 2019, \$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				
	2016	2017	2018	2019
Written Reports	379	381	384	323
Calls for Service	1546	1616	1769	1451
Calls for Service (excluding traffic stops)	1103	1226	1239	1038
Arrests	11	12	20	17
Citations Issued	159	73	101	170
Total Number of Charges	175	89	120	204

Written Reports				
	2016	2017	2018	2019
Alarms	68	66	61	52
Traffic Crashes	127	115	116	107
All Other	184	200	207	164
Total	379	381	384	323

Williamstown Township Deer Involved Collision Data			
Year	Injury Involved	No Injury Involved	Total
2016	1	76	77
2017	1	63	64
2018	2	66	68
2019	0	65	65

Calls for Service As Received from Dispatch			
911 Hang Up	7	Noise	1
Abandoned Vehicle	3	Obscene	0
Admin	18	OIWarrant	11
Alarm	76	Ordinance Violation	14
Animal Call	32	Operating While Intoxicated	5
Arson	0	OUID	0
Assault	8	Park	2
Assist	0	Party	0
Attempt to Locate	6	Peace	2
Attempt Warrant Pickup	0	Personal Injury Accident	9
Bar Check	0	Personal Protection Order	2
Break In	5	Pickup Property	2
Canine Assist	0	Police Assist	5
Check Area	0	Private Property Accident	1
Check Subject	0	Property Check	22
Check Vehicle	0	Property Damage Accident	96
Civil	5	Prowler	2
Community Meeting	1	Reckless Driving	33
Criminal Sexual Conduct	1	Robbery	0
Deliver Message/Death Notification	1	Runaway	4
DOA	0	School Walk Through	0
Dog	13	Security Check	14
Domestic	10	Shots	11
Drugs	2	Sex Offender Registration Violation	0
Driving While License Suspended	0	Special Assignment	4
Family/Neglect	3	Stalking	0
Fight	8	Subpoena Service	6
Fire Assist	45	Suicide	1
Fireworks	2	Suspicious Situation/Person/Vehicle	63
Follow-up	33	Threat	5
Fraud	6	Traffic Control	1
General / Non-Criminal	0	Traffic Hazard	0
Harassment	4	Traffic Stop	413
Hazard/Road	64	Train	0
Hit and Run	5	Transport	1
Juvenile	2	Trash / Littering Complaint	1
Larceny	6	Trespass	1
Liquor Law Inspection/Violation	0	Trouble With Subject	16
Lockout	0	Unlawfully Driving Away An Automobile	0
Lost Property	0	Unknown Injury / Accident	4
Malicious Destruction	13	Unknown Trouble	4
Medical Assist	198	Unwanted Person	6
Mental	2	Utility / Wires Down	11
Minor In Possession	0	Vehicle Impound	0
Missing Person	1	VIN Check	0
Motorist Assist	36	Warrant Arrest/Attempt	4
Natural Death	0	Weapon Violation	3
Neighbor	4	Welfare Check	51
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE: 1,451 *			

*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 2019			
Alarm Response	52	K9 Search/Training	0
Animal Complaint	0	Larceny	9
Animal Cruelty	0	Liquor Violations	1
Arson	0	Littering	0
Assault	21	Medical First Responder	28
Assist Other Agency	0	Miscellaneous Non-Traffic-Offense	14
Burglary	5	Missing Person	1
City Ordinance	1	Motor Vehicle Theft	0
Conservation	0	Natural Death	6
Criminal Sexual Conduct	2	Noise	0
Damage to Property	8	Obscene Materials	0
Disorderly Conduct	0	Obstructing Justice	8
Embezzlement	0	Obstructing Police	0
Family Abuse/Neglect/Other	5	OUI of Liquor of Drugs	5
Fraud	14	Public Peace	0
Harassing Communication	1	Sex Offender/Fail to Comply	0
Health and Safety	2	Suicide	0
Hit and Run Motor Vehicle Accident	0	Traffic Civil	109
Incapacitated/Mental Health	12	Traffic Criminal	3
Intimidation/Stalking	3	Trespass	1
Investigation/Inspection (Non-Criminal)	10	Violation of a Controlled Substance	0
Juvenile	2	Weapons Offense	0
Total Offenses Reported 323			
<i>*Written reports may have multiple offenses</i>			

**Williamstown Township
2019 Annual Crime Reporting Summary
Part 1 Offenses and OUIL/OUID Arrests & Traffic Accidents**

Part 1 Offenses:	2016	2017	2018	2019	% Change 2018-2019
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0%
Rape and Attempted Rape	2	1	1	2	100%
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0%
Aggravated Assault	3	2	4	2	-50%
Total Part 1 Violent Crime	5	3	5	4	-20%
Burglary	5	16	8	5	-38%
Larceny	15	18	14	9	-36%
Vehicle Theft	1	3	1	0	-100%
Arson	0	0	0	0	0%
Total Part 1 Property Crime	21	37	23	14	-39%
Total Part 1 Offenses	26	40	28	18	-36%
OUIL / OUID	5	4	5	5	0%
Traffic Accidents	127	116	101	107	6%

A total of 107 traffic crashes were investigated in 2019. Of those, 8 crashes involved personal injury to people and 99 crashes resulted in property damage without any injuries.

Investigations Unit

During 2019, 3 cases were continued from the previous year, 15 reports were assigned, 14 reports were cleared, 4 reports were inactivated, and no reports will continue to be investigated in 2020. 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.

2019 Report Dispositions	
Assigned	15
Cleared	14
Inactivated	4
Continued in 2020	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	2019
Criminal Sexual Conduct	3
Obscene Material	1
Home Invasion	3
Motor Vehicle Theft	0
Larceny – Theft from Motor Vehicle	2
Larceny-Other	3
Death Investigations	0
Possession of Drugs	1
Fraud	3
Total Offenses Investigated	16