

Grand Blanc Township Police Department

2020 Annual Report



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Ronald L. Wiles Jr.
Chief of Police



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A Message from the Chief



I am pleased to present the Grand Blanc Township Police Department 2020 Annual Report. 2020 was a challenging year for everyone. During the year we saw the negative impacts of COVID-19, we saw a renewed push for social justice and police reform after the death of George Floyd, and we saw a political environment which deeply divided our community and our country. Throughout the year the Grand Blanc Township Police Department used those challenges to create opportunities for growth and better understanding as we remained committed to our mission, values, and goals. The Grand Blanc Township Police Department is a special organization and I could not be more proud of the men and women of our department. They continue to provide a superior level of service with the utmost professionalism and commitment to our community.

This report will provide a summary of our officers' performance, department services, and community partnerships that have helped make us successful over the past year. None of our accomplishments would have been possible without the outstanding effort of our forty (40) sworn officers, seven (7) full-time civilian employees, and our seven (6) part-time radio operators/dispatch staff. I am very appreciative of the overwhelming support from the Grand Blanc Community and our elected officials. I would like to thank our Township Superintendent, Dennis Liimatta, our Township Board of Trustees, and our Township Attorneys', David Lattie and Bill Delzer for your continued support and assistance.

The Grand Blanc Township Police Department is a leader in providing professional policing services to the community. Our focus on using innovative policing strategies and developing strong community partnerships has resulted in a reduction in crimes against persons and crimes against property. We firmly believe in keeping the community engaged and maintaining the trust of those we serve. During a year when many police agencies struggled to maintain the trust and the support of their communities

the Grand Blanc Township Police Department continued to flourish. I can't express enough how thankful I am for the outpouring of support and confidence from our community. Their kindness, support, and outreach has not gone unnoticed and is just one of the reasons that make Grand Blanc Township such an amazing community.

In addition to our strong Community Policing philosophy, we also understand and stress the importance of Traffic Safety. The safety of the motoring public is a priority for our department. We focus our traffic safety efforts into three areas; enforcement, education, and officer training. This year in Grand Blanc Township we saw a 21% decrease of total crashes on our roadways.

I am not only proud of what we accomplished over the past year but I am proud of how we accomplished it. In a year full of ongoing challenges and uncertainty our staff responded with the professionalism that our community expects and deserves and as a result we are excited for the future. We remain dedicated to providing a superior level of service to the Grand Blanc Community. It is our goal to keep Grand Blanc Township a safe and preferred place to live, work, and visit. Working together, I have no doubt that we will be successful.

Thank you for your continued support and confidence in the Grand Blanc Township Police Department.

Ron Wiles

Chief of Police

COVID -19

The impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic can be seen across the country and has caused everyone to change how they go about their daily lives. Throughout this past year we've seen face to face learning in our schools stop, we've seen some of our favorite local businesses close, and we've seen our residents follow safety measures all in an effort to protect families and reduce the potential spread of the virus. Like everyone else, the Grand Blanc Township Police Department has also had to implement new safety protocols.

From the onset of the pandemic the Grand Blanc Township Police Department has been proactive in helping to ensure our officers and our community remains safe. The initial unknown dangers and Executive Orders from the pandemic forced us to change how we police and interact with the public. We were leaders in the law enforcement community in implementing COVID -19 protocols for our staff. As frontline workers law enforcement was at an increased risk of exposure as compared to some other professions. Maintaining the safety of our staff was very important. If our staff fell ill, we would not be able to serve our community. Schedule changes, the use of PPE, minimizing face to face contact, the closing of our lobby, and having a robust exposure plan were just some of the measures that we put in place.

Every measure we took was intended to enhance the safety of our staff and the community members we serve. It wasn't easy, in fact it was quite a challenge at times. We are a community oriented department that focuses on community engagement and service. During the pandemic we were unable to hold several events that have been crucial for building and maintaining community understanding and involvement. National Night Out, Camp Safety, Citizens Police Academy, Coffee with a Cop, and the countless community presentations that we did are just some of the events that we had to postpone or cancel. Our staff worked hard to put new and safe events together in an effort to stay engaged with our residents. Virtual Story time for kids, Birthday Drive-By, countless virtual meetings and an

increased Social Media presence helped us bridge the gap during the pandemic.

I'm proud of our entire staff for the way they have responded during this crisis. Day in and day out they were dedicated to providing a superior level of service to our residents. As the Chief of Police (and a resident) I'm also proud of this community. While our "normal" changed, our willingness to help each other has not. We've seen truly remarkable acts of caring and kindness throughout the township. It's just one of the things that makes the Grand Blanc community the special place that it is.

Throughout the crisis I know everyone was wanting to get back to their normal routines but until that time comes, we will continue to do everything possible to enhance the safety our staff and community.

WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER and by continuing to work together we will become a stronger and safer community.



Mission Statement

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, while striving to provide a safe environment, enhancing the quality of life through innovative and progressive law enforcement administered with justice and fairness.

Core Values

INTEGRITY is a value positioned in the center of the five-point star, which represents incorruptible adherence to the other core values. Integrity does not stand alone, it is supported by the other key values; Fairness, Respect, Honesty, Courage and Compassion. These basic values require constant self-discipline. They are the foundation for law enforcement in a democratic society, which holds accountable those whom it entrusts to enforce its laws.



FAIRNESS is a value characterized by freedom from prejudice or favoritism. Fairness is the essential attribute of impartiality and is a cornerstone of the relationship between the citizenry and those sworn to protect and to serve them. Law enforcement officers must treat all witnesses, victims, and suspects fairly without reference to personal feelings, beliefs, or interests. Fairness requires respect for cultural and ethnic diversity.



RESPECT is a value that denotes national pride and a high regard for all citizens, the Constitution, power, and authority of office. Law Enforcement officers must show respect for all others through temperance, fairness, and civility in the execution of their duties and conduct of their personal lives.



HONESTY is a value that is an anchor for integrity. Honesty means being trustworthy and sincere in accordance with the experience and facts. Lying, cheating, stealing, or the appearance of impropriety is unacceptable to the profession of law enforcement.



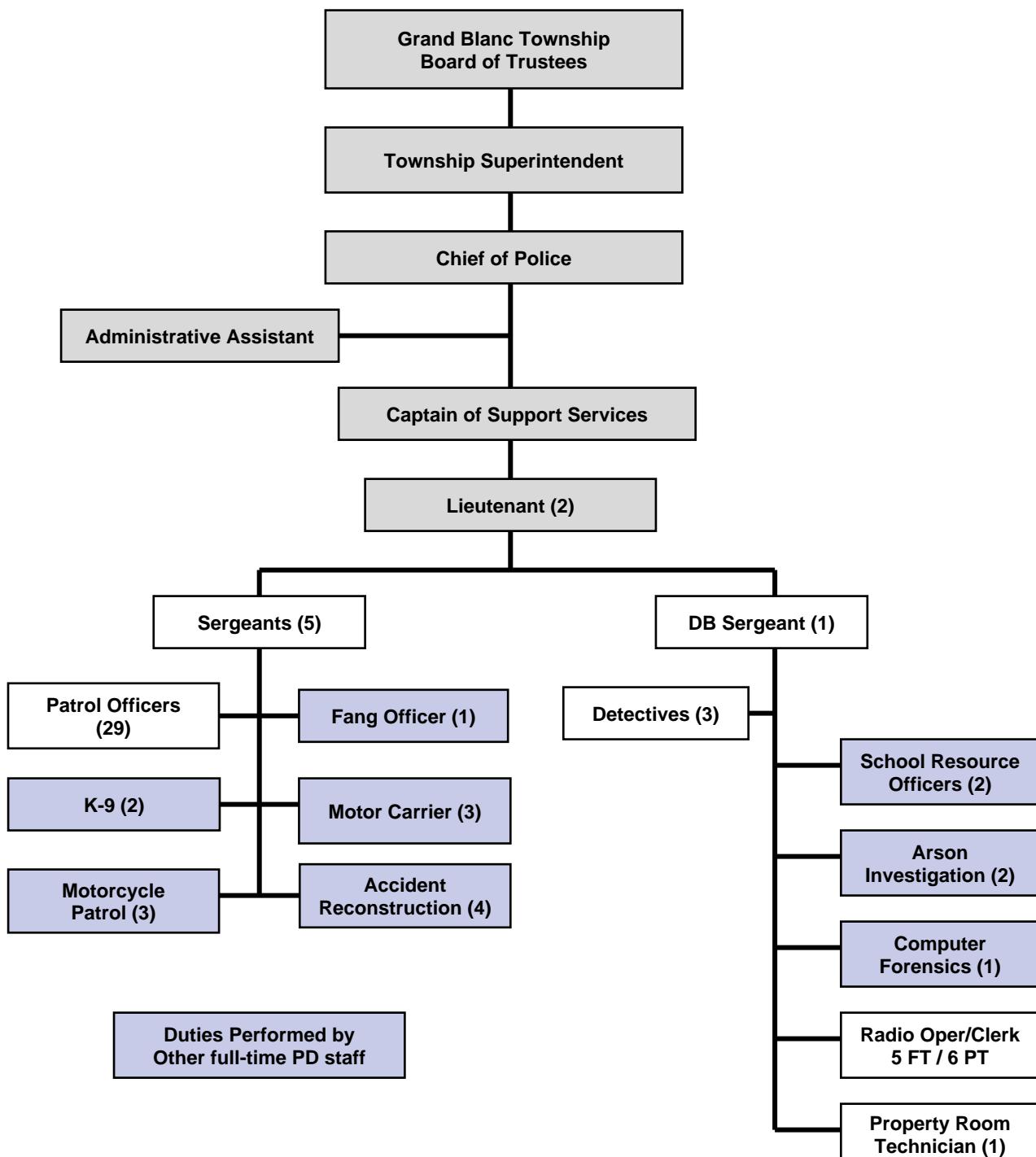
COURAGE is a value that law enforcement officers must possess to preserve life and property. Courage is control under adversity or fear and the ability to do what is right. Courage is the value that prompts law enforcement officers to take control, and if necessary, risk their lives to defend and protect human life.



COMPASSION is a value that is inherent to understanding and/or having sympathy for victims or another's suffering. Compassion is the ability to restore order to others' lives while controlling and understanding personal feelings, which influence individual actions. Humility is a necessary attribute of compassion.

Organizational Chart

Grand Blanc Township Police Department Organizational Chart 2020



2020 Sworn and Civilian Employees

Command and Administration

Chief Ronald L. Wiles Jr.
Captain Matthew Bauserman
Lieutenant Matthew Simpson
Lieutenant Bill Renye
Cheri Potter
Officer Matt Techentien
Officer Lindsay Witthuhn
Officer Nate Willette
Officer Jerrell Webb
Officer Chris Jones
Officer Ben Cole

Sergeants

Sergeant Marcus Ferguson
Sergeant Aaron Quinn
Sergeant Scott Theede
Sergeant Tom McCoy
Sergeant Josh Belanger
Sergeant Todd Gilbert
Officer Devin Seeley
Officer Cody Gelinski
Officer Austin Wright
Officer Baylee Dunn
Officer Destiny Methner
Officer Jack Pyle

Detectives

Detective Matthew Harburn
Detective Jason Whittetey
Detective Molly Machinski

Radio Operator/Clerk

Tamberly Cronkright
Laura Newman
Susan Norman
Mary Nurmi
Kim Rowland

Sworn Officers by Seniority

Officer Kyle Herkner
Officer Brady Harner
Officer Paul Connelly
Officer Dan Wolschleger
Officer Darnell Jackson
Officer Jon Strom
Officer Jason Woppard
Officer Tom Whitt
Officer David Clark
Officer Amber Weber
Officer Jon Swartz
Officer Bill Kilbourn
Officer Jason Carpentier
Officer Jon Curtis

Part-Time Radio Operator/Clerk

Jane Harris
Jennifer Dann
Nicholas Norman
Jacob Smith
Nicole Jedlowski
Jordyn Monroe

Evidence Technician

Lyam Reinhardt

2020 Year End Staffing Levels

40 Sworn Officers

Officer Wes Evans
Officer Tim Bueche

7 Civilian – FT
6 Civilian – PT

Command and Administration



Chief Ronald L. Wiles, Jr. began his career as a patrol officer with the Grand Blanc Township Police Department in July of 1996. During his nearly twenty-five year career he has had the honor and privilege of holding the ranks of Patrol Officer, Detective, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain, and in 2016 he was named Chief of Police. Chief Wiles currently serves as the President of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police (MACP), President of the Genesee County Association of Chiefs of Police (GCACP), Commissioner on the Governors Traffic Safety Advisory Commission (GTSAC), Chairperson for Advocates and Leaders for Police and Community Trust (ALPACT), and Chairperson on the Voices for Children Advocacy Center Board. Chief Wiles has successfully completed the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command and Executive Management programs and is a proud facilitator of the Leadership in Police Organizations program through the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). He resides in Grand Blanc Township with his wife Dawn and two sons, Griffin and Noah.

Captain Matthew Bauserman began his career as a Patrol Officer with the Grand Blanc Township Police Department in July of 1995. He has also worked as a Sergeant, Lieutenant and was promoted to Captain in December of 2012. He also is a Certified Accident Reconstructionist and is a graduate of the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command. The Captain conducts all facets of operational and criminal investigations and assumes primary command of crime scenes and tactical operations authority. His work is performed under the general supervision of the Chief of Police.



Lieutenant Matthew Simpson began his career as a Patrol Officer with the Grand Blanc Township Police Department in July of 1997. Lt. Simpson has also worked as a Sergeant and was promoted to Lieutenant in August of 2017. He also serves as Chairman of the Board for the Autism Support & Resource Center and is a K-9 Master Trainer. He is a graduate of the Michigan State University School of Police Staff and Command. The Lieutenant ensures department members adhere to department standards, policies and goals. He inspires others in the agency to maximize their professional potential and assigns and directs the duties of personnel. His work is performed under the general supervision of the Captain.



Lieutenant Bill Renye began his career as a Patrol Officer with the Grand Blanc Township Police Department in May of 2001. He has also worked as a Sergeant and was promoted to Lieutenant in December of 2018. Lt. Renye was Officer of the Year for 2016. He is a Certified Drug Recognition Expert Instructor (D.R.E) and is a graduate of the Michigan State University School of Police Staff and Command. He also serves as the Accreditation Manager for the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (MLEAC). The Lieutenant ensures department members adhere to department standards, policies and goals. He inspires others in the agency to maximize their professional potential and assigns and directs the duties of personnel. His work is performed under the general supervision of the Captain.



Cheri Potter began her career with the Grand Blanc Township as Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police in February of 1999. She has held this position for the entirety of her employment. In addition to providing support to the Police Department as a whole, she serves as the Accreditation Manager for the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (MLEAC). Additionally, she serves as the FOIA Coordinator and as a Michigan Notary for the citizens of the township. She establishes and maintains filing systems for the records of the police department. The Administrative Assistant provides direct support to the Chief of Police, Captain and Lieutenants as needed. She provides full time technical support to the Police Department under the supervision of the Chief of Police.



Sergeant Division



Sergeant Marc Ferguson
25 Years of Service
Driving Instructor



Sergeant Todd Gilbert
20 Years of Service



Sergeant Scott Theede
18 Years of Service
C.I.R.T Team



Sergeant Aaron Quinn
18 Years of Service
Defensive Tactics Instructor



Sergeant Tom McCoy
15 Years of Service
Range Instructor
Defensive Tactics Instructor



Sergeant Joshua Belanger
14 Years of Service
Range Instructor

Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (M.L.E.A.C.)

The Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (M.L.E.A.C.) program enhances the professionalism of police organizations across the state. Accreditation is a progressive and time proven way of assisting law enforcement agencies to calculate and improve their overall performance. The foundation of Accreditation lies in the voluntary adoption and compliance with 108 “best practice” policing standards containing a clear statement of professional objectives.

In 2016 the Grand Blanc Township Police Department began the process of becoming an accredited agency. In 2018 a team of trained M.L.E.A.C. assessors verified that the department successfully implemented the applicable standards and that we were in compliance with those standards. Every three (3) years M.L.E.A.C. assessors will revisit the department to ensure that we remain in compliance.

Accreditation status represents a significant professional achievement. It is an honor that many law enforcement agencies have not achieved. The Grand Blanc Township Police Department was the first municipal agency in Genesee County to earn this status and the nineteenth agency in the State of Michigan.

While accreditation is truly a team effort and embraced by the entire department the accreditation process is led by our Accreditation Managers Lt. Bill Renye and Cheri Potter.



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Patrol-Operations Division

The Grand Blanc Township Police Department is a fully functional organization that is dedicated to providing a superior level of service to our community twenty-four hours a day. The Patrol division is the backbone of the agency and is comprised of our uniformed personnel. The Patrol Division is the most visible division and the division that has the most contact with the public.

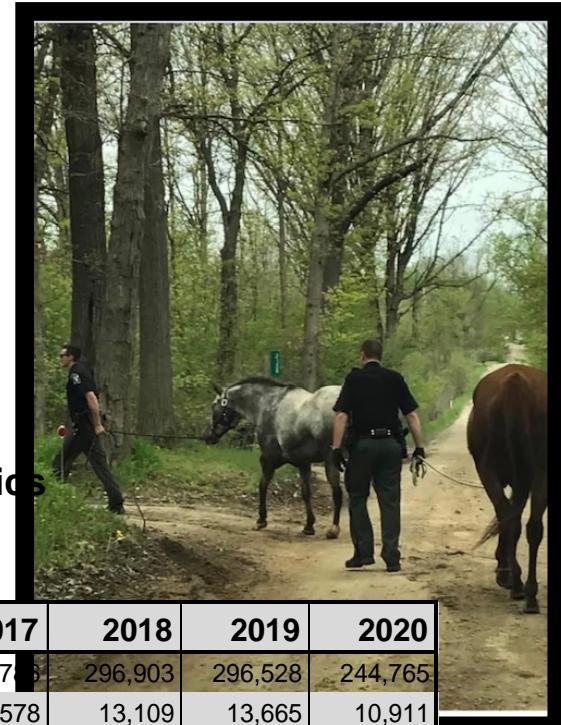
The Patrol Division of the Police Department is commanded by a Captain, two (2) Lieutenants, and five (5) Sergeants. The uniformed staff are responsible for responding to all emergency and non-emergency calls for service. Their primary functions include; developing strong community partnerships, detecting and preventing crime, increasing traffic safety, conducting initial crime scene investigations, and enforcing local, state, and federal laws.

Within the Patrol Division you will find several specialized units that assist us in achieving our mission and goals, including:

- K-9 Team
- Motorcycle Unit
- Motor Carrier UnitCrash Investigation and Reconstruction Team (C.I.R.T)Drug Recognition Unit
- Field Training Unit
- Bicycle Unit



**Patrol Statistics
2016-2020**



	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Patrol Miles	288,630	302,715	296,903	296,528	244,765
Radio Calls	13,282	13,578	13,109	13,665	10,911
Radio Calls - Back Up	5,554	6,258	5,554	5,585	5,288
GB Township Radio Calls	6,885	7,110	6,232	6,336	5,317
Central Dispatch 911 Radio Calls	11,951	12,627	12,431	12,915	10,882
Avg. Response Time (Minutes)	4.7	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.5
Traffic Contacts	7,510	8,002	7,782	8,276	2,727
Traffic Warnings	6,253	6,675	6,497	6,985	2,153
Traffic Citations	1,757	1,739	1,664	1,368	662
OWI Arrests	382	375	357	271	208
Misdemeanor Arrests	1,273	1,488	1,273	1,296	789
Felony Arrests	241	296	260	341	174
Reports	4,387	4,660	4,345	4,371	3,304
Reports - Supplemental	465	385	265	217	333
Vacation Checks	3,355	2,269	1,473	1,081	848
Business Checks	9,733	9,526	8,953	8,638	7,006
Subdivision Checks	10,628	9,655	9,222	8,951	8,825

Grand Blanc Township Police Department
Crime Reporting 2016 - 2020
Reporting by Number of Offenses

Crimes Against Person		2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Murder / Non negligent Manslaughter (Voluntary)	9001	0	0	0	0	0
Negligent Homicide / Manslaughter (Involuntary)	9002	0	0	1	0	0
Negligent Homicide Vehicle / Boat	9003	1	3	0	0	0
Kidnapping / Abduction	10001	1	1	0	2	2
Parental Kidnapping	10002	0	0	0	0	1
Sexual Penetration Penis / Vagina CSC 1st	11001	5	9	10	8	8
Sexual Penetration Penis / Vagina CSC 3rd	11002	1	2	1	1	2
Sexual Penetration Oral / Anal CSC 1st	11003	0	4	2	1	0
Sexual Penetration Oral / Anal CSC 3rd	11004	1	0	0	0	0
Sexual Penetration Object CSC 1st	11005	0	0	3	1	0
Sexual Penetration Object CSC 3rd	11006	0	1	0	0	0
Sexual Contact Forcible CSC 2nd	11007	2	6	4	6	1
Sexual Contact Forcible CSC 4th	11008	1	16	1	11	9

Non Aggravated Assault	13001	187	198	174	192	193
Aggravated / Felonious Assault	13002	39	32	27	37	36
Intimidation / Stalking	13003	35	59	63	75	73
Sexual Penetration Non Forceable Blood / Affinity	36001	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Penetration Non Forceable Other	36002	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offense Other	36004	2	2	3	5	5
Human Trafficking Comm Sex Acts	64001	0	0	0	0	0
Human Trafficking Invol Servitude	64002	0	0	0	0	0
Total for Crimes Against Persons		275	333	289	339	330

Grand Blanc Township Police Department Crime Reporting 2016 - 2020 Reporting by Number of Offenses

Crimes Against Property		2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Robbery	12000	5	3	2	10	5
Arson	20000	2	1	2	1	1
Extortion	21000	2	1	3	0	0
Burglary Forced Entry	22001	45	45	48	51	37
Burglary Entry Without Force (Intent)	22002	3	10	7	18	9
Burglary Entry Without Auth.w/or w/out Force	22003	3	6	8	14	2
Larceny - Pick Pocketing	23001	0	0	1	0	0
Larceny - Purse Snatching	23002	0	1	0	0	1
Larceny - Theft from Building	23003	16	39	33	24	27
Larceny - Theft from Coin Operated Machine/Device	23004	0	1	0	2	1
Larceny - Theft from Motor Vehicle	23005	29	52	78	78	54
Larceny - Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts/Accessories	23006	19	14	12	20	12
Larceny Other	23007	58	66	63	109	90

Motor Vehicle Theft	24001	31	27	34	27	26
Motor Vehicle as Stolen Property	24002	2	2	1	4	2
Motor Vehicle Fraud	24003	1	0	1	0	0
Forgery / Counterfeiting	25000	6	11	17	12	5
Fraud False Pretense / Swindle / Confidence Game	26001	48	70	62	68	67
Fraud / Credit Card / ATM	26002	12	29	37	38	38
Fraud Impersonation	26003	0	1	42	67	56
Fraud Welfare	26004	0	0	0	0	0
Fraud Wire	26005	1	2	2	1	6
Fraud Bad Checks	26006	2	12	15	5	7
Fraud Identity Theft	26007	43	38	22	0	0
Embezzlement	27000	6	5	7	14	6
Stolen Property	28000	1	6	7	5	4
Damage to Property	29000	90	71	66	105	120
Retail Fraud Misrepresentation	30001	16	41	34	11	19
Retail Fraud Theft	30002	185	145	179	179	164
Retail Fraud Refund / Exchange	30003	1	2	2	1	1
Retail Fraud Organized Crime	30004	6	6	2	0	0
Bribery	51000	0	0	0	1	0
Total For Crimes Against Property		633	707	787	865	760

Use of Force

The Grand Blanc Township Police Department had twenty-five reported Use of Force incidents in 2020, which accounted for less than 2% of our recorded arrests. There were twenty-one use of force reports in 2019. Each incident was thoroughly reviewed and found that the officer(s) responded with the appropriate level of control.

The Taser was used three times in 2020, and successful in all three deployments. All three suspects used Active Resistance and only one (33%) of the suspects were under the influence of drugs/alcohol in 2020.

There were five suspect injuries in 2020 with the most serious being trouble breathing and the other four were small scratches or abrasions. Four officers were injured in 2020. One of the incidents involved a suspect head butting officers in the face causing minor injuries. A second incident resulted in the officer being off work for several months due to a shoulder injury. In other incidents, an officer received a small cut on his head, and an officer received small abrasions on his knees after wrestling a suspect on the ground.

Fifteen of twenty-five (60%) of the incidents involved a subject whose mental ability was affected in some way by drugs, alcohol, mental illness or a combination of those (2019 had a higher percentage of 71%)

This year was no different than other years with officers encountering resistance at a much higher rate from male subjects and/or subjects who had their mental faculties impaired in some way by drugs, alcohol, a combination of the two and/or mental illness.

At the time of this report there were forty-one sworn officers and twenty-five of them were involved in a use of force incident as either the primary or assisting officer. With almost 15,500 official contacts (down from over 28,000 in 2019 – due to COVID-19 and the shut-down) and many more unofficial contacts, twenty-five use of force incidents is an exceptionally small number. More often than not, officers de-escalate an incident verbally or with their presence alone. The downside to such a small number of scenarios that require force is complacency. That is a dangerous state of mind when dealing with people. Especially people who stand to benefit from deceiving law enforcement.

To combat complacency, as well as remain sharp physically and mentally, officers need efficient training. Sound officer safety skills can prevent, de-escalate, and end use of force incidents quickly. Thus decreasing the possibility of injury to the public, the subject, and the officer themselves.

While use of force incidents could never be considered minor or trivial, the levels of resistance used by suspects in 2020 remained relatively low and so did the level of control applied by officers. Through review of each incident it is apparent officers use force quite sparingly and only as a necessary function of arrest and/or last resort.

Use of Force Statistics

Types of Resistance		Race	
Passive	8%	Black	44%
Active	72%	White	56%
Aggressive	20%	Unknown	0%
Deadly Force	0%		
Officer Control Techniques		Sex	
Verbal	0%	Male	68%
Soft	76%	Female	32%
Hard	12%		
Taser	12%		
Incident Type		Subject Injury	
Disorderly	8%	No	80%
Domestic	28%	Yes	20%
Traffic	20%		
Welfare Check	20%		
Alcohol / Drugs		Mental Illness	
Alcohol	20%	No	68%
Drugs	20%	Yes	32%
Combination	20%		
None	40%		
Shift			
		First	16%
		Second	40%
		Third	44%

Grand Blanc Township Police Department
2020 Use of Force

Date	Resistance	Control	Sex	Race	Drugs/ Alcohol	Injuries	Mental Illness	Incident Type
1/9/2020	Active Resistance	Physical Controls	F	Black	None	No	Yes	Welfare Check
1/20/2020	Active Resistance	Physical Controls	M	White	Combo	Yes	No	Warrant Pick Up
1/22/2020	Active Resistance	TASER	M	White	None	Yes	No	PDA
2/18/2020	Active Resistance	Compliance Controls	F	Black	None	No	No	Retail Fraud
3/27/2020	Active Resistance	Compliance Controls	M	White	Alcohol	No	No	Domestic
3/30/2020	Active Resistance	TASER	M	White	Alcohol	Yes	No	Noise Complaint
5/4/2020	Active Resistance	Soft Empty Hand	M	White	None	No	Yes	Domestic
5/7/2020	Active Resistance	Physical Controls	M	White	Drugs	No	Yes	PDA
5/11/2020	Active Aggression	Physical Controls	F	Black	Alcohol	No	No	Domestic
5/12/2020	Active Resistance	Physical Controls	F	Black	None	No	Yes	Traffic Stop
7/19/2020	Active Aggression	Physical Controls	F	White	None	No	Yes	Welfare Check
7/21/2020	Passive Resistance	Soft Empty Hand	M	White	Combo	No	No	Assault
8/1/2020	Active Resistance	Physical Controls	M	White	Drugs	Yes	No	Suspicious Person
8/22/2020	Active Resistance	Soft Empty Hand	M	White	Drugs	Yes	No	Retail Fraud
8/31/2020	Active Resistance	Physical Controls	M	Black	Combo	No	No	Welfare Check
9/11/2020	Active Resistance	Compliance Controls	F	Black	Combo	No	No	Robbery
9/17/2020	Inactive Resistance	Soft Empty Hand	M	Black	Drugs	No	Yes	Domestic
9/18/2020	Active Aggression	Soft Empty Hand	F	White	Alcohol	No	Yes	Welfare Check
10/3/2020	Passive Resistance	Physical Controls	M	Black	None	No	No	Traffic Stop
10/5/2020	Active Resistance	Physical Controls	M	White	Alcohol	No	No	Traffic Stop
10/12/2020	Active Aggression	Compliance Controls	M	Black	Combo	No	No	Domestic
11/1/2020	Active Aggression	Compliance Controls	M	White	None	No	No	Domestic
11/10/2020	Active Resistance	Physical Controls	F	White	Drugs	No	No	Disorderly
11/10/2020	Active Resistance	Physical Controls	M	Black	None	No	No	Domestic
12/31/2020	Active Resistance	TASER	M	Black	None	Yes	Yes	Welfare Check

Bicycle Unit

The Grand Blanc Township Police Department Bike Team was created in 2020. Sgt. Belanger and Officer Webb completed a 32 hour school and are certified through The Law Enforcement Bicycle Association (LEBA). They began utilizing the bikes for normal patrols and special events in July 2020. They patrol parks, apartment complexes, subdivisions, shopping centers and special events. They also hope to host community rides and bike rodeos for children. The bikes are another tool to help us serve the Grand Blanc Township community.

The bikes were used for normal patrols, two days for the Ally Challenge Golf Tournament at Warwick Hills and one day for the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics at Bicentennial Park.

Since July 2020, the Bicycle Unit has logged the following stats:

- 215 Miles
- 306 Public Relation Citizen Contacts
- 6 Calls for Service
- 36 Subdivision Checks
- 1 Traffic Stop



K-9 Unit

In 2020, the Grand Blanc Township Police Department K-9 consisted of two teams; Officer Connelly and K-9 Jimi and Officer Cole and K-9 Blue. The K-9 Unit is headed by Lt. Simpson who is also a nationally certified master trainer and evaluator.

K-9 Jimi is a German Shepherd and K-9 Blue is a Belgian Malinois and both are dual trained in narcotics and patrol activities. They are both consistently called on to not only increase public safety, but, to also help build relationships with those who live in Grand Blanc Township by participating in events especially designed to bring law enforcement and the community closer together.

In addition to the consistent bi-weekly training, the K-9's are certified with the National Association of Professional Canine Handlers (N.A.P.C.H) This National Certification ensures that our K-9 officers and dogs are properly trained and efficient in obedience, searches and apprehension.



Officer Paul Connelly
K-9 "Jimi"



Officer Ben Cole
K-9 "Blue"

2020 K-9 Statistics

Monthly Summary	Total	Average
Deployments	86	7.2
Vehicle Searches	32	2.7
Building Searches (Drugs)	3	0.3
Building Searches (Person)	8	0.7
Tracks	21	1.8
Area Searches	9	0.8
Public Relations	12	1
Article Searches	4	0.4
Contraband Finds	2	0.2
Misdemeanor Arrests	1	0.1
Felony Arrests	3	0.3
Bites	0	0



Motorcycle Unit



The Grand Blanc Township Police Department operates a motorcycle program which was created in 2001, and consists of three officers assigned to the unit. All officers have received training from either the Michigan State Police or Northwestern University's Police Motorcycle Program.

The unit is a valuable tool for public relations, special events and increasing our traffic safety initiatives, including motorcycle safety. The assigned officers have received multiple awards and recognitions for their riding abilities at various events and training competitions.



**Officer Jon Strom, Instructor
Officer Brady Harner**

Motor Carrier Enforcement

Many times, commercial motor vehicles are not maintained as required by law or driven by properly trained and licensed operators. This can lead to increased crashes and deterioration of our roads. The Grand Blanc Township Police Department currently has two federally and state certified motor carrier officers. They have the authority to enforce all applicable state and federal laws, and put vehicles out of service if they are determined to be unsafe to operate on the roadways. These officers also inspect commercial vehicles that would be involved in fatal traffic accidents in addition to their normal enforcement responsibilities.

Our officers conducted approximately 50 motor carrier inspections and approximately 29 trucks were taken out of service for safety violations this year alone.



Officer David Clark



Officer Brady Harner

Drug Recognition Expert (D.R.E.)

The Grand Blanc Township Police Department has three certified D.R.E.'s. We are currently one of the three original police agencies in the state to have more than one D.R.E. on staff. A Drug Recognition Expert (D.R.E.), is an individual who has successfully completed all phases of the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program's (D.E.C.P.) training requirements for certification as established by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (I.A.C.P.) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (N.H.T.S.A.). Our D.R.E.'s continuously patrol our streets working to make our roadways and community safer.

A Drug Recognition Expert (D.R.E.) is a police officer trained to recognize impairment in drivers under the influence of drugs other than, or in addition to, alcohol. A D.R.E. is skilled in detecting and identifying persons under the influence of drugs and in identifying the category(s) or drugs causing the impairment.

A D.R.E. conducts a detailed diagnostic examination of persons arrested or suspected of drug-impaired driving or similar offenses. Based on the results of the drug evaluation, the D.R.E. forms an expert opinion on the following:

1. Is the person impaired? If so, is the person able to operate a vehicle safely? If the D.R.E. concludes that the person is impaired...
 - a. Is the impairment due to an injury, illness or other medical complication, or is it drug related? If the impairment is due to drugs...
 - i. Which category or combination of categories of drugs is the most likely source of impairment?

The D.R.E. evaluates and assesses the person's appearance and behavior. The D.R.E. also carefully measures and records vital signs and makes precise observations of the person's automatic responses and reactions. The D.R.E. also administers carefully designed psychophysical tests to evaluate the person's judgement, information processing ability, coordination and various other characteristics. The D.R.E. will systematically consider everything about the person that could indicate the influence of drugs.



Officer Wes Evans

D.R.E. Instructor

Expert Witness



Lieutenant Bill Renye

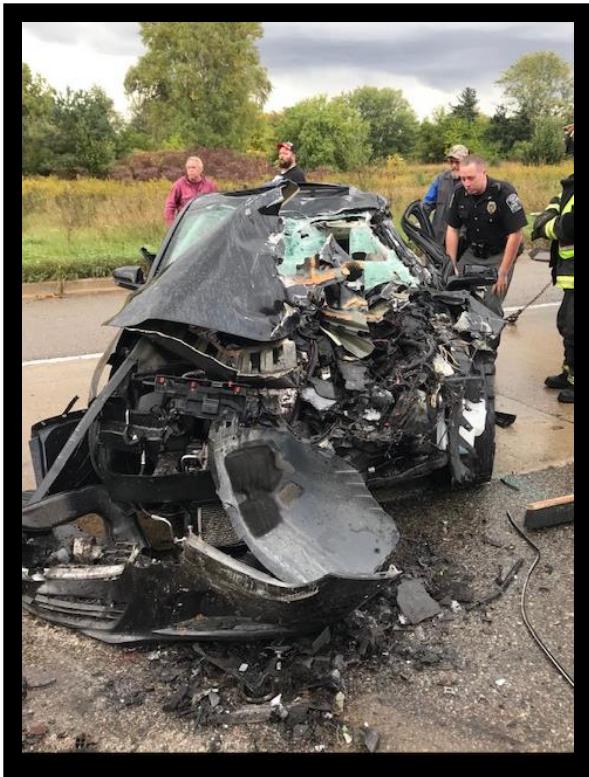
D.R.E. Instructor



Officer Tom Whitt

Crash Investigation Reconstruction Team (C.I.R.T.)

The Accident Reconstruction Team is comprised of four certified accident reconstructionists; three officers and one sergeant. Members of the team are certified reconstructionists through Michigan State University, AI-1 thru AI-13 Accident Investigation series. The sergeant is the supervisor in charge of the team. Additionally, team members have received hundreds of hours of specialized training and two have been certified as expert witnesses in the 67th District and 7th Circuit Courts. The team also includes one officer from the Grand Blanc City Police Department and one officer from the Metro Police Authority of Genesee County. The C.I.R.T. Team also assisted Burton City Police and Fenton City Police to investigate serious injury crashes this year. All serious injury or fatal accidents in Grand Blanc



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Township, Grand Blanc City, Mundy Township or Swartz Creek are handled by the C.I.R.T Team. C.I.R.T team members are also able to reconstruct crime scenes. Additionally, if a violent crime occurs, and the scene needs to be documented, the team would be activated to take measurements and complete a scale diagram.t



Flint Area Narcotics Group (F.A.N.G.)

Grand Blanc Township Police Department has participated in F.A.N.G. since approximately 1982. The unit is comprised of officers from police agencies throughout Genesee County and is led by the Michigan State Police. This unit is responsible for extensive undercover narcotic and surveillance operations.

Field Training Program

The Grand Blanc Township Police Department conducts an intensive 14-week training period for new officers. This training period includes three four-week “steps” with three different Field Training Officers. Each step is more challenging than the previous. Their workload and responsibilities increase as knowledge is gained. The final step is a two week “shadow phase” where the teaching and training ends and the new officer is required to perform and function as a solo police officer while the field training officer evaluates his ability to act and react on his/her own. Once released to solo patrol, the new officer’s performance is continuously evaluated and documented. Every new officer is employed on a 12-month probationary period. They are supervised by Sgt. Belanger, and commanded by Lt. Renye.

Medical Responses

The Grand Blanc Township Police Department responds to all medical calls for service. Each patrol car is equipped with automatic electronic defibrillators (A.E.D.). All police department personnel are trained in C.P.R/A.E.D and first aid. All sworn personnel are trained in the opioid overdose prevention program, including the authorization for carrying and the administration of Narcan, in accordance with Federal and State laws.

Investigations – Support Services

The Investigations – Support Services Division of the Grand Blanc Township Police Department is staffed by one Captain, one Sergeant and two detectives. It consists of all investigative and many support elements of the Department - they investigate all crimes (adult and juvenile).



Captain Matthew Bauserman



Sergeant Marc Ferguson



Significant Cases in 2020

Shooting

Officers responded to a shooting call at an apartment. Upon arrival the victim was found in the parking lot with a gunshot wound to the stomach. He was transported to Hurley Hospital by ambulance for treatment. The shooter was arrested and a firearm was seized from the apartment. Detectives conducted witness interviews at the police department. The investigation revealed the victim and shooter arrived to the apartment together to visit friends and their two newborn twin babies. The shooter was cleaning/playing with the apartment owner's handgun and accidentally shot the victim. She was released pending further investigation and prosecutor review. The victim underwent surgery and was listed in stable condition.

Shooting

Second shift officers were dispatched to a residence for a shooting involving a three-year-old victim. The investigation determined that the child found the unsecured pistol in a bedroom which subsequently discharged causing serious injury. The child was transported to Hurley and was listed in critical condition. A male subject admitted to bringing the pistol into the home and leaving it unsecured. Following the shooting, the male subject hid the pistol in an upstairs vent which was recovered by officers in the basement of the home after it travelled through vent system landing near the furnace. The subject was arrested and lodged at the Genesee County Jail. The investigation is ongoing.

Home Invasion / Resisting and Obstructing

Officers responded to a residence for a home invasion. The caller was hiding under his bed stating unknown people kicked in his front door and possibly had firearms. Several people inside were called out of the residence and were detained. The front door had been kicked in. Another female was

ordered outside but refused to obey numerous commands while talking on her phone. While attempting to detain her she pulled away from officers. She was then advised she was under arrest for resisting and obstructing (R&O) but continued to pull away from officers while being handcuffed. The investigation revealed that the person who kicked in the door also lived at the residence. She misplaced her keys so she kicked in her front door to allow her and her friends to enter her residence. Charges for resisting and obstructing the police are being sought at the prosecutor's office.

Vehicle Crash / Stolen Vehicle

An Officer was dispatched for a crash that came in from OnStar. When officers arrived they found a single vehicle that had crashed into street signs, a brick wall and a fire hydrant. The occupants had fled the scene. It was determined the vehicle had been stolen from a nearby residence. About an hour later two suspects were spotted in the area. A perimeter was set up and a K9 Officer tracked and located one suspect. 911 then began getting calls from residents of a male hiding in back yards. The K9 also located the second suspect. Both were arrested without incident. Detectives interviewed both subjects who were released at the hospital to treat minor injuries from the accident. Charges are being sought at the prosecutor's office.

Home Invasion / Felonious Assault

Second shift officers responded to a residence for a Home Invasion in progress involving a gun. Investigation determined that the male suspect who fled prior to officer's arrival, pushed in the back door of the residence and assaulted his ex-girlfriend and her male friend. The suspect drew a handgun during the incident, pointed it at both victims including placing it against the male victim's head. The suspect then hit the male victim in the face several times with the gun before fleeing the scene. Officers put a B.O.L. out for the vehicle and a short time later the suspect was stopped by Michigan State Police and taken into custody without incident. Officers responded to the scene and during an inventory search of the vehicle located

the firearm hidden under the carpeting on the passenger side near the center console. The suspect is a convicted felon and a non-compliant sex offender. He was arrested and lodged at the Genesee County Jail.

OWI / Child Endangerment / CCW

An officer was dispatched to a reckless vehicle complaint that was traveling southbound on I-475. The officer located the vehicle, observed several lane violations and stopped it. He found the driver was driving under the influence of alcohol. Sitting in the front passenger's seat was his 2-year-old daughter, only in a seatbelt. She was found holding a plastic container filled with marijuana. Inventory search revealed a 9mm pistol and a full magazine under the seat that appeared to have been separated and hid. The daughter was turned over to her mother and CPS was notified. The subject was arrested, processed and lodged at the Genesee County Jail. His BAC was .14%

Detective Bureau Statistics 2016 – 2020

Grand Blanc Township Police Department
Detective Bureau Statistics
YTD Summary - 2020

Property / Evidence Room



Lyam Reinhardt is the Property / Evidence Room Technician for the Grand Blanc Township Police Department. The primary function of the property / evidence room technician is the intake, storage and release or disposal of property including; evidence, seized property, lost/recovered items and prisoner property. This technician also catalogs all incoming property and disposes of items from closed cases. She also, conducts departmental audits relating to property and maintains chain of custody records. The property / evidence room technician is a civilian employee and is supervised by a sergeant.

Radio Operator / Clerk – Dispatch Operations

Our dispatch operation is a 24 hours a day, seven days per week and 365 days a year operation. Our lobby is open at all times to the public, and is frequently used for on-line transactions and child custody exchanges. It is staffed by five full-time and six part-time civilian employees. Our radio operator/clerks take calls requesting police assistance and dispatch units as necessary. They are many times, the first contact that the public has with our police department and are the voice of the Grand Blanc Township Police.

In addition to taking phone calls from the public and providing clerical support for patrol officers and the detective bureau - they monitor two radio networks and the security system for officers while they are processing prisoners, as well as the township offices cameras. The smooth operation of this unit is vital to our department as most of the paperwork and communication begins and ends there.

Grand Blanc Township Police Department is one of three police agencies in Genesee County who operate full-time dispatch and lobby service.



School Resource Officers

The Grand Blanc Township Police Department has two school resource officers. Officer Dan Wolschleger (West Middle School) and Officer Jonathan Swartz (East Middle School). They patrol and provide police presence at eight schools in our township. They act as liaison between schools and law enforcement, conduct presentations for schools, parents and staff, conduct and evaluate school lockdown procedures. They provide guidance and intervention for juvenile crime related issues, as well as creating an environment for student growth and safety.

Officer Wolschleger and Officer Swartz have successfully trained over 5,000 people in A.L.I.C.E. (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate) training. A.L.I.C.E Training provides individuals with the knowledge and skills to ensure their survival and minimize the loss of life in the event of an aggressive intruder. Additionally, Grand Blanc Community Schools, Holy Family, Grand Blanc Academy, Woodland Park Academy and several other businesses including Grand Blanc Township have been trained in A.L.I.C.E. The Grand Blanc Schools are the first district in Genesee County to receive A.L.I.C.E. training and implement the concepts with students and staff.



Officer Daniel Wolschleger
President
Genesee County School
Resource Officers Association
West Middle School

Officer Jonathan Swartz
Vice President
Genesee County School
Resource Officers Association
East Middle School

Community Policing

Community policing is considered the framework for understanding and building trust between the community and police. It is a way to build relationships and engage the community through non-police events and interaction. The Grand Blanc Township Police Department actively participates in community policing through a variety of events throughout the year. Most of the events are planned in advance, however, our officers have been known to drop in on an occasional basketball game or to deliver popsicles to our community swimming pools on a hot summer day. Additionally, our social media platforms are updated regularly in order to provide the community with relevant information. We also use social media to highlight our community policing activities and in return we receive helpful feedback from the community. All of these things play a critical role in establishing trust and a positive relationship with our community.

Below is a summary of events we routinely participate in throughout the year, however, many were paused this year due to COVID-19.

- **Ally Challenge** – PGA Golf Event.
- **Bikes on Bricks** – Motorcycle officers participate in annual competition.
- **Camp Safety** – Two-day safety camp for children.
- **Citizens' Police Academy** - Annual academy to educate community on police dept.
- **Coffee with a Cop** – An informal talk over coffee with community.
- **Crime Prevention Unit** – Officers assisting community with crime prevention tips.
- **Guns N' Hoses Dodgeball Tournament** – Police, Fire, EMT competition.
- **Grand Blanc Township Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony**
- **Holiday Heroes Red Kettle Competition** – Salvation Army Event.
- **Lunch with Police** – Officers joining Reid Elementary School students for lunch.
- **Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month** – Annual ride event with Secretary of State.
- **National Drug Take Back Day** – Occurs throughout the year.
- **National Night Out** – Annual community event.
- **Operation Safe Arrival** – Officers at schools / bus stops during first week of class.
- **Paint the Town Blue** – Child abuse awareness month.

- **Police for a Day!** – Children spend a day with the police at our department.
- **Reading with Students** – Officers read to elementary school students.
- **Shop with a Cop** – Officers holiday shop with elementary students.
- **Teddy Bear Ball** - Professional dance competition to support local charities and organizations.
- **Touch a Truck** – Flint event for children to see vehicles and interact with Police officers.
- **Trunk or Treat** – Officers hand out candy at various locations and events
- **FISH** - Sponsored a FISH family at Christmas.



2020 Ally Challenge



Bikes On Bricks

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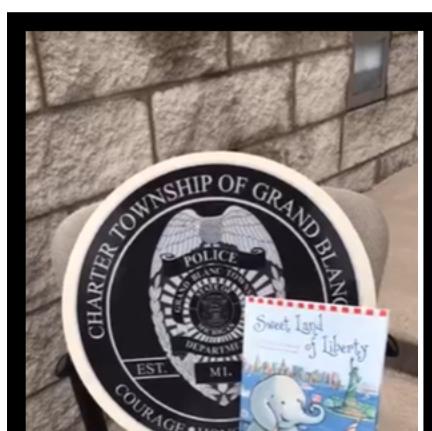
Camp Safety
Brutality March



George Floyd/Police

Story Time

Coffee with a Cop





No Shave November / December
with a Hero

Shop



Red Kettle Competition



Red Kettle Competition Trophy



Crime Prevention

The Grand Blanc Township Crime Prevention Unit was created to unite and educate our entire community with the purpose of preventing crime in Grand Blanc Township. Through the use of simple crime prevention techniques and fostering communication with all community members, the goal of the crime prevention unit is to reduce crime in our area and take proactive steps toward safety.

We strive to educate and advise all members of our community to ensure their safety and security at home, church, school and in our many businesses. We have adopted principles established in *The Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design* (C.P.T.E.D) model which identifies crime trends and breaks down prevention techniques for each unique user in our area.

The Grand Blanc Township Police Department has partnered with Nextdoor (www.nextdoor.com), the private social network for neighborhoods and most recently Ring Doorbell. This partnership is intended to build stronger and safer communities with the help of our residents. The Grand Blanc Township Police Department is the 2,000th agency in the country to partner with the social network with over 9,300 residents signed up.



Citizens' Police Academy



Grand Blanc Township Police Department is proud to have hosted Citizens' Police Academy during 2017, 2018 and 2019. It was not held in 2020 due to COVID-19. The academy is an 11 week program which

gives residents the opportunity to see what, why and how we provide police



services throughout the township.

The goal of the Citizens' Police Academy is to familiarize residents with the department's structure, services and personnel. The academy does not give the participants any authority or certification, but demonstrates the daily duties of law enforcement and enhances the citizen's awareness and understanding of the department's role in the community.

The academy covers a wide variety of topics and hands on opportunities. Some of them include an overview of the department, patrol and detective bureau operations, subject control tactics, traffic stop safety, K-9 unit operations, drug enforcement, O.W.I overview, evidence overview and many other topics. At the end of the 11 week academy the participants have a better understanding of the daily operations of the Grand Blanc Township

Police Department and increase their relationship between the department and the community.



event that is designed to enhance the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. It also provides a great opportunity to bring police and the community together under positive circumstances.

National Night Out



National Night Out was one of the activities that was not held in 2020 due to COVID 19. However, it typically includes many activities for the community: DJ, dunk tank, picture booth, face painting, K-9 demonstration, hot dogs, cotton candy, snow cones, members of the Grand Blanc Township Department of Public Works were there with their vehicles, the Grand Blanc Fire Department, the Armed Forces and members of Swartz Ambulance participated as well. Each year we participate we get a larger response from the community. We are looking forward to hosting this event again in the future.



Advocates and Leaders for Police and Community Trust (A.L.P.A.C.T)



The Advocates and Leaders for Police and Community Trust group is a cross section of community members and law enforcement that meet to ask questions and learn from one another. It has been a great tool to build partnerships with several community groups and other law enforcement agencies. Chief Wiles currently serves as the Co-Chair of this group.

The members meet monthly to examine issues affecting police and community relations, including but not limited to, community perceptions of discriminatory enforcement of laws, racial profiling and use of force by officers. A.L.P.A.C.T members work together to explore strategies to increase opportunities for community partnering and to build a stronger foundation of higher levels of community trust of law enforcement.

Vacation Check Program

The Grand Blanc Township Police Department provides a vacation check service to the residents of the township. This service has been in place since the mid 1970's. Residents going out of town for longer than one week, and have no one watching their house while they are away, are eligible to participate by calling the police department and requesting to have an officer check on their house. Officers are given their vacation checks each morning during their pre-shift briefing. Throughout their shifts, they will check on the homes on the list by walking around the house and inspecting windows and doors.

Senior Citizen Call-In Program

The Grand Blanc Township Police Department maintains a list of approximately eight senior citizens that live in the township who are checked on a daily basis at the request of themselves or their family members. This program has been active since the early 1980's. Most of the seniors live alone (and have health issues) and have family members who live out of state. Seniors are instructed to call in to the police department daily at a pre-arranged time that they set up and the dispatcher logs that contact has been made. If contact has not been made with the senior by early afternoon after many attempts, a police officer is dispatched to their house to check their welfare.

Traffic Speed Monitoring Devices



The Grand Blanc Township Police Department has a total of four speed monitoring devices - two speed monitoring trailers and two speed boards. These devices are available to be placed in target areas at the request of residents. They are used for speed monitoring along the township's roadways and in our approximate 191 subdivisions. Officers may be targeted in those areas as well for enforcement purposes.

Explorers Program

The Explorers Program was designed to assist students aged 15-20 who have an interest in law enforcement with the decision of whether or not they would like to pursue a career as a police officer. Membership in the program includes a rare opportunity to work side-by-side with police officers and fire fighters as they train, as well as interacting with the public.

The Grand Blanc Police Explorers has recruited advisors and instructors from the Grand Blanc Township Police Department, Grand Blanc City Police Department and the Grand Blanc Fire Department to assist in the many training opportunities. It is our goal to provide the highest quality training, professionalism and experience to our local youth, in the hopes that they may be working side-by-side with us in the future. The Explorers assist the department with major events as well as attend public relations functions.



Officer Jon Strom and Officer Amber Weber are the assigned advisors from Grand Blanc Township Police Department who conduct bi-weekly meetings with the Explorers, as well as a state-wide Explorer competition and a one week boot-camp style training academy in Battle Creek which is held annually.



Bigs In Blue

The Grand Blanc Township Police Department is honored to partner with Big Brother Big Sisters of Flint and Genesee County on the Bigs in Blue program. Bigs in Blue is a one-to-one mentoring program that connects youth with police in our community, building strong, trusting, and lasting relationships. These relationships can help children develop into confident adults and help build stronger bonds between law enforcement and the families they serve.

Currently Officer Witthuhn, Officer Weber, Officer Swartz, Officer Wolschleger, Lieutenant Simpson, and Chief Wiles participate in the program. They are paired with students from the Grand Blanc Academy and meet regularly to build confidence, understanding, and trust with their "littles".

#BigsInBLue #DefendersOfPotential



Prescription Drug Awareness Program

The Grand Blanc Township Police Department has a prescription pill drop box located in our lobby available 24 hours a day, seven days a week and 365 days a year. This drop box provides residents a safe place to dispose of unwanted, unused or expired prescription pills only. We also partner with the Drug Enforcement Agency twice a year for the National Take Back Initiative that urges people to properly dispose of their prescription medicine. Each year we have collected hundreds of pounds of prescription pills through the program. In 2019 over 550lbs of prescription pills were collected and in 2020 there was over 330lbs of prescription pills were collected.

Internship Participation

The Grand Blanc Township Police Department partners with universities and colleges from across the state to provide an internship experience for a

college student. Each year we receive several applications from students that want intern with us. Due to the amount of applications we now receive, we conduct interviews as part of our selection process. The length of the internship is determined by each college or university. During their internship with our department, the students experience all aspects of the department and work closely with department members. In 2020, the intern program was paused due to COVID-19, we are looking forward to starting this program again in the very near future.

Program Participation

U.S. Department of Justice – Bullet Proof Vests

The Grand Blanc Township Police Department participates in a grant that provides funds for the purchase of body armor. This program has been in place since 2001. The department has received \$49,866 for the sole purchase of body armor. There is currently \$4,187 remaining in the fund. Any purchase of body armor requires 50% matching funds.

Genesee County Auto Theft Unit (G.A.I.N.)

The Countywide auto theft unit is comprised of officers from around the county who target auto theft complaints. Grand Blanc Township does not have an officer assigned to this unit, however, we work with and provide assistance to them to help reduce auto theft throughout the county.

Office of Highway Safety Planning (O.H.S.P.) – Seatbelt Grant

This grant is federally funded through O.H.S.P. and is managed through Flint Township Police Department. Grand Blanc Township Police Department participates, with other agencies, in a grant that targets seat-belt enforcement throughout the county. The grant covers the wages and benefits for all participating officers.

Office of Highway Safety Planning (O.H.S.P.) – Operating While Intoxicated (O.W.I) Enforcement Grant

This grant is federally funded through O.H.S.P. and is also managed by the Flint Township Police Department. Officers from this agency are assigned to targeted areas and roadways. They can be assigned throughout the county but normally work in our jurisdiction when enforcing this effort.

Training

Training is one of the pillars of professionalism and nowhere is that more accurate than for the law enforcement profession. There are constant changes in laws, techniques, public will, technology, etc. It is the charge of the Grand Blanc Township Police Department to not only keep up with those changes, but also, to be ahead of them. As mentioned above, high quality training not only gives employees technical skills, it also promotes their confidence by giving them more “tools” to accomplish the mission and vision of the department.

As effective law enforcement training continues to be an imperative aspect of professional policing, the Grand Blanc Township Police Department has continuously sought out the best learning opportunities available. The opportunities come from diverse sources including, but not limited to; L.E.O.R.T.C., Michigan State Police Training Academy and Oakland Police Academy, and private vendors along with in-service training.

The Department is continuing its effort to keep our employees certified in the high profile areas such as; defensive tactics (PPCT) and first aid/CPR. Along with those areas, we continue to emphasize specific areas of training viewed

as high priority. They include; Fair and Impartial Policing (Implicit Bias), Supervision, Mental Health First Aid, and Emergency Vehicle Operations. In those categories alone, the following was accomplished in calendar year 2020:

- ***Fair and Impartial Policing (Implicit Bias)***— All employees have taken a form of this training in the last 3 years.
- ***Supervision***— 404 hours of supervision training were taken by 9 different employees in 2020.
- ***Mental Health / First Aid*** – All employees have taken a form of this training in the last 3 years.
- ***Emergency Vehicle Operations*** – All uniformed employees have taken a form of this training in the last 3 years.

Due to the ongoing global pandemic (COVID-19) there was a large amount of training which was cancelled, postponed, or limited in number of attendees. Using alternative delivery methods such as PowerDMS, members of the Grand Blanc Township Police Department spent 2479.5 hours in total training (3372.5 hours in 2019).

As previously mentioned, training avenues are primarily found outside of the department. There is also great pride taken in the fact that many of our employees are certified to instruct on various topics. They include:

- Chief Wiles – Leadership in Police Organizations (LPO)
- Lieutenant Simpson – Master K-9 Trainer
- Lieutenant Renye – Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE), Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST), Drug Recognition (DR)
- Sergeant Ferguson – Emergency Vehicle Operation (EVO)
- Sergeant Gilbert – Fair & Impartial Policing
- Sergeant Quinn – Pressure Point Control Tactics (PPCT), Taser, Simulated Firearms, Narcotics Identification, Traffic Stops, Interview Tactics, Live Fire Shoot House, Synthetic Opiates
- Sergeant McCoy – Pressure Point Control Tactics (PPCT), Taser
- Officer Strom – Radar, Lidar, First Aid, Motorcycle Operations, Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE)

- Officer Swartz – First Aid, Police Response to and Active Shooter – Killer (PRASK), **Alert-Lockdown-Inform-Counter-Evacuate** (ALICE), Fair & Impartial Policing
- Officer Wolschlger - First Aid, Police Response to and Active Shooter – Killer (PRASK), **Alert-Lockdown-Inform-Counter-Evacuate** (ALICE), Fair & Impartial Policing
- Officer Evans – Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE), Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST), Drug Recognition (DR)
- Officer Bueche – Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE), Road Wise
- Officer Connelly – K-9 Trainer

Daily and effective roll call training is important to officer development it's a time not only for sergeants to meet with their shift, but, also conduct anecdotal and practical training as well as reviewing certain topics that relate to the law enforcement profession on statutes, techniques, public will, technology, policies, etc. They do this by video training, practical exercise and dialog. The addition of PowerDMS has increased not only our capacity to distribute documents but, to ease the process for requesting and tracking training.

The Grand Blanc Township Police Department is committed to searching out and attending the best and most cutting edge training and education available for all of its employees. This will in turn give those who live, visit, or travel through our community the unsurpassed service they expect and deserve.

Personnel Achievements

- Officer Wes Evans was awarded the MADD Outstanding Officer Award
- Officer Wes Evans conducted his 1000th OWI Arrest
- Officer Tom McCoy completed The Michigan State University School of Police Staff and Command
- Officer Cody Gelinski was awarded the MADD Outstanding Rookie Award
- Chief Wiles was awarded the 2020 Fight Crime – Invest in Kids Champion for Kids Award

- Chief Wiles was awarded the Big Brother Big Sister Joe Ryder Leadership Award on behalf of ALPACT
- LT Renye was awarded the MADD Recognition of Excellence Award

Retirees

- Officer Andrea Carlson retired on June 23,2020 with 13 years of service
- Officer John Curtis retired on December 16,2020 with 16 years of service

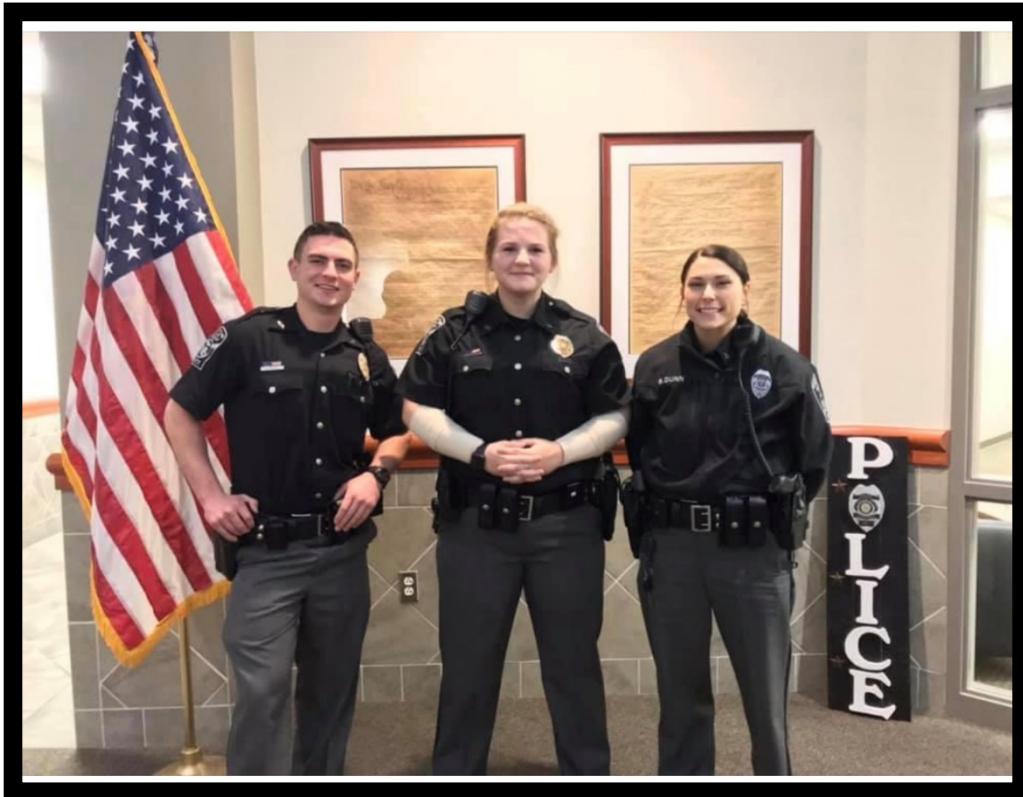
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New Officer Hires

Officer Baylee Dunn graduated from Ferris State University Police Academy in May 2020 and began her career with the Grand Blanc Township Police Department on June 3, 2020. She completed her 14 week Field Training Program on October 9, 2020.

Officer Destiny Methner graduated from Ferris State University Police Academy in May 2020 and began her career with the Grand Blanc Township Police Department on October 5, 2020. She completed her 14 week Field Training Program on February 9, 2021.

Officer Jack Pyle graduated from Grand Valley State University Police Academy in April 2020, and began his career with the Grand Blanc Township Police Department on October 19, 2020. He completed his 14 week Field Training Program on February 22, 2021.



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2020 Awards

Employee of the Year

Sergeant Todd Gilbert

Employee of the Year Finalists (Alphabetical)

Officer Cody Gelinski Sergeant Todd Gilbert Officer Lindsay Witthuhn

Departmental Unit Commendation

Sergeant Tom McCoy
Officer Jason Woppard
Officer Austin Wright

Officer Nathan Willette
Sergeant Todd Gilbert
Officer Ben Cole
Officer Matthew Techentien

Departmental Commendation

Sergeant Joshua Belanger
Officer Jerrell Web

Life Saving Award

Officer Jonathan Strom
Officer Baylee Dunn
Officer Timothy Bueche

Officer Jonathan Strom
Officer Amber Weber

Letter of Appreciation

Captain Matthew Bauserman	Lieutenant William Renye
Lieutenant Matthew Simpson	Sergeant Marcus Ferguson
Sergeant Joshua Belanger	Sergeant Aaron Quinn
Sergeant Tom McCoy	Detective Matthew Harburn
Sergeant Scott Theede	Detective Molly
Machinski	
Detective Jason Whittey	Officer Timothy Bueche
Officer Jason Carpenter	Officer David Clark
Officer Brady Harner	Officer Kyle Herkner
Officer Darnell Jackson	Officer Christopher Jones
Officer Bill Kilbourn	Officer Robb Nelson
Officer Jonathan Strom	Officer Jonathan Swartz

Officer Jerrell Webb
Officer Nathan Willette
Officer Daniel Wolschleger
Officer Wes Evans

Officer Amber Weber
Officer Lindsay Witthuhn
Officer Austin Wright

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Lieutenant Matthew Simpson
Radio Operator/Clerk Laura Newman
Radio Operator/Clerk Tamberly Cronkright
Radio Operator/Clerk Kim Rowland

