

GRAND BLANC TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT



Message from Chief William Renye

I am pleased to present the Grand Blanc Township Police Department 2024 Annual Report. This report highlights the accomplishments, challenges and initiatives undertaken by our department to ensure the safety and well-being of our community. As we reflect on the past year, I am proud to report that our department has made significant strides in our ongoing mission to ensure the safety of our community.

In the summer of 2024, Grand Blanc Township provided a survey to our residents. The findings of this survey show that the respondents are “satisfied” or “very satisfied” with the overall quality of police services. Respondents gave the police department a 91 percent customer satisfaction score. This is significant since the national average for police services is 53 percent. Our officers continue to demonstrate our core values to serve with integrity, fairness, compassion, respect, honesty and courage.

This year, our focus was to reduce traffic crashes at major intersections throughout the community, making roadways safer for all people who live, work and travel through Grand Blanc Township. Our police officers remained committed to keeping our roadways safe through a balance of training, education and enforcement.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the men and women of our department for their dedication and hard work they put in every single day. I also want to express my gratitude to the community, our Township board members and Superintendent, Dennis Liimatta, for their support. Together we will continue to accomplish great things in Grand Blanc Township.

As we look towards the future, I am excited about the opportunities that lie ahead. By working together and staying true to our core values, I am confident that we will achieve even greater success in the years ahead.

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

Respectfully,
William M. Renye
Chief of Police



DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION



CHIEF OF POLICE WILLIAM RENYE

Chief William M. Renye began his career as a Patrol Officer with the Grand Blanc Township Police Department in May of 2001. As a Patrol Officer, he was a consistent leader in traffic enforcement, conducting hundreds of OWI and drug arrests to prevent traffic-related crashes and saving lives. He was assigned to the Flint Area Narcotics Group (F.A.N.G.) as a Narcotics Officer and became a Drug Recognition Expert (D.R.E.) in 2012. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2014, Lieutenant in 2018 and was appointed to Chief of Police in 2022. Chief Renye has received many awards including the Police Department Employee of the Year in 2016, several department unit commendations, lifesaving awards and he received the recognition of excellence award by Mothers Against Drunk Driving in 2020. Chief Renye has instructed hundreds of officers throughout the State of Michigan in Standardized Field Sobriety Testing, Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving and the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program. He is a graduate of Michigan State University School of Police Staff and Command and holds a master's degree in criminal justice and leadership from Madonna University.



CAPTAIN TOM MCCOY

Captain Tom McCoy began his career as a Patrol Officer with the Grand Blanc Township Police Department in February of 2005. Throughout his years of service, he has held many assignments to include five years as a Narcotics Officer with the Flint Area Narcotics Group (F.A.N.G.), Field Training Officer, Firearms Instructor, Defensive Tactics Instructor and computer forensics. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2017, Lieutenant in 2022 and Captain in 2024. Lt. McCoy is a 2021 graduate of the Michigan State University School of Police Staff and Command and a 2023 graduate of MACP new Chiefs and Executive School.



DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION



Lieutenant Todd Gilbert began his career as a part-time Dispatcher and was hired as a full-time Patrol Officer with the Grand Blanc Township Police Department in July of 2000. Throughout his years of service, he has held other assignments to include School Resource Officer, Detective, Detective Sergeant and Patrol Sergeant. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2006, Detective Sergeant in 2018 and Lieutenant in 2024. Lt. Gilbert graduated from UofM Flint in 1999, with a degree in Criminal Justice. He is currently enrolled and attending Michigan State University School of Police Staff and Command.

LIEUTENANT JON SWARTZ



Lieutenant Jon Swartz began his career as a Patrol Officer with the Grand Blanc Township Police Department in February of 2003. Throughout his years of service, he has held other assignments to include Field Training Officer, School Resource Officer, ALICE Instructor, Active Shooter Instructor, CPR/First Aid Instructor, Fair and Impartial Policing Instructor and Recruiting Supervisor. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2021 and Lieutenant in 2023. Lt. Swartz completed Leadership in Police Organizations in 2022 and is a graduate of the Michigan State University School of Police Staff and Command in 2024. In 2025, he served as an instructor with the Michigan State University School of Police Staff and Command.



DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION

ACCREDITATION MANAGER CHERI POTTER



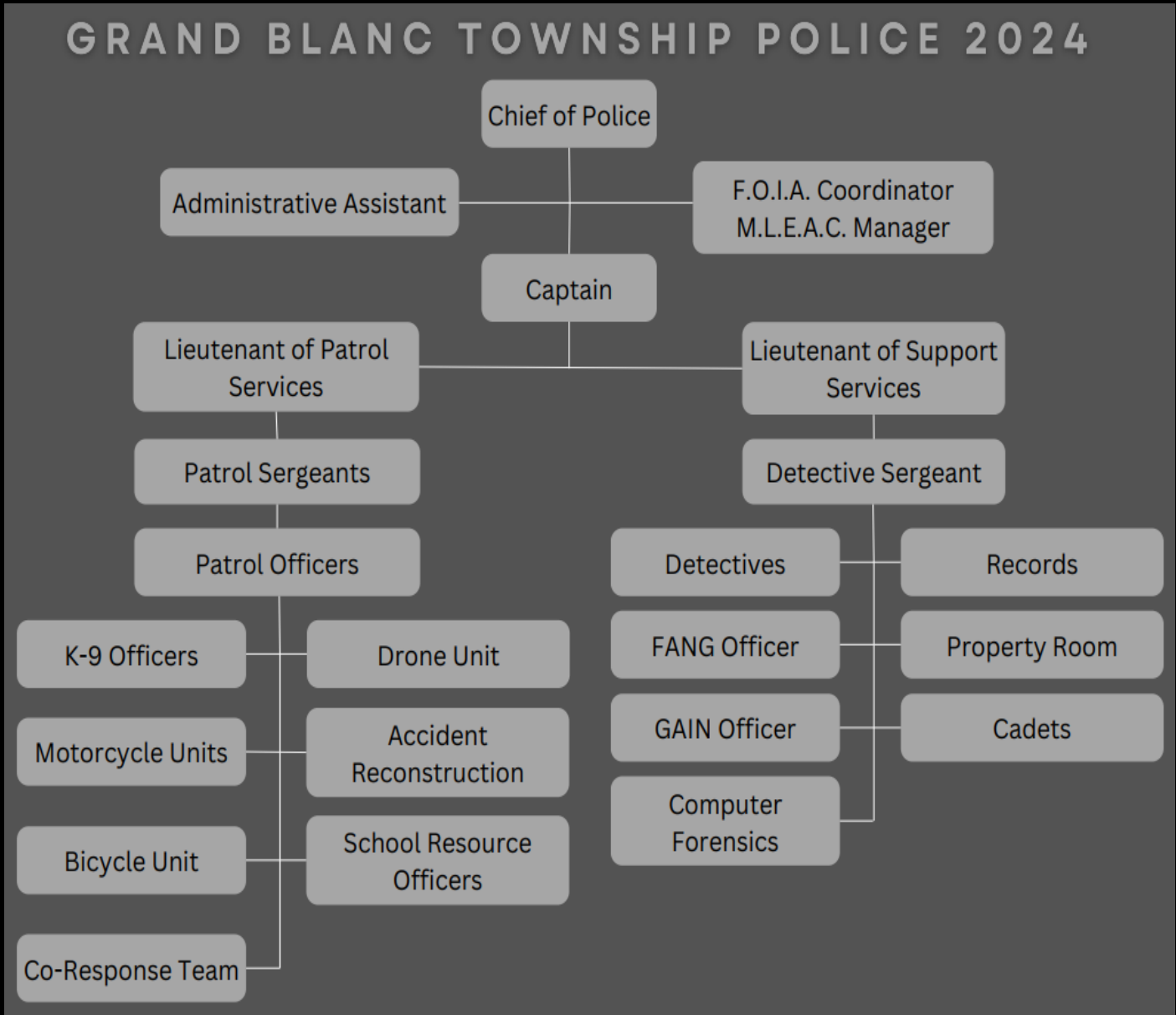
Cheri Potter began her career with the Grand Blanc Township Police Department in 1999, as the Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police. She was promoted to Accreditation Manager for the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (MLEAC) and the F.O.I.A. Coordinator in 2022. As the F.O.I.A. Coordinator, she is responsible for accepting and processing requests for public records. As the Accreditation Manager, she is tasked with managing the accreditation process for the agency; leading improvement processes, providing proofs of compliance, including department inspections and policy review, revision and implementation. Cheri is a Michigan Notary for the citizens of the township. Her work is performed under the general supervision of the Chief of Police.



Ronelle Ervin began her career with the Grand Blanc Township Police Department in December of 2022, as the Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police. She provides direct support to the Chief of Police, administrative staff and police department personnel. Her responsibilities include customer service, processing new hire paperwork, establishing and maintaining record filing systems, invoicing and payroll for the Grand Blanc Township Police Department. Ronelle graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a major in Public Relations and a minor in Communications. She is a Michigan Notary for the citizens of the township. Her work is performed under the general supervision of the Chief of Police.



ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



M.L.E.A.C. ACCREDITATION



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 128 “best practice” policing standards, containing a clear statement of professional objectives. It represents a significant professional achievement and it is an honor that many law enforcement agencies have not yet achieved. There are approximately 600 law enforcement agencies across the state. To date, 88 agencies have earned this recognition.

In May of 2018 and again in 2022, a team of trained M.L.E.A.C. assessors verified that the Grand Blanc Township Police Department had successfully implemented and followed the applicable standards and as a result, was awarded accreditation status. The Grand Blanc Township Police Department was the first municipal agency in Genesee County and the 19th agency in Michigan to earn this status. M.L.E.A.C. assessors will revisit the department to ensure compliance every three years, with the next visit scheduled in May of 2025.

While accreditation is truly a team effort and embraced by the entire department, the accreditation process is led and facilitated by our Accreditation Manager, Cheri Potter and Lt. Jon Swartz.



PATROL DIVISION

The Grand Blanc Township Police Department is a fully functional organization dedicated to providing a superior level of service to our community. Our patrol division is divided into two shifts that are staffed twenty-four hours a day and seven days a week. The patrol division is the most visible division and has the most contact with the public.

One Lieutenant and four Sergeants command the patrol division of the police department. The patrol division is 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
- Crash Investigation and Reconstruction Team (C.I.R.T)
- Drug Recognition Unit
- Field Training Unit
- Bicycle Unit
- Co-Response Team
- Drone Unit



TRAFFIC SAFETY

One of the primary goals of the department is to promote safety for those traveling on our roadways and crash prevention. This is accomplished by fair and consistent enforcement of state and local traffic laws, educating the public and causing a deterrent to hazardous actions that contribute to crashes.

In 2024, our department had a goal to reduce traffic crashes within the township. To accomplish this task, we identified the intersections that were most at risk for crashes. Officers were assigned to conduct traffic enforcement with a goal of education, deterrence and enforcement. Offenders who were cited at these intersections were invited to attend our two-hour public outreach class called, "Crashes Are Preventable". During this class, participants learned from our officers about defensive driving, contributors to crashes and why police officers conduct traffic enforcement. This program was well received by our attendees. We are happy to report that our officers accomplished our crash reduction goal by reducing crashes.

Also in 2024, the Grand Blanc Township police officers received grant funding through the Office of Highway and Safety Planning (OHSP) in the amount of \$174,927. The grant funded 2,821 hours of additional enforcement activities targeting speed violators, distracted driving, seatbelt use and impaired driving.

In 2024, the Grand Blanc Township Police Department had the most arrests of impaired drivers within Genesee County.

In June of 2024, Officer Michael O'Brien was awarded the MADD Outstanding Officer of the Year, by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), in recognition of his outstanding dedication and accomplishments in impaired driving enforcement. This award is presented to a select group of officers in Michigan who have demonstrated exceptional commitment in this area. As a Drug Recognition Expert, Officer Michael O'Brien made 72 DUI arrests in 2024.



Grand Blanc Township has three school districts with 11,000 students. They conduct and evaluate school presentations for schools,

who patrol and provide police presence lockdown procedures and they parents and staff.





Officer Whitt
Grand Blanc Middle School East
Since 2021



Officer Seeley
Grand Blanc Academy
Since 2023



Officer Streichert
Grand Blanc Middle School West
Since 2024



INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

The Investigations Unit of the Grand Blanc Township Police Department is staffed by one Lieutenant, one Sergeant, four detectives and two officers assigned to undercover units.

Investigations consist of detectives who investigate some of our most demanding and challenging cases. Some crimes take months, even years, to investigate and to result in the successful prosecution of the offenders. Detectives regularly provide expert testimony in the courtroom, due to their specialized training and breadth of experience. The Investigations Unit was assigned to 1,078 cases in 2024.

Successful investigations require collaboration among local, regional, state and federal law enforcement agencies. To enhance this collaboration, one officer is assigned to undercover narcotics with the Flint Area Narcotics Group (F.A.N.G) and another officer is assigned to the undercover auto theft investigations with the Genesee Auto-Theft Investigative Network (G.A.I.N).



SUPPORT SERVICES

Support Services provides 12-hour a day support to the department and is the custodian of all police department records. It also serves an important role in the investigation process, as well as providing crime reports and other assistance to the public.

Support Services performs more than 50 individual jobs and functions daily, including:

- Processing and maintaining all crime, information, accident, towed vehicle, citations and arrest reports generated by the department
- Responding to all subpoenas, Public Information Act requests. licensing and background checks from public and other law enforcement entities
- Entering all missing persons, stolen/towed vehicles and lost/stolen property contained within police reports into the national database

In 2024, we fulfilled 753 FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) requests. This is a 1.9% increase compared to 2023.

PROPERTY AND EVIDENCE

Lyam Reinhardt has been the Property and Evidence Technician for the Grand Blanc Township Police Department since 2015. She plays a vital role for members of the department as well as the public. Lyam is responsible for the safekeeping of all items of evidence and found property submitted to the police department. She is also responsible for the creation and submission of all court ordered evidence, destruction documents and the maintenance of property and evidence records.

Our evidence and property room goes through at least four inspections per year, according to MLEAC accreditation standards. These standards ensure that the integrity of our evidence is following the State of Michigan's best practices and department policy.



CRISIS INTERVENTION

The Grand Blanc Township Police Department has eight certified police officers that are trained in Crisis Intervention Team (CIT). Crisis Intervention Team training gives officers the tools they need to deal with members of the public experiencing a mental health crisis. These tools include verbal de-escalation techniques, as well as other communication techniques tailored to specific mental illnesses. Using these techniques, CIT officers are able to create positive outcomes for incidents involving individuals experiencing mental health crisis, while reducing any use of force. Additional focus is placed on getting individuals the help they need, while keeping them out of the criminal justice system, when possible.

In October 2024, the Grand Blanc Township Police Department received a \$207,000 grant from the State of Michigan to start our first Co-Responder Team. This team consists of a CIT trained police officer, Officer Methner, and a Genesee Health System employee/social worker, Penny Melton. The Co-Responder team responds to the calls for service, for those individuals going through a crisis. The goal is to de-escalate situations, provide resources and reduce recidivism. The Co-Response team is also assigned to all follow-up complaints when an officer responds to an incident when the team is not working. The team has responded to 59 incidents in 2024, with many individuals receiving treatment for underlying problems.



and Officer Methner

Penny Melton



DRONE PROGRAM

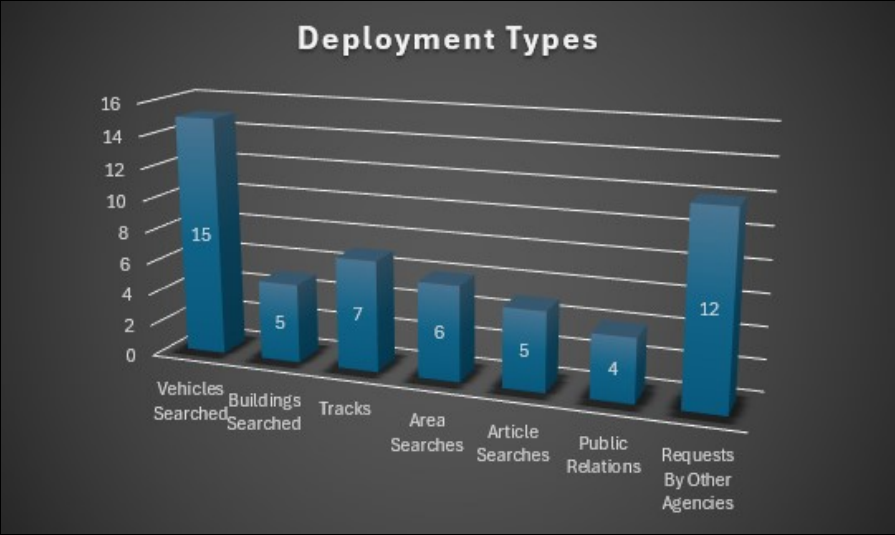
The Grand Blanc Township Police Department adopted a Drone Program in September of 2024. The goal is to enhance response capabilities to a variety of incidents, which can include missing persons, rescue missions, crash reconstruction and suspect apprehension. The program follows industry standards, as well as Federal Aviation Administration requirements.

The Grand Blanc Township Police Department obtained pilot certifications, developed procedures and purchased the equipment best suited for the department and the needs of the community. Currently, there are three police officers trained and certified to operate drones as a government public safety agency. There were 37 drone deployments in 2024.



K-9 UNIT

2024 K-9 Team Statistics:



Officer Ben Cole



K9 Blue



CADET PROGRAM



TRAINING

The Grand Blanc Township Police Department's training provides our department personnel with the knowledge, skills and abilities to perform our day-to-day tasks with confidence and professionalism. In-service training is a well-established responsibility of any law enforcement agency. Sworn officers participate in quarterly firearms training and annual defensive tactics training. Department personnel completed 3,960 hours of training in 2024.

Training courses were held internally and hosted by L.E.O.R.T.C., Michigan State Police Training Academy, Oakland Police Academy, Delta College and Michigan State University, among others. In addition to range and defensive tactics training, training included a wide variety of topics including bias-based policing, crisis intervention, fair and impartial policing, leadership development and ethics.

LABOR AND MANAGMENT

The Grand Blanc Township Police Department enjoys a good working relationship with the three unions representing sworn and civilian personnel in the police department. There were only three grievances in 2024. This is especially significant because less than ten department employees are not represented by a union.



INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS

The internal affairs function is responsible for safeguarding the integrity of the Grand Blanc Township Police Department, as well as the rights of all citizens within the area of jurisdictional responsibility. It is the policy of the Grand Blanc Township Police Department to accept all citizens' complaints against the agency and/or our personnel. The Grand Blanc Township Police Department takes these complaints seriously and investigates the complaints thoroughly.

2024 INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS:

Total complaints investigated: 15 (Five from external sources and 10 from internal sources)

None of the complaints were bias-based or complaints involving discrimination.

Breakdown of findings after the investigation was completed:

Complaints unfounded: 5 (external)

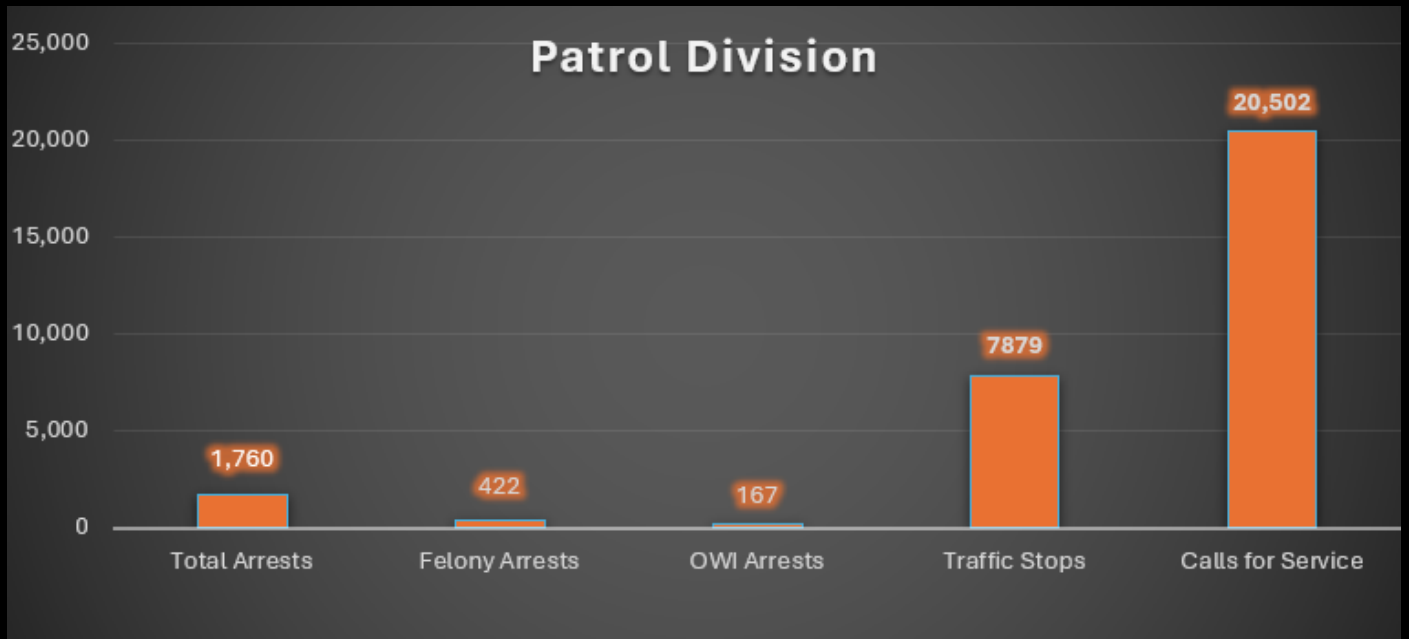
Complaints not sustained: 1

Complaints sustained: 9 (internal)

It should be noted that these numbers refer to informal inquiries or formal investigations, not minor complaints about police department employees. Minor complaints are typically addressed by a supervisor and resolved immediately. Additionally, most of the complaints reflected in the numbers above originated with employees (internal) and were not from members of the public.



ANNUAL STATISTICS



USE OF FORCE

All sworn personnel are required to file a use of force report when involved in a use of force incident. The Grand Blanc Township Police Department collects data on all use of force incidents to evaluate current use of force trends. The goal is to identify patterns or trends that could be predictive or identify the need for additional training, equipment upgrade needs and/or policy modifications.

There were 55 reported Use of Force incidents in 2024, compared to 54 in 2023. Meaningful reviews are conducted on each Use of Force incident and it was found that in every incident the officer(s) responded with the appropriate level of force.

In 2024, the Grand Blanc Township Police Department responded to 20,502 calls for service and made 7,879 traffic stops. These contacts resulted in 1,760 arrests for various offenses. This does not include the countless other contacts throughout the year during public relations events, business checks, sub-checks, community meetings, etc. This represents force being used less than .21% of the time during these contacts.



VEHICLE PURSUITS

There were 31 reported vehicle pursuits in 2024, compared to 22 vehicle pursuits in 2023. Meaningful reviews are conducted on each vehicle pursuit. It was determined that all 31 vehicle pursuits were in compliance with standards. No training issues were identified in meaningful reviews of pursuit incidents.



FOOT PURSUITS

There were ten reported foot pursuits in 2024, compared to eleven pursuits in 2023. Meaningful reviews are conducted on each foot pursuit. It was determined that all ten of the foot pursuits were in compliance with department standards. No training issues were identified during the meaningful reviews.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENTS

Each year, we schedule and spend quality time with the residents of Grand Blanc Township. Through these various events, we build strong relationships between the Grand Blanc Township Police Department and the community we serve.



RETIREMENTS IN 2024



Dispatcher Tammy Cronkright
15 years of service



Officer Dan Wolschleger
27 years of service



Officer Jason Woollard
25 years of service



NEW EMPLOYEES IN 2024

Officer Nelson Lakey

Officer Cameron Campbell

Officer Keegan McAfee

Officer Aidan Lapp

Officer Gavin Harwood

Officer Zachary Rockafellow

Radio Operator/Clerk Lindsey Mather

Radio Operator/Clerk Shelley Fulton

Cadet Jacob Osterwyk

Cadet Tanner Jock



2024 AWARDS

The following departmental awards were issued to the following officers for their outstanding work in 2024:



