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MICHIGAN LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCREDITATION PROGRAM



**Onsite Final Report**  
*Reaccreditation*  
**Grand Blanc Township**  
**Police Department**



**May 6, 2025**  
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## **D. Community and Agency Profile:**

### **1. Community Profile**

Grand Blanc Township is a local unit of government located in southeast Genesee County that currently serves 39,846 residents. The township has a land area of 32.1 square miles and sits approximately 60 miles north of the City of Detroit and five miles south of the City of Flint. Grand Blanc, which literally means “great white”, was originally settled by Chippewa Indians. The name came from French Traders who arrived prior to 1800. By 1823, pioneer families were settling on the abundant farmland. The Charter Township of Grand Blanc was incorporated on April 1, 1833, as Genesee County’s first unit of government. Currently, Grand Blanc Township is the 15th largest township in Michigan and is governed by an elected seven-person board, which includes a supervisor, clerk, treasurer, and four trustees. The day-to-day operations of the township are administered by an appointed township superintendent.

The Charter Township has a futuristic, innovative approach to development, while maintaining its rich history and heritage. The result has been structured commercial development, aesthetically pleasing neighborhoods, excellent public services, and top-rated schools. The Township still maintains a rural atmosphere with many distinctive housing options, which include unique and historic home sites and subdivisions, as well as quality apartments, townhouses, and condominiums. The Township is known for both its close access to recreational activities and proximity to the Detroit area, offering all the amenities of a larger metropolitan area. It is enhanced by an exemplary educational system in both public and private schools, as well as a premier library system. Quality health care is also provided by Ascension Genesys Hospital; one of the first medical centers of its kind built both clinically and architecturally around a patient focused care philosophy. Grand Blanc Township is also home to the PGA Champions Tour Ally Challenge professional golf tournament. The Charter Township of Grand Blanc has a diverse regional economy, anchored by major employers in the healthcare industry (Ascension Genesys Hospital), automotive industry (General Motors and the Serra Automotive Group), and manufacturing (Magna Electronics).

The Township's workforce is also very diverse, including those skilled in manufacturing, retail, business, and healthcare services. Even though some parts of the State of Michigan and Genesee County continue to experience economic tensions, Grand Blanc Township continues to grow and is an employment generator for many residents in Genesee County. It is experiencing growth in construction and increased property values, far exceeding that of other communities in Genesee County. The township's close proximity to Oakland County, one of the wealthiest counties in the nation, I-475, and I-75/Automation Alley is beneficial to its growth. According to the United States Census Bureau, the Grand Blanc Township median household income is \$66,743. The racial makeup of the community is 83.3% White, 10.2% African American, 3.3% Asian, and 2.9% Hispanic. 95.3% of the residents are high school graduates or have completed a higher level of education.



## 2. Agency Profile

The Grand Blanc Township Police Department is committed to its mission:

*The Grand Blanc Township Police Department is dedicated to providing a superior level of service through partnering with the community, upholding the highest ethical standards, striving to provide a safe environment, while enhancing the quality of life through innovative and progressive law enforcement administered with justice and fairness.*

The department has proven to be a leader in providing professional policing services to the people who live, work, or visit our community. Our focus has been on developing well-rounded officers, creating a professional service-oriented department, and building strong partnerships with our community members and business leaders. This is accomplished by adhering to our Core Values of: Integrity, Fairness, Respect, Honesty, Courage, and Compassion.

The department is responsible for providing a superior level of service to nearly 40,000 residents of the township and thousands more people who visit or pass through the township on a daily basis. We do this through a strong Community Policing philosophy and a commitment to traffic safety. The strength of our agency lies in our highly trained and committed staff. Because of their efforts, the department receives outstanding support from the Grand Blanc Community and our elected officials.

The department's policing philosophies are carried out using highly trained officers in multiple capacities, including K9 Unit, Motorcycle Unit, Accident Reconstruction Team, Crime Prevention Unit, Drone Unit, School Resource Officers, Co-Response Team, and Drug Recognition Experts. The department uses several methods and programs to enhance our relationships and build stronger partnerships with the community including; Advocates and Leaders for Police and Community Trust (ALPACT), National Night Out, Crime Prevention Unit, School Resource Officers, Coffee with a Cop, Camp Safety, Operation Safe Arrival, Touch a Truck, Crashes Are Preventable Program, and countless community presentations just to name a few.

The Grand Blanc Township Police Department is authorized for 45 sworn officers. Currently, the department has 43 sworn officers, making them the largest municipal police department in Genesee County outside the City of Flint. In addition, we have 5 full-time radio operators/clerks, 1 full-time administrative assistant, 1 full-time FOIA administrator/Accreditation Manager, 1 full-time property room/evidence technician, 3 part-time police cadets, and 4 part-time radio operators/clerks.

Last year, department members responded to approximately 20,502 calls for service, took 4,060 reports, and made 7,879 traffic stops. The department is proud of the level of service and safety that we help provide for our residents. The hard work of the staff and the strong partnerships that have been established have resulted in Grand Blanc Township being one of the safest and most desired communities to live and work in Genesee County.



### **3. CEO Biography**

#### **Grand Blanc Township Police Department | Chief William Renye**

Chief William Renye has been employed with the Grand Blanc Township Police Department since May 29, 2001, when he started in the patrol division. He was appointed Chief of Police in November 2022.

While in the patrol division, Chief Renye was a consistent leader in OWI/OUID enforcement and drug violation arrests, including violations from drug paraphernalia, drug possession, and drug trafficking. In 2007, Chief Renye was assigned as an undercover narcotics officer with Flint Area Narcotics Group (F.A.N.G) through 2011. Chief Renye has testified in hundreds of court proceedings involving drug crimes and has been qualified by the 67th District Court along with the 7th Circuit Court as an expert in drug trafficking. In 2012, Chief Renye became a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) to further his knowledge in detecting those traveling our roadways under the influence of impairing substances.

In 2014, Chief Renye was promoted to sergeant. As a sergeant, he supervised the department's field training program, mentoring and coaching new employees. In 2017, he was named the department's "Employee of the Year."

In 2018, Chief Renye was promoted to lieutenant, where he became one of two department accreditation managers. Chief Renye assisted the agency in becoming the first municipal agency in Genesee County to obtain accreditation status in 2018. During his time as a lieutenant, he had an opportunity to oversee both the patrol division and support services division operations.

Chief Renye has trained hundreds of police officers throughout the State of Michigan in Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST), Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE), and Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) as a SFST/ARIDE/DRE instructor. In September 2020, Chief Renye received a Recognition of Excellence MADD award for his efforts in combating drunk and drugged driving throughout the State of Michigan.

Chief Renye is one of two State of Michigan command officer representatives who have been elected to sit on the Mid-Atlantic Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network (MAGLOCLN) policy board.

Chief Renye has a master's degree in criminal justice and leadership from Madonna University and is a 2018 graduate of Michigan State University School of Staff and Command.

### **4. Accreditation Manager Biography**

#### **Grand Blanc Township Police Department | Cheri Potter- Accreditation Manager**

Cheri Potter began her career with the Grand Blanc Township as Administrative





Assistant to the Chief of Police in February of 1999. In December of 2022, she became the Accreditation Manager for the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (MLEAC) and the F.O.I.A. Coordinator for the Department. In addition to providing support to the Police Department, she serves as a Michigan Notary for the citizens of the township. Cheri is married to Dan, and has 4 children and 11 grandchildren.

## **5. Future Issues**

The Grand Blanc Township Police Department continues its efforts to recruit, hire, and retain qualified police officers by providing opportunities for personnel to have special assignments and career paths. The department also wishes to bolster its current mental health specialist co-responder program.

## **E. Public Information Activities:**

Public notice and input are cornerstones of democracy and the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (MLEAC) process. This section reports on the community's opportunity to comment on their law enforcement agency and to bring matters to the commission's attention that may otherwise be overlooked.

### **1. Telephone Contacts**

The public telephone line was active on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, from 9-10:00 am, during which time the assessment team fielded no calls.

### **2. Correspondence**

The accreditation team received the following written correspondence:

- **Trevor Alward | Superintendent of Grand Blanc Community School District**
  - *"Grand Blanc Community Schools values our long standing partnership with the GB Twp Police Department. We have contracted with Twp PD for two School Resource Officers that are housed at each of our middle school buildings. The department has committed a variety of resources into supporting the schools including professional development for our SRO's and staff on emergency planning. We have also benefited from classroom lessons from SRO's regarding anti-vaping, cyber bullying, personal safety and substance abuse, etc. The department has been working with our district on providing TEAM training (Teaching, Educating and Mentoring) to expand these classroom efforts as well. All of our district stakeholders benefit from the collaborative work that GB Twp PD provides and their team of police officers create a sense of safety in our school community."*
- **Joseph A. Fredericks II | Sales Professional | An Independent Agent Representing Aflac**
  - *I wanted to reach out to you and express how much I appreciate you and your staff. I have had the privilege of working with many of your officers, support staff and administration personnel for many years. Everyone I know on your team is professional and committed to their position. I have*



*watched many of your officers work their way up from patrol to leadership roles. This is a testament to your leadership. I would count many of your officers as more than just clients or business acquaintances. They are like brothers and sisters for the entire community. I love how all of them are so engaged with the community that they work so hard to protect. Whether they are participating at Coffee with a Cop, Shop with a Hero, attending a chamber event or just representing the department at community events; your staff is always front and center and glad to be out in the community. I know their job is demanding and stressful, yet your team always seems to take this in stride and manages to have a smile, or a quick joke to brighten the day. I would like to recognize Todd Gilbert, Jon Strom, Thom Whitt and Amber Web as some of your incredible staff. I know there are many more on your team and I appreciate them all.*

*Thank you for your continued support and dedication to the community and your department. All of you have done an outstanding job and all of us in the community are proud of and honored to have such a professional police force.*

### **3. Media Interest**

The accreditation team did not receive any media inquiries.

### **4. Community Outreach Interviews**

Assessors met and interviewed the following three (3) individuals.

#### **Scott Bennett, Township Supervisor**

- In setting policy for the township, the agency has effectively engaged with the community by serving as a public-facing representative. Collaboration with the local police agency is exemplary, with the Chief being highly responsive. The police maintain a stellar relationship with the community. His office has not fielded complaints, partly due to initiatives like the Coffee with a Cop program and a strong social media presence that foster open communication. Public support is evident for agency initiatives, including the drone program, and the township acknowledges a clear complaint process. A third-party public survey, covering a broad range of demographics, revealed a 90% satisfaction rating, surpassing other Midwest agencies by 40%. A social worker co-responder further strengthens the agency's support system service, aiding those in need and promoting accountability. The agency's commitment to a reaccreditation process underlines its dedication to maintaining high standards, which benefits the entire community.

#### **GBTPD Officer Tom Whitt, Union President (involved in the Union for the past 20 years)**

- The officers, detectives, and dispatchers find the command and Chief to be responsive and open in addressing issues, fostering an environment of direct communication and dialogue. The agency values accreditation as a tool to maintain order in policies and practices, reflecting its long-standing culture of doing things the right way. The last arbitration regarding contract wage negotiation occurred in the early 2000s. Discipline within the agency is viewed as fair, with a grievance process available if needed, typically achieving resolution at step three with the Township Superintendent, which



occurred once in the past year.

### **Dennis Liimatta, Township Superintendent**

- The agency takes pride in its dedicated men and women and maintains a strong reputation built on a healthy culture. The MLEAC Accreditation, presented to the township, underscores its importance to the agency and continues to be upheld. The Chief leads by example and earns the respect of the rank and file, supporting a policy-driven organization that aligns with township goals and leadership.

## **5. Agency Ride Along**

Assessor Bromley conducted a ride-along with Sergeant Tim Bueche, a 20-year veteran of the Grand Blanc Township Police Department and the union representative for the agency's police sergeants' union.

Sgt. Bueche comes from a family of law enforcement professionals and takes pride in his service to the community and the agency alike. He lives in the community he serves, and this promotes his ability to meet community needs.

Sgt. Bueche shared that Chief Renye supports opportunities for officers to become more involved in service to the community through continued support for a variety of special assignments to meet community needs. This includes officer assignments as school resource officers, a trained Crisis Intervention Team Officer (CIT), a Genesee Auto-Theft Investigation Network Officer (GAIN), a couple of traffic safety officers, and an assignment to the regional accident investigations metro team. The Chief continues to be open to new ideas from the officers, assisting in keeping them engaged in service.

During this ride-along, no service calls were fielded. Operations of the in-car radio and mobile computer devices were observed. The agency is dispatched by Genesee County 911, which is the linked CAD software utilized. Their report management system, CLEMIS, is tied in.

Grand Blanc Township consists mainly of residential property, with some highway jurisdiction of I-75 and 475. The City of Grand Blanc is in the middle of township jurisdiction, and officers frequently traverse the city as a thoroughfare while patrolling and responding to service calls.

Township patrol included schools and the Warwick Golf Course. The agency officers have access to all Grand Blanc schools, including GIS mapping within CAD. They also support special events at the golf course, including an annual golf tournament and an annual concert.

## **6. Agency Service Program Highlight: Co-Responder**



*Destiny Methner, a Grand Blanc Township officer (left), and Penny Melton, a Genesee Health System mental health co-responder (right), pose for a photo outside the Grand Blanc Township Police Department on Nov. 12. Photo Credit: Dylan Goetz [MLive](#)*

MLIVE [Article](#): *New Grand Blanc Township police mental health initiative aims to understand, help community*  
[Nov 12, 2024]





Grand Blanc Township Police Department began its grant-funded co-responder services on October 1, 2024. The team is made up of Officer Destiny Methner and licensed social worker Penny Melton, a Genesee Health System (GHS) Mental Health Co-Responder.

The team works Monday-Friday from 8am - 4pm, supporting operations and responding to calls for service with a mental health nexus. They conduct case management and leverage a follow up tracking feature within GHS software.

Individuals follow through with services by working with the social worker to call the Region 10 Access Line and then follow up with an in-person intake appointment with Genesee Health Systems.

## **7. Genesee County 911 Dispatch Center**

Genesee County 911 Dispatch Center has always been the PSAP for Grand Blanc Township PD. In 2024, the Center took over police dispatching as well. This transition made dispatch operations more efficient and expedient.

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## **8. Community Involvement**

### **Cadet Program**

Grand Blanc Township Police operates a police cadet program. Cadets learn all aspects of police operations and take on duties that don't require a police officer to handle. The program is designed to prepare cadets to become the department's newest police officers in the future.



### **Future Women in Law Enforcement**



In August 2024, Grand Blanc Township PD hosted their first Future Women in Law Enforcement program. The 3 day seminar was designed to introduce young women to various aspects of police work. The event was sponsored by other regional partners such as the Genesee County Jail, Genesee County 911, Patriot Ambulance Services, Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation, Grand Blanc Chamber of Commerce, and others.



## Assisting Those in Need

The agency partners with Two Men and a Truck to encourage citizens to donate items such as clothing and toiletry items for those impacted by Domestic Violence. Boxes are placed in the department's lobby for a time frame to then be donated to YMCA.



## F. Essential Services:

### Chapter 1 – The Administrative Function

#### Direction of Personnel (1.1)

The Chief issues all official orders. The agency uses Power DMS for its accreditation documentation, which includes its written directive system. The overall written directive system was clear and understandable. The directives were constructed logically, with employee duties and responsibilities clearly defined, including constraints on employee actions and expectations.

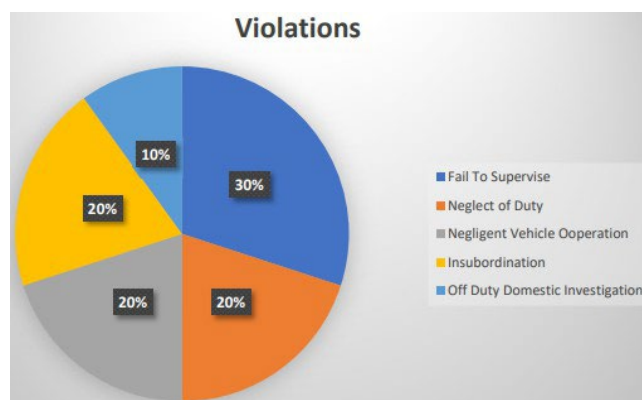
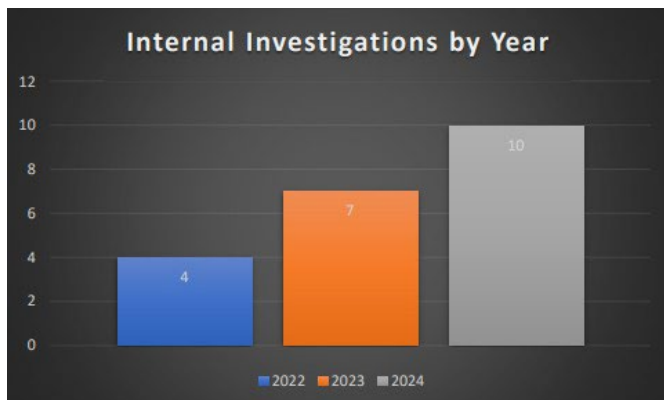
#### Fiscal Control (1.2)

The agency maintains three (3) cash accounts: a petty cash account, a dispatch/records account, and an investigations account. All required procedures and reviews are in place.

#### Internal Affairs (1.3)

Internal Affairs is the responsibility of the Captain, who derives their authority from the Chief. The agency accepts and investigates all complaints against the agency or its employees, including anonymous complaints. The Captain may assign complaints to supervisors for investigation.

A supervisor, with the consultation of the respective Captain, may relieve an employee from duty if it appears that such action is in the agency's best interest. The supervisor will notify the employee of inactive status and inform the employee to report to the Captain or designee on the next day at 1000. The supervisor will then inform the Captain and Chief of such inactive duty status.





#### Disciplinary Procedures (1.4)

The agency's written directive system details the rules, regulations, and expectations for employee conduct. The agency is well-disciplined and has procedures to apply training and counseling in lieu of punitive employee discipline. The agency's disciplinary procedure includes corrective actions for minor complaints, which include verbal warnings and notice of infractions. The agency has an appropriate appeal and grievance process in place with established timelines.

#### Organization (1.5)

All sworn personnel take, sign, and subsequently abide by an oath of office to enforce the law and uphold the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Michigan and faithfully perform the duties of a police officer for the township of Grand Blanc. All agency personnel acknowledge a code of ethics and receive ethics training. The agency strictly prohibits bias-influenced policing. There is a clear definition for bias-influenced policing, including but not limited to the selection of individuals based on common traits of a group, including: race, ethnicity, or national origin; gender; sexual orientation; religion, economic status; age; or cultural group as the sole basis for police activity. Allegations of biased policing will be investigated in accordance with Internal Affairs directives.

The agency is committed to a harassment-free work environment and will not tolerate discrimination. The directive requires employees to report any type of harassment and requires investigations to be conducted in accordance with state law.

The police personnel have a structured unity of command. The Captain of Support Services reports to the Chief of Police. Agency operations report up through patrol shift sergeants and the Detective Sergeant to a Lieutenant of Patrol Services and a Lieutenant of Support Services, respectively, both of whom then report to the Captain.

Reporting to the Patrol Services Lieutenant, the road patrol sergeants lead patrol officers and assign officers to duties such as K-9 operations, motor carrier operations, motorcycle patrol operations, accident reconstruction, bicycle unit, and school resource officers. Reporting to the Support Services Lieutenant, the Detective Sergeant leads investigations, including the detectives, the property room technician, the cadets, the radio operator/clerk, and officer duties such as the FANG officer, arson investigations, and computer forensics.

#### Agency Equipment and Property (1.6)

The agency has a process for maintaining law enforcement-related equipment in an operational state. This includes a process for notification through defective condition reports.

#### Public Information (1.7)

The Chief of Police, or designee, serves as the agency's public information officer and handles news releases. When unavailable, the senior patrol officer on duty designated by the Chief will be responsible for press releases in alignment with processes outlined in policy.

#### Agency Records and Computers (1.8)

The agency has a detailed written directive system describing field reporting, follow-up



investigations, and the approval of reports by supervision. The department controls access to agency records electronically with records management passwords. There are extra security measures for non-public records. All freedom of information requests are handled by records personnel, and the agency abides by the state retention and disposal requirements in accordance with the Michigan Statute and Records Management.

The agency has procedures to protect its central records. The data is stored and backed up electronically and is password-protected. During the assessment period, annual security audits and password audits were performed. There were no breaches in security during the assessment period. The agency's records management system is CLEMIS.

### Agency Training (1.9)

The agency executes a well-formulated training plan. Agency training is often hosted at the agency's training center. The training records are current and managed while retained by applicable retention schedules. Training course content is outlined, and lesson plans are utilized. In-house instructors are properly trained and experienced. New sworn personnel are required to complete defined training. Field training officers are properly selected and trained. Newly promoted personnel receive training consistent with their new responsibilities and tasks. The agency has a remedial training policy and has made use of it.

The written directive properly identified specific required in-service training topics. Training includes, at minimum, hazardous materials awareness training, first aid/CPR/AED, Taser, firearms, defensive tactics, emergency vehicle operation, ethics, bias-influenced policing, harassment in the workplace, incident command, supervision and care of detainees, supervisor leadership development, mental health first-aid, and stress recognition training. All topics have a frequency assigned.

### Authorization and Use of Agency Weapons and Ammunition (1.10)

The Chief is the authorizing authority for weapons and ammunition requirements, including specialized weapons. The agency uses certified/qualified staff for armorer inspections, repair, and replacement. Records of weapons are properly maintained with guidelines for storage.

The agency complies with proficiency and qualification training standards. Records are in place for primary and secondary handguns, defensive tactics, rifles, shotguns, and Tasers.

The agency complies with LEOSA guidelines, including a LEOSA-compliant identification card and required training.

## **Chapter 2 – The Personnel Function**

### Personnel Benefits and Responsibilities (2.1)

The agency has a written directive outlining an employee assistance program, a policy on line-of-duty injury and death circumstances, and an employee collision and review process. During the assessment period, there were no serious line-of-duty injury or death incidents. The agency also has a comprehensive exposure control and reporting policy. Outside employment or business activities are prohibited unless specific approval is obtained from the Chief.



## Performance Evaluations (2.2)

All agency personnel receive documented annual performance evaluations. The performance evaluation system has a well-defined purpose statement with established and defined criteria, scored on a rating scale. The system also includes directives to raters regarding how an evaluation is documented, and the evaluations are maintained according to the department's retention schedule. The evaluation system has a clear appeal process, and no evaluation appeals occurred during the assessment period.

## Promotion of Sworn Personnel (2.3)

The promotional process is detailed in policy. The process includes selection criteria and all scored components of the process will be described prior to the process beginning. An eligibility list is created as defined by the written directive and is active for 18 months, at which time is deemed inactive and no longer valid.

## Recruitment of Sworn Personnel (2.4)

The Grand Blanc Township Police Department's recruitment plan contains a clear statement that the agency is committed to equal opportunity. The stated goals and objectives for recruitment are clear and understandable. All members of the department are responsible for recruiting, activities include attending job fairs and other events even when no vacancies exist, and the plan is reviewed on an annual basis.

## Selection of Personnel (2.5)

The agency has a complete written process for the selection of new full-time personnel, which includes a thorough background investigation, as well as a medical and psychological exam. The initial selection process includes a written skills test. If candidates attain a minimum established score, selected candidates will have an oral interview with job-related questions and scenarios. Candidates who pass the first oral board will receive a second interview where they will be informed of working conditions, shift bids, promotional opportunities, and specialized units. The top-scoring candidates will receive a conditional offer of employment, contingent upon successful completion of the background investigation, the medical and psychological exams, and upon receipt of records of separation circumstances for any candidates with prior law enforcement experience.

## Reserve Officers and Civilian Volunteers (2.6)

The Grand Blanc Township Police Department does not have reserve or civilian volunteer programs, however, does maintain a Police Cadet program. The Cadet program's written directive clearly outlines cadet selection criteria, duties and responsibilities, training, uniform requirements, and that they do not have authority to carry weapons.

# **Chapter 3 – The Operations Function**

## Arrest, Search and Seizure (3.1)

The Grand Blanc Township Police Department is a full-service agency with arrest powers. The department and its policies follow the U.S. Constitution in relation to arrest, search, and seizure. The agency recognizes the foundation set forth in the Fourth Amendment. The agency has a review process to identify and correct any concerns about arrests, searches,





and seizures.

Department policy outlines warrantless search exceptions and the need for a court-authorized search warrant when applicable. The agency has a secure booking area to process in-custody arrests and secure holding cells for processing and holding.

The agency has comprehensive policies that govern consent searches, search incident to arrest, stop and frisk, motor vehicle searches, inventory searches, plain view and open view searches, exigent circumstances, and community caretaking searches. The agency has policies that outline when and where such strip and body cavity searches may be conducted, the persons able to conduct such searches, and require supervisory approval for any such searches.

### Interview and Interrogation (3.2)

The agency has established procedures for standards compliance with contemporary criminal procedural requirements related to interviews, investigative detention interviews, and interrogations. The agency has three interview rooms, a fully secure room in the booking room, a semi-secured room in the Detective Bureau, and a non-secure room located in the lobby. The interrogation rooms are monitored by clerks or other detectives, depending on where the interrogation is taking place. All rooms have audio and video recording capabilities. The agency's written directive indicates that investigative officers are required to use the agency's audio and video equipment for all in-custody interviews and interrogations and at their discretion for other types of interviews and are consistent with state law. No more than two officers will be inside an interview room during an interview or interrogation.

### Use of Force (3.3)

Grand Blanc Township PD officers used force 29 times in 2022, 54 times in 2023, and 55 times in 2025. The increase from 2022 to 2023 and 2024 was attributed to an enhanced focus on traffic safety, awareness, and education. The total of traffic stops in 2023 increased 97%, from 4209 in 2022 to 8278 in 2023.

### Communications (3.4)

Genesee County 911 Dispatch Center has always been the PSAP for Grand Blanc Township PD. In 2024, the Center took over police dispatching as well. This transition made dispatch operations more efficient and expedient.

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### Field Activities (3.5)

The agency has written directives for emergency vehicle operations, as well as vehicle and foot pursuits. During this accreditation cycle, there were several motor vehicle and foot pursuits within Grand Blanc Township. The pursuits originated mostly from minor traffic



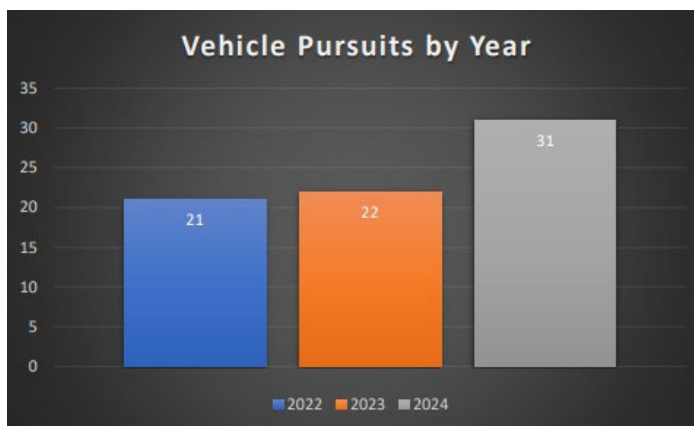
violations. Each pursuit is reviewed and an annual analysis is conducted, during which policy updates, equipment upgrades, training, and discipline are considered.

### Vehicle Pursuits

For 2022, there were 21 vehicle pursuits, during which no officers were injured and three suspects sustained minor injuries. All pursuits were determined to be within policy and no discipline was recommended.

For 2023, there were 22 vehicle pursuits. No officers were injured during any of the pursuits and one suspect sustained a K9 bite for continued resistance at the conclusion of the pursuit. 1 of the 22 pursuits was found to have several policy violations. That officer received discipline and additional training.

For 2024, there were 31 vehicle pursuits. No officers were injured and two suspects sustained K9 bites for active resistance at the conclusion of the pursuits. There were no policy violations, additional training, equipment upgrades, or discipline recommendations.

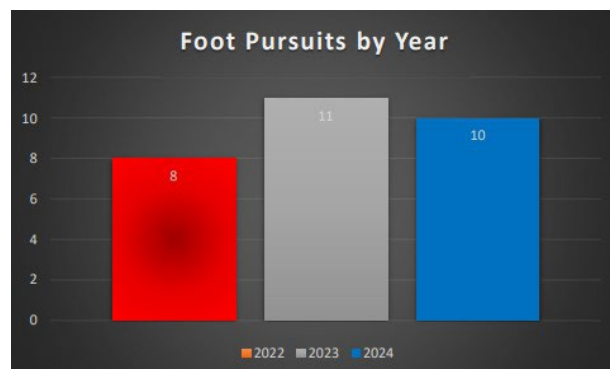


### Foot Pursuits

For 2022, there were 8 foot pursuits. No injuries were sustained by officers or suspects. Reasons for pursuits were for suicidal persons, retail fraud investigations, and traffic. All the pursuits were consistent with policy.

For 2023, there were 11 foot pursuits, resulting in 0 officer injuries and 1 suspect sustaining minor scratches and 1 suspect was bitten by a K9. 8 of the 11 pursuits were within policy and 2 pursuit reviews identified training needs.

For 2024, there were 10 foot pursuits, all of which were within policy, and no training needs were identified. 1 officer sustained a significant leg injury, and 2 suspects received minor injuries from K9 bites.





Grand Blanc Township PD has in-car computers available in each patrol vehicle, accessible to each patrol officer. The agency also has video recording equipment in the police vehicles. Each video is downloaded and retained for a designated time period unless there is some evidentiary value to the video, then it is kept until the final disposition of the case is known. All other retention of video follows state guidelines.

#### Traffic Safety and Enforcement (3.6)

The agency has applicable policies in place regarding traffic violation enforcement, enforcement options, offenders, and traffic direction and control. The directive establishes procedures to conduct motor vehicle stops, including high-risk stops. The enforcement options include warnings, citations, and arrest when appropriate. Assessors observed several proofs of standard compliance regarding wearing high visibility vests when working traffic details and crash investigations.

#### Homeland Security/Critical Incidents (3.7)

The agency has a critical incident system in place, which includes command, operations, planning, logistics, and fiscal responsibility. The department did not have any critical incidents during this accreditation cycle but provided proofs for the annual Ally Golf Tournament. The plan was complete, thorough, and utilized the critical incident response system.

### **Chapter 4 – The Investigative Function**

#### Criminal Investigation (4.1)

Officers perform preliminary investigations from initial contacts. A shift supervisor reviews reports before they are reviewed further by the Detective Sergeant. If the Detective Sergeant feels the case should be assigned to a detective, they will assign it for case follow-up and/or further investigation. Policies are in place for interviewing, interrogation, and eyewitness identification.

Secured/restricted physical and electronic files were observed and found to comply with standards and written directives. Photo lineup and show-up written directives were compliant with the standard, with accurate documentation of eyewitness identification statements.

In addition to general investigations, the agency has an officer assigned to the Genesee Auto-Theft Investigation Network (GAIN), a multijurisdictional task force that investigates auto-related crimes in Genesee County, MI.

#### Crime Scene Processing (4.2)

The agency adheres to evidence collection and processing procedures.

Patrol officers are trained to keep the crime scenes undisturbed unless a danger exists that may destroy or compromise evidence before the arrival of detectives and crime scene investigators. Appropriate and standard-compliant packaging requirements are in place, the chain of custody is appropriately followed, and documented items submitted to the lab are



done with transaction receipts.

The agency has detectives and traffic crash investigators available 24/7 to investigate and/or process a wide range of crimes, including fatal or serious injury, traffic crashes, homicides, arson, sexual assault, etc. If personnel are needed, the on-duty supervisor will facilitate the call-out.

#### Storage of Evidence and Property (4.3)

Evidence is packaged and labeled. Several two-way lockers, including large ones, allow officers to secure large items of evidence/property until the evidence/property room technician can remove them, log them, and then place them in the property lockers. Once secured, the evidence/property room technician only accesses the lockers for proper intake and storage.

The property/evidence room was well organized and neat. There were separate/secure areas for sensitive and high-value items. The evidence room has a limited electronic access system, video monitoring, and locks. There is garage space for any vehicles that may need to be held for evidence. Garage access is restricted to authorized personnel, and the bay door is locked to prevent access from the outside. This area can temporarily store larger items that cannot fit into the temporary evidence lockers. The agency is keeping up with quality control measures for the property/evidence function.

#### Juvenile Matters (4.4)

The agency has established policies regarding juvenile status offenses, including runaway cases, unidentified children, and the safe delivery of newborns. There were no incidents where the agency needed to use Amber Alerts or the Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN). There are designated areas where juveniles can be placed for temporary holding or detention, with glass doors and windows providing complete visibility to dispatchers at all times through a view of class separation and cameras. Site and sound separation from adults can be maintained at all times, given the physical setup. Appropriate forms are used for petitioning juveniles to court. Parent notification policies and practices for the release of juveniles are present with appropriate documentation, including time limits associated with juvenile processing and holding. Reporting requirements were also observed to comply with accreditation standards.

#### Special Investigations and Operations (4.5)

The agency has a special investigations policy. The written directives comply with accreditation standards. The agency is well organized in keeping records of information shared with or received from another agency. The agency has an appropriate deconfliction procedure in place.

The agency has policies and procedures for handling adult and juvenile missing person complaints. It also has a policy for ensuring the coordination of the safe delivery of newborns should an infant be turned over to their care.



## **Chapter 5 – The Arrestee/Detainee/Prisoner Handling Function**

### **Transporting/Processing/Holding of Arrestees/Detainees/Prisoners (5.1)**

The Grand Blanc Township PD has established policy and procedure in place to include searching vehicles and subjects prior to transport. This process is validated through review of officers daily activity logs and report narratives. Subjects are secured in vehicles modified with secure rear compartments and seatbelts are utilized in compliance with State law.

### **Processing of Arrestees/Detainees/Prisoners (5.2)**

Although Grand Blanc Township has a secure holding area, all custodial prisoners are transported to and lodged at the Genesee County Jail after processing. They have a processing area where arrestees can be given an Intoxilyzer test, and where fingerprinting and photographing takes place. The processing and holding area is equipped with an emergency button that sounds an alarm indicating there is an emergency in the processing area. There is a secure sally port where lock boxes for weapons are installed and available for securing weapons prior to entering the processing room. Access to the processing room is controlled and restricted to necessary personnel. Officers have the ability to secure arrestees to the bench in the processing area.

### **Holding of Arrestees/Detainees/Prisoners (5.3)**

Although the agency rarely holds prisoners after processing, the cell block was clean and had charts on each cell for feeding, visual checks, medication dispensing, etc. Proofs were provided for required inspections.

## **Chapter 6 – Campus Security and Policing**

The Grand Blanc Township Police Department is not a university or college law enforcement agency, and therefore, all standards of Chapter Six are not applicable.

- Title XI Reporting and Clery Act Compliance (6.1)
- Public Services (6.2)
- Crime Prevention (6.3)
- Risk Management (6.4)

### **G. Applied Discretion Compliance Discussion**

The agency had no (0) standards in applied discretion.

### **H. Waivers of Standards**

This section provides specific information on those standards that qualify for waivers. Waivers are available to agencies when it is impossible to comply with a specific standard. A request to waive standard compliance must be made to the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police Accreditation Program Director in writing, on official agency letterhead, signed by the CEO. The following standards were granted non-applicable waivers:





- **1.9.9 Tactical Team Training**
  - The agency does not have, nor participate in, a tactical team.
- **2.6.2 Civilian Volunteer Program**
  - The agency does not have a civilian volunteer program.
- **4.5.3 Using Confidential Sources**
  - The agency does not use confidential sources.
- **Chapter 6 - Campus Security & Policing**
  - Title XI Reporting and Clery Act Compliance (6.1 | 5 standards)
  - Public Services (6.2 | 4 standards)
  - Crime Prevention (6.3 | 2 standards)
  - Risk Management (6.4 | 2 standards)

**I. Standards Noncompliance Discussion**

The agency had no standards in noncompliance.

**J. Future Performance / Review Issues**

A review of the documented 2022 Final Report (initial) future performance/review issues was completed. The agency has met and successfully addressed the identified tasks/actions.

The current on-site assessment revealed no future performance or review issues.

**K. Summary and Recommendation**

A thorough review of the files for compliance was conducted, as well as observations of compliance. After interviews were conducted, it was determined that the agency was in compliance with all of the established accreditation standards. Accreditation is recommended.

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Reviewed and approved to be scheduled for a hearing before the MLEAC.

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