



2019
ANNUAL REPORT

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The Chief's Letter



Supervisor Leo Savoie

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Bloomfield Township Board of Trustees

2019 was a challenging year for the men and women of the Bloomfield Township Police Department. We began the spring with the retirement of Chief McCanham after 30 years of service to this community. Chief McCanham's leadership and dedication allowed this Department to grow and improve. Chief McCanham led the committee that authored our ethical statement of integrity, respect, fairness, accountability and pride. He lived these words and led the Department down a path of excellence that we will continue walking in the future.

2019 also brought a low point for the Police Department. In August the residents of the Township declined support for a SAD. While this election has brought some challenges and changes to the department, the men and women of this Department have met those challenges, persevered and continued to provide quality service to the residents.

In December, the Police Department completed the accreditation process and assessment with the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police. This was a two year project that began under Chief McCanham. It ensures that this department has up to date policies in place that are conceptually sound and operationally effective. Only 3% of departments in the State have reached this goal and we anticipate being awarded our accredited status in February of 2020. I am proud of the men and women of the department for working together, embracing change and helping the department accomplish this goal.

Maintaining the highest level of service to the residents is the focus for 2020. I am confident that the men and women of the Bloomfield Township Police Department will rise to any future challenges and they will continue walking down the path of excellence that we are known for.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Haggan'.

Chief of Police



Mission Statement

“To preserve the peace and protect our community with fairness, integrity, pride, and respect.”

ADMINISTRATION



**Chief of Police
Phil Langmeyer**



**Administrative Assistant
Lori Kerr**



**Investigations Captain
Dan Edwards**



**Administrative Captain
Jim Gallagher**



**Patrol Captain
Jeff Nolan**

ORGANIZATION



CHIEF OF POLICE 

Administrative Assistant

Patrol Captain

Investigative Captain

Administrative Captain

**Days A
Lieutenant**

**Days B
Lieutenant**

**Nights A
Lieutenant**

**Nights B
Lieutenant**

**Investigative
Lieutenant**

Sergeant

Sergeant

Sergeant

Sergeant

**Village
Sergeant**

**Dispatch
Supervisor**

**Administrative
Sergeant**

Officers

**Court Officer
and Officers**

Officers

Officers

**Village
Officers**

Dispatchers

**Community
Relations Officer**

**Records
Unit**

**Property/I.D.
Services**

Detectives

**School Officer
Assignments**

**Special Investigative
Assignments**



ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION



The Administrative Division is made up of an Administrative Captain, an Administrative Sergeant, the Community Relations Officer, the Dispatch Supervisor, and Dispatch. The Administrative Captain is responsible to perform a wide range of administrative functions for the police department including accreditation management, policy research, development and maintenance, procurement of grants, recruitment and hiring of personnel, administration of the promotional selection process, maintain purchase order accounts and billing for outside requests for police services, act as a liaison with Oakland County CLEMIS and information technology, administer the department's ongoing in-service training program and research and recommend equipment and suppliers for the department.

Captain James Gallagher,
Administrative Captain

The division is responsible for crime prevention activities through the Community Relations Officer, coordinating training of officers, and bears the responsibility for the effective operation of the Communication Unit and related functions.



COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER



Officer Kelly Marthen,
Community Relations
Officer

In 2002, the Bloomfield Township Police Department established the Community Relations Officer position to provide our community direct access to the police department. The Community Relations Officer provides a vast array of services. Some of these services are:

- Developing Crime Prevention strategies for businesses and homeowners
- Assist local houses of worship with improving security plans
- Meet with neighborhood associations
- Compile and Analyze crime statistics and develop plans to prevent future crimes
- Speak at various civic events concerning crime prevention
- Host the Citizens' Academy

3 Year Activity Comparison

Category	2017	2018	2019
Security Surveys	16	19	13
Crime Prevention Plan Reviews	41	48	87
Neighborhood Association Meet- Civic Group Meetings	17	15	16
Station Tours	23	33	53
	14	12	14

The Community Relations Officer performs many functions such as conducting home security surveys, hosting station tours, and researching and publishing crime prevention information. Also, the Community Relations Officer interacts with our followers on social media platforms to engage our community and answer questions. To contact the Community Relations Officer, call (248) 433-7724 or email CRO@Bloomfieldtwp.org



COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



Mental Health First Aid

*for Law Enforcement,
Corrections and Public Safety*

Mental Health First Aid for Public Safety teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders. Our officers each go through this one day training to help prepare us for calls involving mental health. We learn the skills needed to reach out and provide initial support to someone who may be developing a mental health or substance use problem and help connect them to the appropriate care. The training focuses on the unique experiences and needs of public safety personnel and is a valuable resource that can make a difference in their lives, their coworkers' and families' lives, and the community we serve.



ASSISTANCE TIP: In a study conducted by the National Council for Behavioral Health, 46% of Americans who have never sought treatment would not know where to go if they needed to seek mental health services for themselves or a family member or friend. If you would like more information about mental health services, visit: SAMHSA ([LINK](#))

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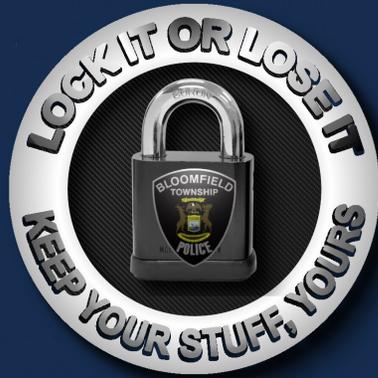


Coffee and Conversation with a Cop

Frequently, officers from the Bloomfield Township Police Department attend events at the Bloomfield Township Senior Center. One of the most popular programs is “Coffee and Conversation with a Cop”. This program allows for citizens, in an informal setting, to sit down with an officer and have meaningful conversations about concerns in the community and their neighborhoods. It allows officers to include the citizens in the formulation and implementation of solutions to problems in their neighborhoods. If you are interested in attending one of the events, Contact the [Bloomfield Township Senior Center \(Link\)](#).



COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



Lock It or Lose It

The best place for your vehicle is in a closed and locked garage, as a vehicle parked outside is always a target for crime. The contents, vehicle parts, and even the entire vehicle are at risk! We subscribe to the national initiative of "Lock It or Lose It," an outreach program encouraging the community to remove valuables from their vehicle and lock the doors. While it's difficult to measure crime prevention efforts with certainty, "Lock It or Lose It" may be having an effect: In 2018 Bloomfield Township saw a 30% reduction in reported Larcenies From Auto (LFA).



Identity Theft Prevention

Identity Theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in the nation. In 2017 alone, 16.7 million Americans were impacted, with estimated losses at \$16.8 billion.* So, in 2018, the department assigned a detective to the Detroit Metro Identity Fraud Task Force. This F.B.I. partnership provides us with greater resources to investigate and combat this crime.

But, our fight doesn't stop there; the department has initiated a public education program to reduce the chances of our residents becoming the latest statistics. We are constantly posting up to date trends in identify thefts on social media. We have partnered with our local businesses and banks in educating them on scams and identity thefts to help prevent a citizen from becoming a victim.

*Source: [Javelin Strategy Research \(LINK\)](#)

4 year comparison of LFA reports



COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



Women's Empowering Self-Defense Workshop

The Bloomfield Township Police Department conducts an Empowering Women's Self-Defense Workshop. Over 350 women have participated in this workshop. Beyond the physical techniques, the EWSD Workshop reinforces awareness principles, risk assessment, and verbal and psychological strategies a woman can use to set safe boundaries with others – even if the perpetrator is someone she knows.



CRIME PREVENTION TIP: Situational awareness is critical to being safer, but what is it? It means staying alert, and not focusing on a cell phone or letting other things distract you. Staying alert will help you to avoid dangerous situations, which is always better than trying to get out of one once in it.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



EXTRA EYES PROGRAM

Community Surveillance Camera
Registration Program

CRIME PREVENTION TIP: Surveillance cameras do not necessarily *prevent* crime, they just witness it. Don't let them give you a false sense of security! Keeping your home and business safer requires a comprehensive security plan in which cameras play just one part.

Extra Eyes Program

There was a time when only banks, airports, and businesses had video surveillance systems. They were costly and required professional installation. That was then. This is now.

Video surveillance systems are everywhere now, even in millions of American homes. They take the form of dedicated Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) systems, video doorbells, and webcams. All of these cameras can be great tools for fighting and prosecuting crime.

That's why in 2018 we adopted the Extra Eyes Program, a national campaign asking homeowners to voluntarily register their exterior security camera systems and video doorbells with the police.

In the event of criminal activity in a given area, the police may ask registrants to review their camera footage to see what, if anything, was captured. Participation is voluntary *and the police will never have direct access to the camera system.*

Those wishing to participate can register [HERE \(link\)](#).
Questions?

Contact the Community Relations Officer at 248-433-7724.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



Bloomfield Township Police Department has partnered with Ring.com/Neighbors so they can share official, important crime and safety updates and work together with our local community to build trust and make our community safer.

When using Neighbors, the exact locations of posts are disguised, and the user's personal identity is not displayed. There are two key differences, though: 1) The Police Department can view public posts from within our jurisdiction (instead of just their 'neighborhood') and 2) Police Department's posts are identified so users can clearly see that they are the source of the content. This means that posts or comments made by the Police Department are clearly marked with our official title and name.

The Police Department can only view the publicly available content with the Neighbors App, unless a user explicitly and voluntarily chooses to share their own recordings with us. Exact locations of devices and user information are never provided to our department without a user's express permission.

Our Department can request information from users within our jurisdiction (Ring sends the official request to users). We will always reference a relevant case number in order to make a request within a specific, limited time range and area. Ring will then ask a specific group of users in that area if they are willing to share any relevant footage. It's then up to the user to share their video file(s) or decline the request. Users can also opt out of all future requests by our department. Again, Ring will not release users information without a user's express permission.

Visit: [Ring.com](https://ring.com) ([LINK](#)) for more information

Crime Prevention Tip: "See Something, Say Something™" is a national campaign by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security that raises public awareness on suspicious activities, behaviors or situations that may suggest suspicious or criminal behavior. To learn more about the 'See Something, Say Something' campaign, visit: [Department of Homeland Security's website](#) ([LINK](#))

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CRIMEMAPPING.COM Helping You Build a Safer Community

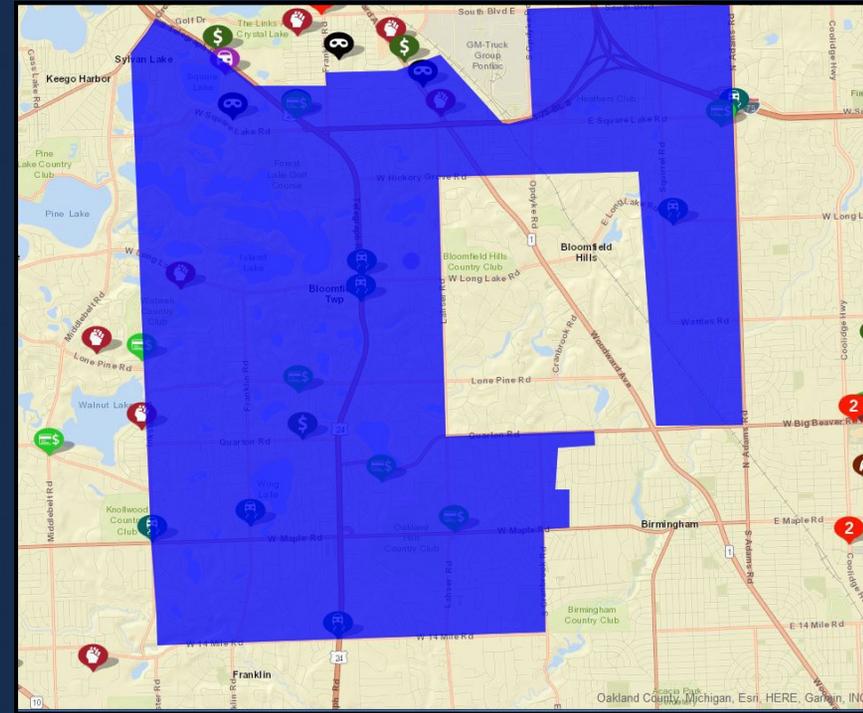
Crime stats are at your fingertips with [CRIMEMAPPING.COM](http://www.crimemapping.com)! See what's happening in our community and those around us, and the crimes you may not hear about in the media. Bloomfield Township Police Department subscribes to Crimemapping.com and the data is updated regularly.

How to get started:

- Visit www.crimemapping.com or click [HERE](#)
- Enter your address on the left or chose the State and Police Agency you would like to search
- Then click "GO"
- That's it!

Crimemapping.com provides you with crime types, times, and general locations, as well as a report number. If you would like more information about the crime, you can use that report number and submit a Freedom of Information Act request to get a copy of the report.

*The statistics are not real time and there may be a delay between an event and the time it appears on the website.



Crime Prevention Tip: Phone scams are increasing in frequency and becoming more elaborate. Many of these scams demand payments over the phone or for the person to remand payment via gift cards. Be aware, **NO** legitimate business or government agency will accept gift cards as a form of payment. If you receive one of these calls, **HANG UP!**



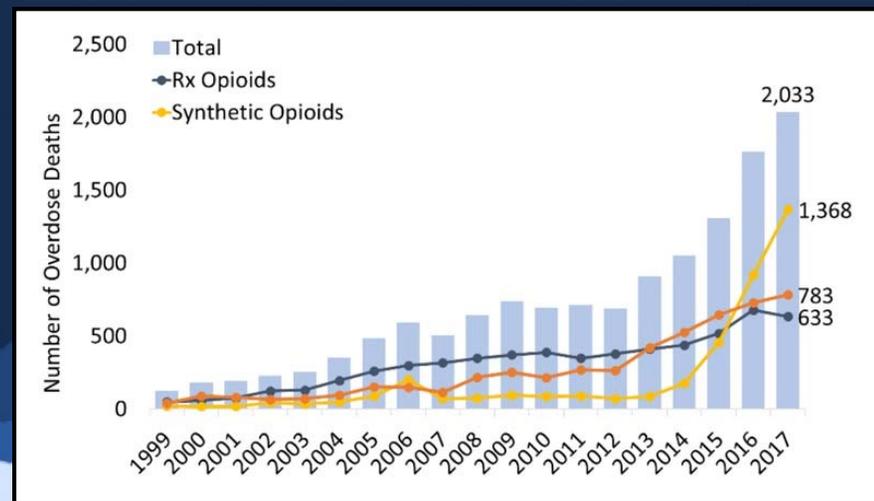
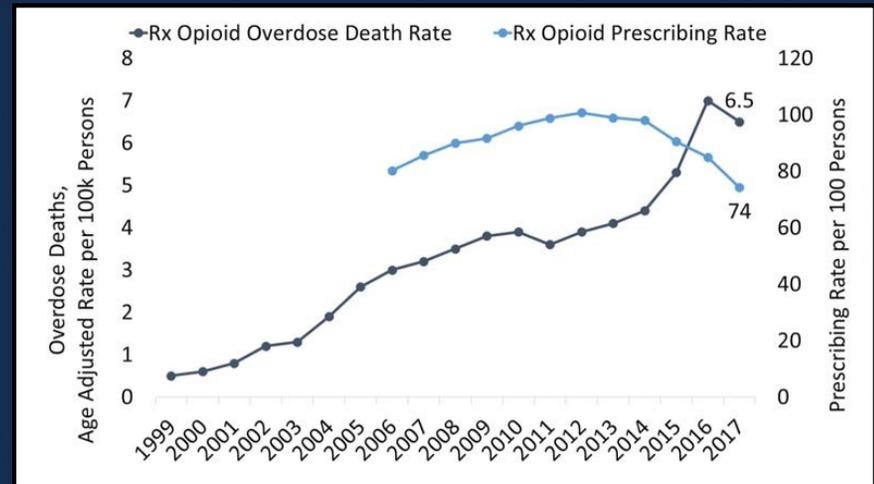
COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



The nation is in the midst of an epidemic. The National Institute on Drug Abuse reported more than 2,000 people died from opioid-related overdose in Michigan in 2018. While the 2019 statistics have not yet been released, there is no reason to believe this trend will abate anytime soon.

A rise in prescription drug abuse and overdose deaths during recent years makes Operation Medicine Cabinet a necessary part of prevention. By raising awareness about the use, storage and safe disposal of all medication, Operation Medicine Cabinet is working to keep harmful drugs from falling into the wrong hands. Operation Medicine Cabinet provides an environmentally responsible means to dispose of prescription medications.

In our commitment to fighting this public health emergency, Bloomfield Township Police is continuing our partnership in Operation Medicine Cabinet. The public may drop off unused / un-needed prescription drugs at the front desk of the police department 24/7, no questions asked. If you would like to find another drop off location, visit Oakgov.com or click [HERE](#).



*Data collected from the CDC and CDC WONDER

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



Citizens' Academy

The Bloomfield Township Police Department hosted an eight week Citizens' Academy packed with classroom demonstrations, guest speakers, scenario based exercises and hands-on experiences. The purpose of

the Academy is to provide residents with an inside look at police work and how the Bloomfield Township Police Department functions. By offering this experience, we hope to provide our residents with a better understanding of law enforcement's role in our community.

The Bloomfield Township Police Department is highly committed to the community we serve and to proactive problem-solving. The community members who attended the Citizens' Academy gained a better understanding of the operations of our department while our department learns the issues and concerns of our community. The Citizens' Academy creates a stronger police-community relations and we are proud to provide this program to our residents.



"Thank you very much for all the time put to organize this course. It gets the police and community closer"

"We have a dedicated and caring force in Bloomfield Township. Thank you!"

"I applaud the department, and the team, for sponsoring and presenting this academy"

-2019 Citizen Academy Attendees

TRAINING CADRE



Sgt. John Weise

The primary function of the Bloomfield Township Police Department Training unit is to ensure our officers provide the highest level of service to their residents. The training unit functions to improve the professional development of our employees and provide them with the skills to achieve their highest opportunity for success. By using quarterly in-house classes, we sharpen our officers existing skills by exposing them to the most current and comprehensive instruction in both physical and mental techniques. Our training includes basic life-saving skills to more advanced techniques such as verbal skills, firearms, and active shooter responses. Teaching officers specific skills and making them comfortable with their applications helps to ensure a successful outcome when faced with a high stress event. This assures the needs of the department and the communities are met at the highest levels, while also increasing the job knowledge and skills of our officers.



Training is a life-long process for police officers, starting at the police academy, continuing through the FTO program, then continuously throughout their career. For Bloomfield Township police officers, tack on the requirement of a 4-year college degree, and you'll understand our commitment to training and education.

DISPATCH



**Meg Fouss,
Dispatch Supervisor**

The Bloomfield Township Police Department's 911 Communication Center, also known as a Public Safety Access Point (PSAP), processes incoming emergency and non-emergency calls-for-service and dispatches Police, Fire, and EMS.

The Communications Center is equipped with the latest advances in emergency telecommunications technology. These systems include an Enhanced 9-1-1 System that allows the location and phone number of the calling party to be displayed on a computer screen which interfaces with a Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) workstation. Dispatch workstations are equipped with an extensive mapping system that provides the ability to plot the location of calls, view emergency personnel using automated vehicle location utility and provide navigation capabilities.



The 9-1-1 Communications Center is staffed 24 hours a day and consists of 11 Dispatchers and 1 Dispatch Supervisor. All communications personnel receive extensive training in a multitude of areas related to emergency and non-emergency situations.

Dispatchers, also known as Telecommunicators, monitor various radio channels, including State Police, County Sheriff, Multi-Jurisdictional Police agencies, as well as area Fire Departments. They also monitor Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN), National Crime Information Communications (NCIC), and many other digital networks for emergency and law enforcement bulletins. Important information from these networks are collected and shared department wide.

In 2019, our Dispatch Center dispatched 33,690 calls-for-service and answered over 100,000 phone calls.

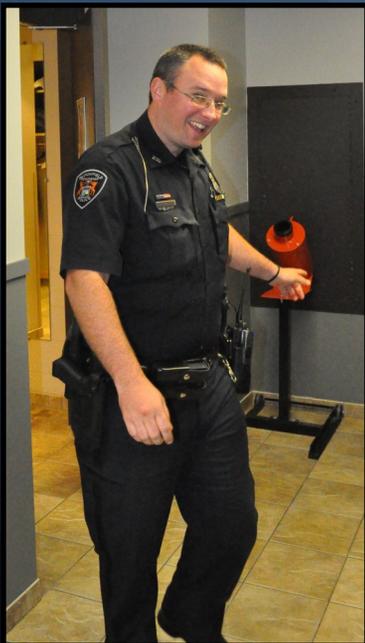
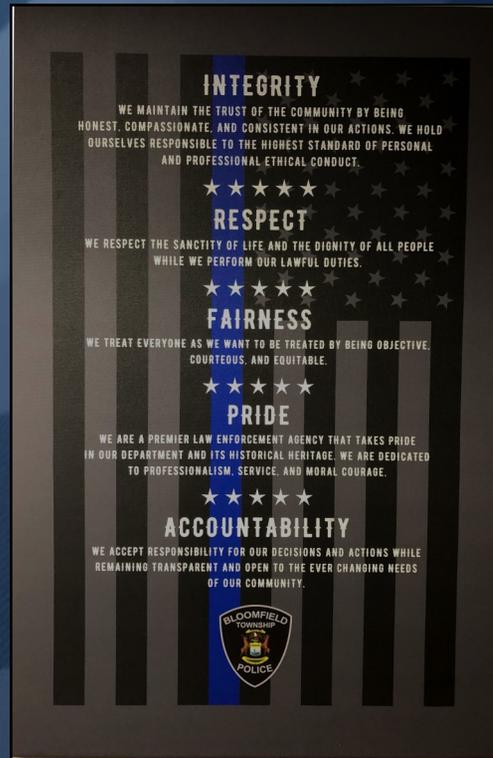


“Why so many questions?”: When calling for police or fire assistance, dispatchers try to get as much information as possible for the responding units so they can take action upon arrival. It is important to remember that while dispatchers are asking questions, the police or fire department are already on the way.

PATROL DIVISION



The most visible and important function of a police department is patrol. When someone calls, they expect professional police response in a timely manner. Patrol is the largest division in the department, consisting of 40 uniformed officers, 8 supervisors, and two K-9 teams. Patrol personnel are organized into four platoons, providing around-the-clock police service. While the men and women of the Patrol Division do a great job, they continuously strive to improve the delivery of services to the community.



When should you call 911 vs. when should you call the Non-Emergency number
In an emergency situation, dialing 9-1-1 is **always** the best response. While driving and you see something requiring police response, 9-1-1 is an easier way to report it, minimizing distraction. However, the 9-1-1 system transfers your call to the "closest" police station not always the correct police station. Know your location and tell the call taker where you are and they will get you in contact with the correct police department. Also remember, dialing our non-emergency number (248.433.7755) whenever possible will keep our limited number of 9-1-1 lines available for other emergency calls.



PATROL DIVISION



SERVICE ORIENTED POLICING



Service Oriented Policing is an integration of a police agency with its community. Through an interactive partnership with the community, a greater percentage of crimes can be solved, and the public safety concerns of the residents can be addressed. But, there's more to this.

The goal is to work with our community to prevent crimes from occurring in the first place; working proactively to keep our community safer. Toward this end, we meet regularly with neighborhood associations, business owners, and houses of worship concerning crime prevention and safety protocols. Frequently, we post crime prevention tips on social media outlets and encourage our community members to speak up when something suspicious occurs.

The Police Department offers a number of community-care taking services, such as:

- **Vacation House Checks**: When a resident leaves their home for an extended period of time, they are encouraged to contact us, providing their dates of departure and return, and emergency contact information. In addition, we will check your home on a regular basis while you're away.
- **Vehicle Lockouts**: It's frustrating and we've all done it. The Bloomfield Township Police Department still assists motorists who've found themselves in this situation. If you find yourself locked out of your vehicle, call us at 248-433-7755 for assistance.
- **School Security Checks**: It's not unusual to find our officers doing a walk through the schools in Bloomfield Township. It's part of our commitment to a safer community, but it also allows our youth to interact with police officers in a positive context.

Service Oriented Police Calls

Vehicle Lock outs	366
House Security Checks	2,099
School Security Checks	414
Citizen Assists	575

As a full service police department, we take great pride in responding to the needs of our community. We enforce traffic law and ordinances, investigate a wide variety of crimes, and provide for the public order. We also offer services such as vacation home checks and vehicle lockouts.

COURT OFFICER



The Court Officer is responsible for the safe transportation of prisoners to and from the Police Department, various jail facilities and the 48th District Court. Throughout the day the Court Officer also travels to other police agencies to pick up individuals arrested on outstanding warrants from Bloomfield Township.

The Court Officer manages the storage and release of all prisoner property. As the department's "Livescans" administrator, they verify that the fingerprinting and processing equipment are working properly and coordinate with county databases for updates and training.

Officer Jenn Overby,
Court Officer

The Court Officer works with the Bloomfield Township prosecutor, State Law prosecutor, and the 48th District Court as Police Department's liaison, delivering subpoenas, reports, and videos.

Another function of the court officer is to obtain traffic warrants from the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office, such as Operating While Impaired, Driving on Suspended License, and Flee and Elude charges. Once arrest warrants are issued from the Prosecutor's Office, they swear to the warrant at the court. After the warrant is issued by the Judge/Magistrate, the Court Officer contacts the individual named in the warrant (or their attorney) and explain the charges as well as assist them with making arrangements to appear in court.

Court Officer Activities

Warrants Sworn To	80
Prisoners Transported	360



Crime Prevention Tip: "I'm in jail and need bond money". This is an all too often phone scam. Someone will call pretending to be a family member in trouble with the law, and need financial assistance to get out of trouble. If you receive one of these calls, HANG UP. These scams are prevalent and once you fall victim to them, you will receive more and more calls from these con-artists trying to get more of your money. For more information about common phone scams visit the Federal Trade Commission's website. www.FTC.gov (LINK)

EVIDENCE TECHNICIAN

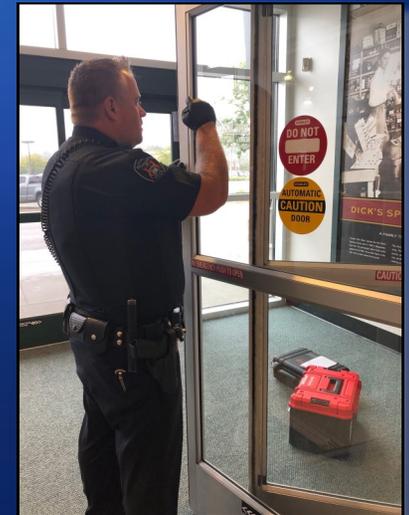


Officer Ed Nolan
Evidence Technician

The Bloomfield Township Police Department maintains an Evidence Technician Unit which is comprised of 12 patrol officers. The purpose of this unit is to identify, preserve, collect, and process physical evidence from crime scenes and serious traffic crashes. Evidence Technicians are required to successfully complete a Michigan Commission On Law Enforcement Standards (M.C.O.L.E.S.) training course prior to being assigned to this unit.

Evidence Technicians received advanced training in the following topics and are required to complete refresher courses to learn new techniques.

- Digital Photography in all lighting and weather conditions
- Field Measurement and scene sketching/reconstruction
- Latent Fingerprint dusting, collection, and processing
- Footwear, tire tread, and tool mark impressions
- DNA and bodily fluid collection
- Ballistic Trajectory and collection of bullets and shell casings
- Trace Evidence (cloth fibers, hair, paint chips, and other microscopic items)
- Evidence packaging and storage
- Court Testimony
- Our Evidence Technicians work in conjunction with the Oakland County Sheriff's Office laboratory



K-9 UNIT



Officer Angela Carlson,
K9 Officer

Bloomfield Township has two patrol canine teams. Officer Carlson and K9 Kody have been working as a team for six years. Officer Follman and K9 Max have been working as a team for four years. Both canines are trained in the areas of narcotic detection, tracking, area search, building search, article search, obedience, and aggression control. The majority of the calls handled by the canine teams are narcotic and tracking related. The canines are able to track suspects, lost children, suicidal subjects, and dementia patients. The units not only assist Bloomfield Township officers, but are called to assist area departments.

Being a canine handler is one of the most sought after positions within law enforcement. A significant amount of time is taken to train the canines and keep them prepared for any incident they may encounter. Both K9 Kody and K9 Max had minimal training when they were chosen by their handlers. Officer Carlson and Officer Follman both attended a K9 Academy, consisting of several weeks of training specifically with their dogs. After graduation the teams continue their work with weekly maintenance training along with a yearly week long seminar in Alpena. The handlers also spend many of their own hours working with their canines.

Police canines provide a service no other tool can provide. They are loyal not only to their handlers, but to the community they serve. Just as our human officers work diligently to keep our community safe, so do K9 Kody and K9 Max.

2019 K-9 Activity		
Activity	Kody / Ofc. Carlson	Max / Ofc. Follman
Drug Searches within Bloomfield Twp.	9	23
Drug Searches outside Bloomfield Twp.	3	2
Utility calls within Bloomfield Twp.	23	17
Utility calls outside Bloomfield Twp.	18	7
Demonstrations	12	17



K-9 Max



K-9 Kody

FIELD TRAINING OFFICER (FTO)



Training a newly-hired police officer is the responsibility of the **Field Training Officer (FTO) Program**. The FTO Program consists of 12 highly trained officers that are specifically chosen to train and prepare new officers for solo patrol. The FTO is dedicated to mentoring and developing our new officers, laying the foundation for the rest of their career.

After successfully graduating from a state certified Police Academy, a recruit officer's first two weeks of employment consist of in-house training. This includes firearms, report writing, radio communications, policies and procedures, defensive tactics, and much more. At the conclusion, they receive their badge and are sworn in by the Township Clerk. They are then assigned to a Primary FTO who will begin a rigorous and comprehensive 16-week field training program.

The FTO program consists of four phases of training. Each phase is approximately four weeks long. The new officer will be required to work different shifts under the guidance of several FTO's. Throughout the FTO program, the new officer will be tested frequently to assure mastery of core concepts.



Field Training Officer Smyly and Officer Dan Pagel



Sgt. Matejczik qualifying Officer Pagel at the range

DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERTS

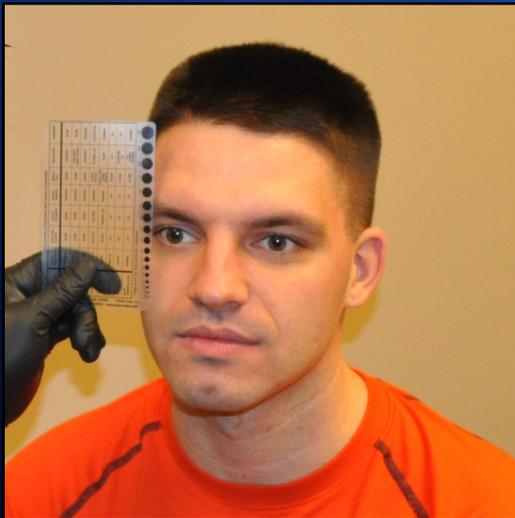


Drug Recognition Experts (DREs) are officers who have successfully completed the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)/International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) approved Drug Evaluation and Classification Training Program. This program's training last several weeks and includes class work and practical assessments.

A DRE, amongst other things, is qualified to conduct a standard and systematic evaluation of an individual to determine: if the subject exhibits signs of intoxication; if those signs are caused by drug(s) or by some other issue, such as illness or injury, and; the broad category or categories of drug(s) which are likely to have caused such intoxication. The DRE process is validated by both scientific studies and case law.

The DRE program began in the 1980's and has since been adopted by every state in the country. Currently, there are approximately 140 DREs throughout the state of Michigan. The Bloomfield Township Police Department has two certified DREs in good standing.

Officer Nicholas Soley,
Drug Recognition Expert



Crime Prevention Tip: Your phone rings, a person claiming to be from Microsoft tells you that your computer is infected with a virus. The caller tells you to log onto a website to begin the repair. Once you have, your computer is infected with a real virus, or the scammer (that's right, it's *not* Microsoft calling!) takes over control of your computer, locking it up and the data on it. They hold your computer hostage (and the data on it), demanding several hundred dollars via iTunes gift card, or Pre-Paid Gift Card. You send them the money, and they'll unlock your computer...or, not. If you get one of these calls, just hang up. They almost always originate overseas, so once you send the money, it's gone.

Bloomfield Village Police Department



Sgt. Roger Hurd
Bloomfield Village PD

The Bloomfield Village Police Department substation is located at 3595 Bradway Blvd., in Bloomfield Village. Offices may be contacted by telephoning Central Dispatch/Communications at 248-433-7755.

The Bloomfield Village Police Department is funded through a special assessment on Bloomfield Village residents. Village police officers are sworn law enforcement officers under authority of Bloomfield Township Police Department.

The Bloomfield Village Police Department is a directed patrol unit of the Bloomfield Township Police Department. The Bloomfield Village Association contracts with Bloomfield Township Police to hire experienced Police Officers. These officers are then assigned to the Bloomfield Village neighborhood.

Bloomfield Village Officers are there to maintain an increased police presence in the Bloomfield Village area. Bloomfield Township officers also patrol Bloomfield Village with Village Officers.

Bloomfield Village P.D.			
Description	2017	2018	2019
Property Damage Traffic Crash	116	105	105
Personal Injury Traffic Crash	16	17	23
Alarm	296	264	233
Arrest	12	7	22
Assist Citizen	242	202	125
Medical Emergency	65	84	72
Attempt Home Invasion	1	0	0
Home Invasion	0	2	2
House Check	4,627	3,906	4,591
Larceny/Theft/Fraud	42	26	8
Identity Theft		12*	6
Miscellaneous	167	218	282
Malicious Destruction of Property	7	1	1
Lost/Found Property	3	2	1
School Checks	149	69	91
Suspicious Circumstance	66	83	66
Suspicious Person	38	48	35
Suspicious Vehicle	64	64	35
Traffic Violation	275	291	313
Traffic Warning	278	228	265
* This was a new separate category in 2018			

INVESTIGATIONS



The mission of the Investigations Division is to identify, target, arrest and successfully prosecute individuals involved in criminal activity as well as recover stolen property. The Investigations Division is managed by a lieutenant who oversees the investigations, assigns cases and handles day-to-day operations. There are four Detectives in the Investigations Division as well as two school related positions, School Liaison Officer (SLO) and the School Security Officer (SSO).

The Detectives establish and maintain liaisons with other law enforcement agencies, State and District Attorney's Offices as well as the local State and District courts. The Detectives participate in all forms of investigative activities including: conducting surveillance, obtaining and serving arrest warrants and search warrants, and probation and parole searches. Detectives also monitor and verify compliance with registered sex offenders.

Lt. Paul Schwab, Investigations Lieutenant

Detectives are carefully selected for the Investigations Division based on experience, work ethic and the ability to conduct in-depth criminal investigations. They investigate complex and demanding cases, which could take months, sometimes years, to fully investigate. Our Detectives develop an advanced level of expertise by attending specialized training and working complex cases with colleagues at the local, state, and federal levels.

Some notable cases from 2019 include:

- Officers responded to an alarm at a veterinary clinic and discovered a shattered glass door and cash missing from the offices. Evidence technicians processed the scene and collected evidence. Detectives reviewed video surveillance footage as well as examined physical evidence from the scene. With the assistance of Law Enforcement databases and informational outlets, Detectives were able to identify and arrest the individual that broke into the clinic and stole the money.
- An employee at a residential complex was attacked and had his tablet stolen. After conducting multiple interviews and reviewing physical evidence from the scene, Detectives were able to identify and arrest the attacker and recover the stolen tablet.
- Officers responded to reports of multiple unlocked vehicles broken into during the night. Officers and Detectives conducted numerous interviews and collected physical evidence from the scenes. Through the use of a tremendous amount of Law Enforcement databases as well as assistance from other law enforcement agencies, Detectives were able to identify and arrest two suspects that were responsible for the thefts.

RECORDS BUREAU



**Renee Vance,
Records Clerk**

The Records Division handles much more than just reports. In addition to processing Freedom of Information Act (F.O.I.A.) requests, the Records Division has several other responsibilities.

In 2019, the Records Division has become a satellite office for the Oakland County Animal Shelter for the issuance of dog licenses. Our Records Division acts on behalf of Oakland County and adheres to their regulations and fees.

The Records Division also works closely with the Detective Bureau to ensure registered sex offenders are in compliance with the MI Sex Offender Registry. As of this report, there are 13 registrants within Bloomfield Township.

This Division is also responsible for Bloomfield Township's Residential Alarm records. This includes registering new alarm systems and issuing warnings and fines for false alarms. The first two false alarms in a calendar year are free of charge. The third and subsequent false alarms are \$50.00 each. Every time there is a call to a false alarm two officers are dispatched to the address. Those officers are not unable to answer other calls for service, enforce traffic laws or conduct proactive patrol activities. Errors aside, we understand power failures or storms can cause false alarms and be out of your control.

Amongst all those duties, they also issue and record handgun registrations. In 2019, our department registered over 900 handguns to residents. Due to recent changes in firearm sales laws, The township only has to issue a purchase permit for an individual firearms sales. If a weapon is being purchased from an Federal Firearms Licensed (FFL) dealer, the seller can handle all the paperwork at the point of sale.



Adult Fingerprinting: The Police Department will ink fingerprint people for non-criminal purposes such as employment, adoption, licensing, securities, etc. The cost is \$10.00 for up to two fingerprint cards and \$5.00 for each additional card. The Police Department does not Livescans electronic fingerprints for any non-criminal purpose.

EVIDENCE / PROPERTY



**Shawn Gardner,
Property Clerk**

The Evidence/Property Division receives, catalogs, safely stores, and maintains the integrity of evidence, found items and property for safekeeping.

The Evidence/Property Clerk is required to follow state and federal statutes and strives to be in compliance with Michigan and National law enforcement practices in the evidence/property guidelines. Due to frequent changes in the laws, policies and procedures are updated in these practices frequently. It is the responsibility of the Evidence/Property Clerk to stay current on evolving trends in legal processes involving evidence and property.

The Evidence/Property Clerk is relied on by the Police Department to maintain security and control of all items taken into the department for storage, and safekeeping, as well as the release and disposal of all property. It is the responsibility of the clerk to ensure evidence items are properly tracked and monitored for court exhibits, discovery and laboratory examination.

There are thousands of pieces of evidence and property; hundreds of items are sent to be auctioned or properly disposed of each year. The clerk has constant checks and balances including audits, inventories and random spot checks; which are performed throughout the year to assure all policies and practices are being followed.



Prepare your home for emergencies: It doesn't take much of a storm to knock out the power for days on end, leaving us all sitting in the dark, either in sweltering heat or pipe-bursting cold. So, what do you do to prepare? Food, water, and flashlights are a great start. Consider keeping some cash in your house; a large-scale power failure or Internet outage might make paying with a credit / debit card impossible at the corner store. What about your prescription medications? Do you have enough to last for a week or two? And, what about your pet's needs? These are all questions that you need to address before the power goes out.

For more ideas, go to the [Department of Homeland Security \(LINK\)](#)

SCHOOL SECURITY OFFICER



**Officer Cory Donberger,
School Security Officer**

The School Security Officer has a unique role within two organizations. Officer Donberger is a fully sworn police officer with the Bloomfield Township Police Department and the District Security Officer assigned to Bloomfield Hills Schools. The majority of his time is spent working directly with students, staff, administrators, and central office with safety and security issues and planning district wide. Officer Donberger's role is to support the district by developing and implementing security protocols at both the district and building level. He regularly evaluates the protocols for effectiveness, based on the current best practices. He supports the regular monitoring of medical equipment (such as the AEDs and EpiPens) and technology support (such as E-911 and the BluePoint system). Officer Donberger also trains staff and students in active shooter response and other types of emergencies.



Officer Donberger regularly attends training classes and conferences that focus on school safety and security.

The district initially sought the partnership with Bloomfield Township Police Department in 2013, and has continued the relationship annually. At that time, Bloomfield Hills Schools expressed an interest in creating a position to focus mainly on district/school safety, recognizing that they were experts in handling emergencies and overall safety and security issues.

Over many years, the Bloomfield Township Police Department and Bloomfield Hills Schools have worked collaboratively in all things that benefit our greatest joy, our children



School Security Officer		
	2018	2019
Criminal Sexual Conduct	1	1
Robbery	1	1
Assault	5	3
Home Invasion	0	2
Larceny/Retail Fraud	5	2
Malicious Destruction of Prop-	4	2
Drug Offense	0	1
Alcohol Violation	0	0
Juvenile (Status*) Offense	5	6
Misc. / All Other Violations	31	52
Total:	52	70



What is BluePoint? It is for law enforcement what the fire alarms are for the fire department, summoning the police in an emergency. Learn more about it by clicking [HERE \(LINK\)](#).

SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER



The working relationship between law enforcement and schools/educators is very important, and one in which the Bloomfield Township Police Department values. The School Liaison Officer (SLO) works in close association with all the schools within Bloomfield Township, both public and private, to ensure a safe learning environment for our students. In partnership with community organizations such as Bloomfield Youth Assistance (BYA) and the Birmingham Bloomfield Community Coalition (BBCC) the SLO takes a proactive approach to educate our community on the risks of substance abuse, internet & social media safety, and mental health awareness. Our parents, students, and school staff can count on the SLO as a resource and someone who will be there to help in any way they can.

Ofc. Dave VanKerckhove,
School Liaison Officer



School Liaison Investigations Activity		
	2018	2019
Criminal Sexual Conduct	2	2
Robbery	0	0
Assault	4	11
Home Invasion	0	0
Larceny/Retail Fraud	12	11
Malicious Destruction of Property	2	4
Drug Offense	8	3
Alcohol Violation	7	7
Juvenile (Status*) Offense	4	5
Misc. / All Other Violations	31	39
Total:	70	82

The School Liaison Officer (SLO) specializes in investigating crimes committed by juveniles, the same kinds of crimes for which adults can be arrested and charged. However, because of their age, the legal process for juveniles may differ significantly, requiring school officers to have a different knowledge base.



* "Status "offenses are incidents that are only illegal or police related due to the juveniles age. If the subject were an adult, the incident would not be illegal (i.e. curfew violations, truancy, etc.)

SPECIALIZED UNITS



The Major Case Assistance Team (M.C.A.T.) is a partnership between the Bloomfield Township, Auburn Hills, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Rochester, Clawson, Rochester Hills (OCSO) and the Troy Police Departments. M.C.A.T. was formed to share experienced investigators from each department for the purpose of investigating complex or high-profile cases that occur within these jurisdictions.

The first few hours after a homicide, robbery, or other serious crime, can be crucial to identifying the suspect and bringing them to justice. M.C.A.T. brings as much expertise to bear as possible in those early hours. All of the investigators assigned to M.C.A.T. bring a specialized skill to the team. These include but are not limited to homicide, arson, and sexual assault.

While justice for the victim, suspect identification, and prosecution are the ultimate goal of an M.C.A.T. investigation, the added benefit of belonging to M.C.A.T is that no agency will be overwhelmed in responding to a serious crime.



SPECIALIZED UNITS



The **Troy Special Investigations Unit (SIU)** is a task force of police officers from Bloomfield Township, Troy, Auburn Hills, Royal Oak, and Birmingham. The SIU focuses on crimes committed within these communities and working closely with detectives from each department identifying suspects and assisting in solving cases. Troy SIU is a covert, alternative approach to criminal investigations and apprehension.

Primary targets are often professional criminals, habitual offenders, and those involved in organized crime.

The SIU works closely with investigators from participating agencies, as well as other task forces, including Major Case Assistance Team (M.C.A.T.), South Oakland Narcotics Investigation Consortium (S.O.N.I.C.), the FBI Organized Gang and Violent Crimes Task Force, Western Wayne Investigations Group, Narcotics Enforcement Team (N.E.T.), C.A.T., H.S.I., and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (D.E.A.).

Special Investigation Unit			
	Surveillance	Arrests	Search Warrants
January	7	6	2
February	5	9	1
March	5	4	1
April	8	8	3
May	6	7	2
June	9	9	4
July	8	4	3
August	9	15	2
September	5	10	0
October	9	4	3
November	5	5	2
December	3	3	2
Total:	79	84	25

Types of cases investigated by Troy SIU include:

Unlawful Discharge of a Firearm	Larceny in a Building	Retail Frauds	Receive and Conceal stolen items	Stolen Vehicles
Home Invasions	Indecent Exposure	Bomb Threats	Larceny by Conversions	Larceny from Autos
Parole Violations	Prescription Fraud	Narcotics	Felonious Assaults	Parole Violations
Terroristic Threats	Breaking and Entering	Armed Robbery	Bank Robbery	Homicide
Mail Theft	Sex Offender Registry Violations			

SPECIALIZED UNITS



Recognizing the complex nature of traffic crash investigations, the Bloomfield Township Police Department joined forces with the Auburn Hills, Clawson, Troy, and Birmingham Police Departments, as well as the Bloomfield Hills Department of Public Safety. Together, they form the **South Oakland County Crash Investigations Team (S.O.C.C.I.T.)**. Experienced traffic investigators from each agency respond and collaborate on major crashes in the member cities, crashes that cause serious injury or death.

A serious vehicle accident can easily overwhelm a police department. However, almost on a moment's notice, S.O.C.C.I.T. can bring several area crash investigation experts to one scene, freeing up those agencies to continue the service to their community. This cooperation reduces department overtime expenditures, as well as the time officers spend on scene.



Click on the 'play' button to the left to watch a movie produced by M.E.E.M.I.C. and featuring the S.O.C.C.I.T. It concerns driving safety.

SPECIALIZED UNITS



Since 2001, the Oakland County Sheriff's Office has led the Oakland County Narcotics Enforcement Team (N.E.T.) with a highly cooperative working relationship with several federal and local police departments. This year, the N.E.T. unit worked closely with the Drug Enforcement Agency (D.E.A.) to successfully disrupt and dismantle drug trafficking organizations. Listed below is the chart showing that N.E.T. seized approximately \$21,754,720.00 worth of illegal drugs throughout Oakland County. Oakland County continued to follow the national drug threat trend with fentanyl, heroin, and prescription drugs being the top three drug threats. In 2019, N.E.T. continues to view heroin/fentanyl as a major threat in Oakland County. These drug threats appear to mirror the drug trends throughout southeast Michigan.



N.E.T. Drug Purchases/ Seizures		
	2018	2019
Grams of Heroin	742	3,097
Grams of Cocaine	5,526	6,333
Grams of Crack Cocaine	627	1,514
Pounds of Marijuana	2,091	27*
Grams of Marijuana (Edibles, Wax, Oil)	537,160	0*
Units of Ecstasy	57	1,254
Grams of Fentanyl	35	243
Units of L.S.D.	267	66
Grams of Meth	330	4,738
Units of Prescription Drugs	42,154	4,039
Units of Other Dangerous Drugs	610	349
Total Estimated Street Value	\$19,881,231.00	\$21,754,720.00

* with the legalization of marijuana, these cases have dropped dramatically

SPECIALIZED UNITS



The **Oakland County Gang and Violent Crimes Task Force (O.C.G.V.C.T.F.)** is an FBI unit comprised of federal agents and local police officers. The Bloomfield Township Police Department has had an officer assigned to the task force for approximately ten years. The task force investigates federal crimes that occur in, or originate from, Oakland County. Some of these crimes include drug and firearms trafficking, bank and other armed robberies, conspiracy, and harboring fugitives. The task force assists local agencies' investigations, especially those involving missing / abducted children.

Task force officers learn how to gather information and build cases. In the course of their investigations, task force agents / officers may prepare various types of warrants, conduct surveillance, make arrests, interview suspects and witnesses, and execute search warrants. Occasionally, property and money may be seized and forfeited, as allowed by law.

After completing their tour with the task force, our officers return to their patrol duties with experience and investigative insight that few in law enforcement will ever have. Further, they have discovered the enormous resources available to local law enforcement agencies like the Bloomfield Township Police Department, resources that can all be used to better serve and protect the community.

Task Force Activity

	2017	2018	2019
Arrests	41	32	26
Convictions	6	15	18
Disruptions	18	9	9
Title III	2	4	*
Indictments	46	15	33
Judicial Complaints	14	13	11
Search Warrants	134	109	119
Sentencings	11	20	20
Weapons Recovered	24	41	16

* Cases pending court proceedings are not counted until the case is adjudicated



Violent gangs are nothing new. What *is* new is the proactive way in which law enforcement deals with them. By taking the initiative, the police keep gangs on the defensive, less capable or willing to commit their crimes. [Click on the image to the left to learn more from the FBI.](#)

SPECIALIZED UNITS



Identity theft and fraud-related crimes are the fastest growing crimes in the United States. The primary reason is such crimes typically offer very high reward with very low risk. Given those conditions, even traditional gangs are becoming involved.

The common use of wireless communication, speed and anonymity of the internet, and the use of technology in general have made it very difficult to investigate such crimes. The fact that such crimes often cross state lines creates additional difficulties, both from a local resource and prosecution perspective.

In February 2018 the Bloomfield Township Police Department addressed the need to investigate such crimes by assigning one full time detective to the FBI's Detroit Metropolitan Identity Theft & Financial Crimes Task Force (D.M.I.F.T.) based in Oakland County. The task force consists of law enforcement personnel from the FBI, Auburn Hills, Birmingham, Michigan State Police, and other Detroit area and Federal agencies.

One of the recent task forces cases began when a "routine" Bloomfield Township investigation into a resident's unauthorized credit card charges led to the identification of a criminally run cell phone store in the Metro Detroit area. The cell phone store would purchase new cell phones from persons who used fraudulently-obtained credit. The resulting FBI task force investigation determined millions of dollars in cell phones were being shipped between states and ultimately overseas. The initial task force investigation resulted in the arrest of two Metro Detroit area residents and the forfeiture of over \$700,000 in fraudulently obtained cash. Evidence gathered during the initial federal investigation then spawned an additional investigation which is on-going.

The theft of your mail may be just the start of your troubles! Just think of what a criminal can do with the critical information heading into and out of your mailbox. Credit cards can be opened in your name, bank accounts can be drained, and checks you send end up being diverted to someone else, other than the intended recipient. Click on the image to the left to learn how to secure your mail.



TIPS TO AVOID MAIL THEFT:

- COLLECT YOUR MAIL AS SOON AS IT IS DELIVERED
- PLACE MAIL IN HANDS OF LETTER CARRIER
- USE A POST OFFICE
- NOTIFY USPS ABOUT STICKY PRODUCT ON MAILBOX

SOURCE: USPS

STATISTICS

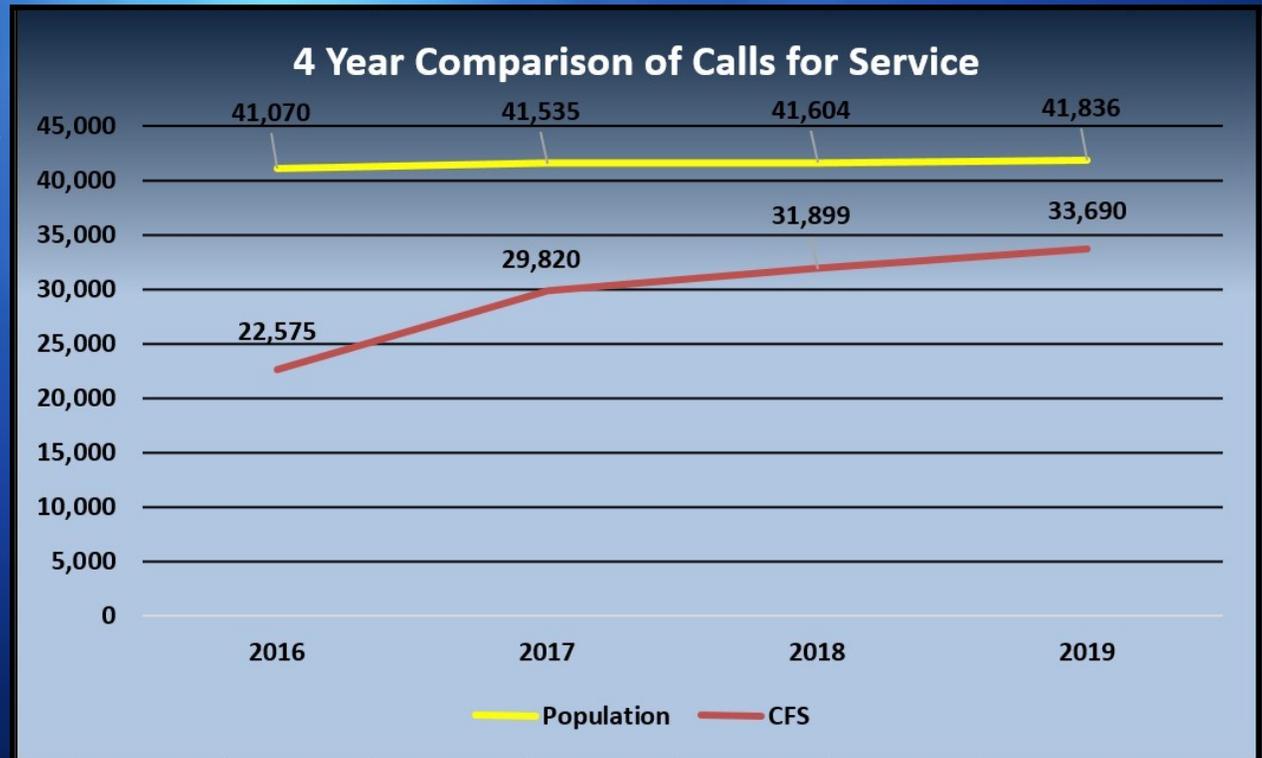


In 2019, the department handled 33,690 **Calls For Service (CFS)**. A CFS is a record of police service or activity. Examples include a phone call into dispatch requesting police assistance or a police officer affecting a traffic stop. Likewise, a CFS is created when an alarm company calls the department to report one of its alarms have tripped.

Each CFS for a year is given a sequential number. For example, the first CFS of 2019 was 1900001. When a CFS is generated, a dispatcher assigns an officer to respond and gather information regarding the complaint. Often times the CFS can be handled

immediately by the responding officer. Sometimes a CFS will need further investigation and a Detective will be assigned for follow-up.

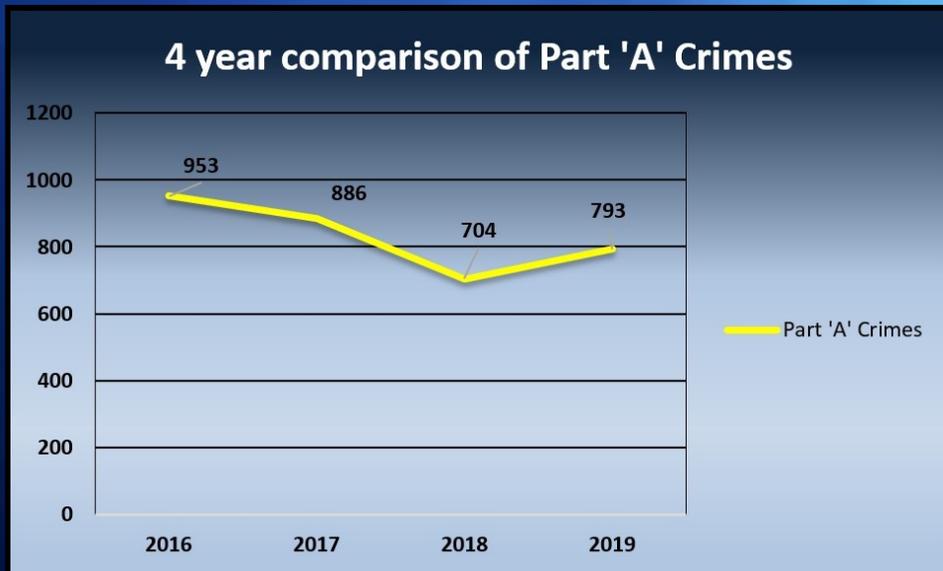
For example, an officer is dispatched to a Fraud complaint. The responding officer will conduct the initial investigation. The complaint will then be turned over to one of the department's trained Detectives for a review and thorough investigation.



PART 'A' CRIMES



Part 'A' Complaints are the most serious crimes. For example, sexual assault, robbery, murder, stalking, and larcenies of high-value items. Most of these crimes are felonies, a crime punishable by imprisonment for one or more years.



Part A Crimes			
Crime	2017	2018	2019
Criminal Sexual Conduct I&III	2	2	2
Criminal Sexual Conduct II&IV	2	2	3
Kidnapping	0	0	0
Robbery	1	2	1
Assaults	59	54	69
Aggravated Assault	10	12	6
Intimidation/Stalking	48	45	41
Burglary/Home Invasion	48	33	40
Larceny from a building	42	41	130
Larceny from Auto	62	51	58
Motor Vehicle Theft	23	8	17
Forgery/Counterfeiting	6	11	8
Fraud (Including Identity Theft)	394	220*	257
Embezzlement	17	11	12
Retail Fraud	71	73	92
Drug Violations	91	124	35
Weapons Violations	10	15	22
TOTAL	886	704	793

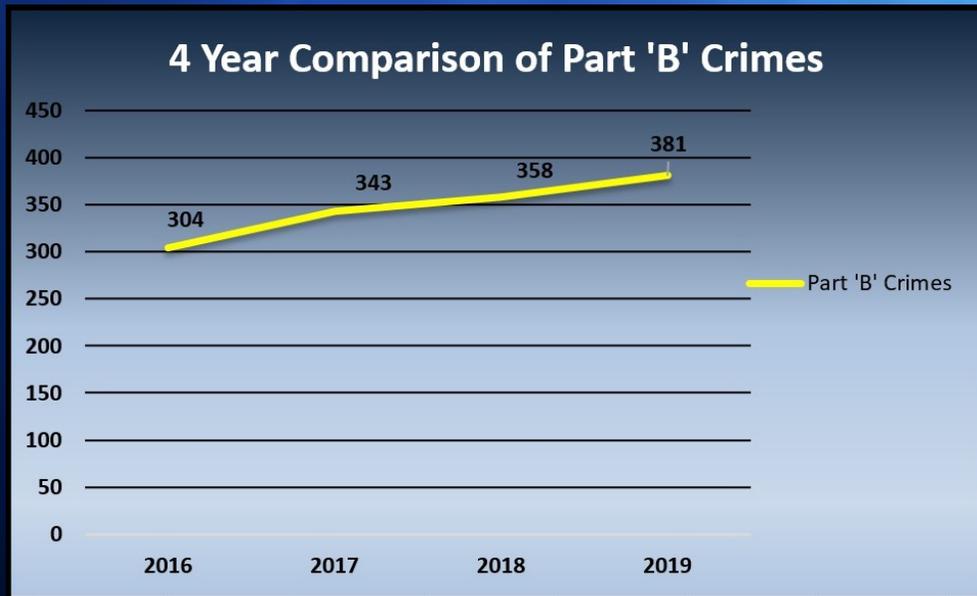
Vacation House Check Service: Planning on going away for a few days, maybe even the entire season? Let us know! The Bloomfield Township Police Department keeps an eye on the homes of our residents upon their request. To download the Vacation Notification Form, click [HERE](#) (LINK). Complete the fields, print it, then drop it off at the front desk of the police department. Have a safe trip!

*The drop in this category due to Identity Fraud crimes being counted as its own category

PART 'B' CRIMES



Part 'B' Complaints are typically misdemeanors that carry a penalty of less than one year in prison. These crimes range from minor thefts to driving related incidents such as Impaired Driving and Hit and Run crashes.



Part 'B' Crimes			
Crime Category	2017	2018	2019
Accident - Hit & Run	14	23	6
All Other Offenses	19	18	10
Tumultuous Conduct	1	0	11
Escape / Flight	0	1	0
Family Offense	2	4	3
Health and Safety	7	6	5
Liquor Law Violations	38	37	45
Missing Person / Runaway	1	3	7
Obstructing Justice	24	17	15
Obstructing Police	21	24	26
OVI Liquor / Drugs	189	207	242
Public Peace	15	4	5
Sex Offenses-Other	2	2	4
Trespassing / Violation of Privacy	9	12	2
Vagrancy	1	0	0
Total	343	358	381

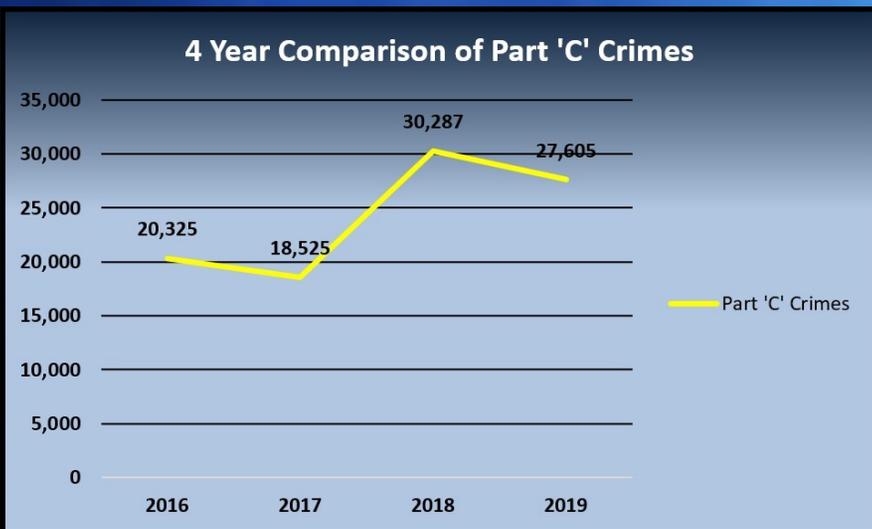
*Verified Offenses reported by Clemis.org for 2017, 2018, and 2019

What affects the crime rate? Criminologists have debated this topic for decades. Some say it's the economy, though others say there's no correlation. The rise of new technologies usher in crimes specific to them. For example, Internet crimes have skyrocketed since the access to the internet has broadened to nearly every store, business, and home. Crime prevention campaigns have had a positive effect on deterring crime, but it's impossible to numerically document these efforts. Many police officers believe the weather can also have an impact on crime deterrence. After all, very few criminals will spend hours outside looking to break into unlocked cars when the temperature is -5° F.

PART 'C' CRIMES



Part 'C' Complaints can be relatively minor misdemeanors, but are also very common Calls For Service (CFS). For instance, the Part C offense of "Crash" indicates that one of the drivers was issued a civil infraction citation (ticket) for the traffic crash.



Part 'C' Crimes			
Crime Category	2017	2018	2019
Alarm	3,602	3,326	3,108
Animal Complaints	975	671	1,021
Personal Injury Crashes (PI)	332	362	343
Property Damage Crashes (PD)	2,047	1,928	1,956
All Other Complaints	1,094	1,195	5,884*
Warrant Arrests	226	284	331
Driving While License Suspended	427	519	587
Medical Emergencies	863	1,288	869
All Other Part C Complaints **	8,969	20,714	14,861
Total	18,535	30,287	27,605

*The increase in this number was due to a new form of recording Vacation House Checks

** In 2018, Traffic Stops, Verbal Warnings and School Checks were added to Part C complaints



“NO! DON'T CLICK HERE!” Beware of unsolicited emails and even texts asking you to take some kind of action, like clicking on an enclosed link, opening an attachment, or giving any personal information. Do you *really* know what you're clicking on? Do you *really* know who sent this email? Do you *really* know what the attachment is and what it will do? If you can't answer these questions, don't click on anything! Just delete the email or text. Links and attachments are capable of infecting your computer with a number of viruses, viruses that will steal your information, lock up your computer or phone, or even destroy it. Remember, the best antivirus software can't always protect you from carelessness on the Internet!

STATISTICS



Use of Force Incidents

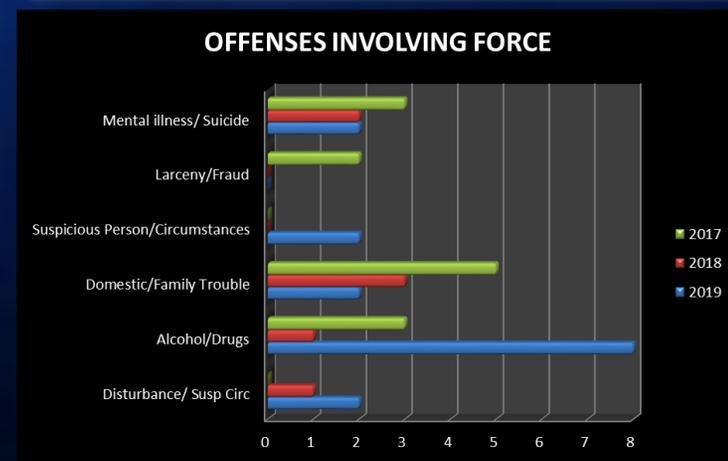
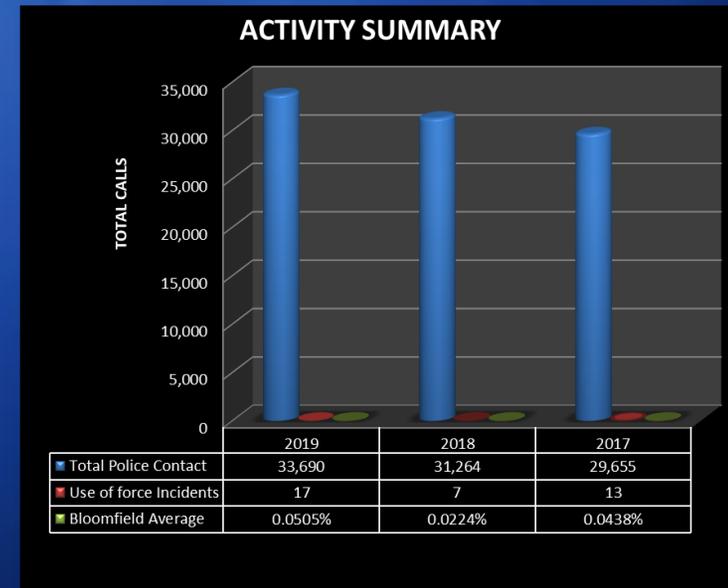
In 2019, seventeen (17) Use of Force incidents occurred from 33,690 CAD generated police incidents for a total of .051% incidents involving force. This does not include the thousands of interactions our officers have with the public that are not documented through official police reports. This is a .025% (10 incident) increase in the Use of Force incidents compared to 2018. The increased incidents are contributed to a more stringent documentation of force. In all seventeen (17) instances where force was used, all were justified and were within the Department's policies, procedures, and Michigan State Law.

There were no deadly force incidents to report. No intermediate weapons (TASER, Baton, or Pepper spray) were deployed. Joint locks were the primary control technique used by officers. One officer received a minor head injury. Two suspects received minor scrapes and cuts. Medical attention was provided for those suspects who received injuries. There were no excessive force complaints.

Based on the 2019 Use of Force data, officers will continue to train in tactical communication, de-escalation techniques and critical decision making skills.

Defensive Tactics instructors are certified in PPCT, LOCKUP, Gracie Survival Tactics, and Krav Maga. A combination of techniques are taught bi-annually to cover a variety of non-compliance behaviors.

Force on force training is used to train officers both mentally and physically for possible Use of Force incidents. Scenario based training is utilized to invoke critical decision making and verbal articulation to allow for tactical pauses when appropriate. When the decision of force is made, the force must be quick and decisive to minimize the risk of injury to the suspect and the officer.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS



This year, **Sergeant Matt Hill graduated from the School of Staff and Command**, a 400-hour problem-based learning (PBL) course conducted by Michigan State University's, Center for Police Executive Development. Its purpose is to develop the next generation of police command officers. Students are presented with problems facing law enforcement executives and asked to come up with real-life solutions. Students collaborate in small groups with an instructor/facilitator guiding and mentoring them. They learn to solve problems through in-depth discussion and critical thinking exercises with each scenario becoming increasingly more complex. Every student is asked to identify an issue facing their department, and design a workable solution that can be implemented upon their return.

The course includes on-site classroom instruction and distance learning. Distance learning requires students to commit 40 hours per week, being available between the hours of 8am and 5pm.



Sgt. Matt Hill receiving his diploma from Juli Liebler, PHD (Director of Outreach for the School of Criminal Justice at M.S.U.)



Third row, second from the right, Sergeant Matt Hill.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS



In 2019, we sent two Field Training Officers (FTO) to Michigan State University's **First Line Supervisors Course**. This 80-hour program provides the new police supervisor with the skills required to lead effectively. Like the School of Staff and Command, it is a blend of classroom and distance learning. The first 3 days are conducted in a retreat setting, followed the next week with 3 days of distance learning. In the third week, students attend 4 days of classroom work at the Eaton County Sheriff's Office in Charlotte, Michigan.

The format is Problem-Based Learning (PBL), the newest approach in law enforcement supervisory training. It requires students to resolve actual police supervisory scenarios using the policies and procedures, collective bargaining agreements, and employee assistance programs from their own departments. Through this process, many of the students have learned a great deal about their own departments.

Toward the end of the course, the instructors transition more into observers, watching their students collaborate and discover solutions on their own.



Officer Mike Buczek



Officer Tom Smyly

RETIREMENTS



CHIEF SCOTT MCCANHAM

Scott began his career with Bloomfield Township Police Department in August of 1988. Where he was assigned to Patrol Division. In 1997, Scott was assigned to be one of the department's School Liaison Officers (SLO). After completing this assignment, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 1999 and assigned to midnight road patrol as a shift supervisor. In 2001, Scott was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant where he was assigned to Road Patrol as well as the Investigations Division. In 2006, Scott was again promoted to the rank of Captain where he served as the Road Patrol Division supervisor. He also served as the Investigations Division supervisor before accepting the position of Chief of Police in 2017 with the retirement of Chief Geoff Gaudard. Scott served as the Chief of Police until his retirement date of June 13, 2019.

We wish Scott a very long and happy retirement and thank him for his many years of dedicated service to Bloomfield Township.



RETIREMENTS



Sgt. Mark Harshberger

Mark was hired by Bloomfield Township Police Department in 1994 and assigned to the Patrol Division. In 1997, Mark received the Police Heart Award for an injury he sustained in the line of duty. In 1998, Mark became one of the department's Field Training Officers (FTO) where he was tasked with the training and mentorship of new officers. In 2007, Mark became one of the department's Evidence Technicians, tasked with the processing, collection, and analysis of crime scenes and evidence. In 2008, Mark was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and was assigned to the midnight Patrol Division. Mark served as a Sergeant on both the Day shift and Night shift through this assignment. Mark retired on December 31, 2019. We wish Mark a very long and happy retirement, and thank him for his dedicated service to Bloomfield Township.

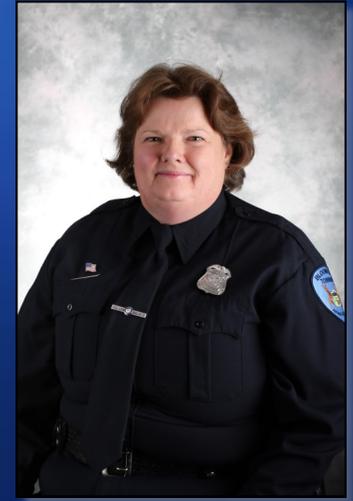


RETIREMENTS



A.W.O. LAURA JOYCE

Laura was hired in August of 2000 as one of the Bloomfield Township Animal Welfare Officers. Throughout her career, Laura showed an unparalleled passion for animals. She was a member of many different animal rescue organizations and assured that every animal she came into contact with was well cared for. Laura spent many of her days assisting residents with the care for and adaption of animals. Her knowledge of all different species of animals from wildlife to domestic pets was an extreme benefit to both residents and staff of Bloomfield Township. Laura retired on December 3, 2019. Her happy demeanor and passion for wildlife will be missed. We wish Laura a very long and happy retirement, and thank her for her service to Bloomfield Township.



PROMOTIONS



Captain Langmeyer was promoted to Chief of Police on May 13, 2019

With the retirement of Chief McCanham, Captain Phil Langmeyer was promoted to Chief of Police. Throughout his career, Chief Langmeyer has been a leader in both the community and profession. Chief Langmeyer started his career with Bloomfield Township in 1992, where he was assigned to the Road Patrol Division. Phil was assigned as an Field Training Officer (FTO) where he was tasked with the training and mentoring of new officers. In 2000, Phil was promoted to the rank of Sergeant where he was assigned to the midnight shift road patrol. In 2006, Phil was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and was assigned to both the Patrol Division and Investigations Division supervisor during his tenure. In 2014, Phil was promoted to the rank of Captain and served as both the Patrol Division and Investigation Division supervisor. On May 13, 2019, Phil accepted the position of Chief of Police and was sworn in by Jan Roncelli, Bloomfield Township Clerk.

"Being promoted to Chief was the most humbling experience of my career. As a supervisor, you're not just responsible for your people, you're responsible to them, and we have some of the best officers in the profession."

-Chief Langmeyer

PROMOTIONS



Sergeant Dan Browns was promoted to Lieutenant on June 03, 2019



Lieutenant James Gallagher was promoted to Captain on June 03, 2019.



Lieutenant Jeff Nolan was promoted to Captain on June 03, 2019

On June 3, 2019, Lieutenant Jim Gallagher and Lieutenant Jeff Nolan were promoted to the rank of Captain. Captain Gallagher was assigned as the Administrative Captain, and Captain Nolan was assigned as the Patrol Division Captain. Additionally, Sergeant Dan Brown was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and was assigned to the midnight shift as a Patrol Division supervisor.

NEW HIRES



Officer Dan Pagel was sworn in on January 21, 2019

Ofc. Dan Pagel

On January 21, 2019, Officer Dan Pagel was sworn in as a Patrol Officer with Bloomfield Township Police Department. After completing his Field Training Program (FTO), he was assigned to the midnight shift. We welcome Dan and wish him a very long and safe career with us.



Dispatcher Kristi Harms was hired on September 9, 2019

Disp. Kristi Harms

On September 9, 2019, Kristi was hired as a dispatcher for the Bloomfield Township Police/Fire departments. After completing her Communication Training Program (CTO), she was assigned to the midnight shift. We welcome Kristi and wish her a very long and safe career with us.

OFFICER / CIVILIAN OF THE YEAR



Officer Wegienka
2019 Officer of the Year

Officer Chris Wegienka was hired by Bloomfield Township in March, 2000. He has been assigned to the road division for the majority of his career. Chris is a Field Training Officer and is cross trained in dispatch. He is described as “the guy who always has a smile on his face and a positive attitude”. Chris is often seen interacting with our residents and is well known throughout the township because of his community oriented patrol style.



Clerk Vance
2019 Civilian Employee of the Year

Renee Vance was hired by Bloomfield Township in June, 2018 as a Records Clerk. Prior to coming to Bloomfield Township, Renee worked at the 48th District Court for 17 years. Renee is always professional and grateful for the opportunity to work for Bloomfield Township. Renee provides top customer service and is a joy to work with.

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