



# 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

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# The Chief's Letter



Supervisor Leo Savoie  
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Bloomfield Township Board of Trustees

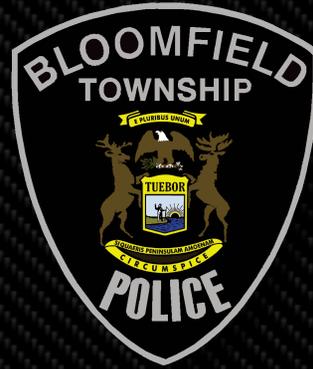
As the Chief of Police for Bloomfield Township, I am proud to present the 2018 edition of the Bloomfield Township Police Department Annual Report. This document reflects the outstanding efforts of the entire police department during the past year. We continue to be a premier law enforcement agency in Oakland County, as well as the state, due to the work we do on a daily basis.

At the conclusion of my first year as Chief, it was very clear that the men and women of this fine department make this position so enjoyable and satisfying. The accomplishments and commendations they receive on a daily basis never cease to amaze me. The sense of pride within our department has been further enhanced by our current goal of becoming accredited by the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police (MACP). The process involves the department meeting 104 standards set by the MACP. The process consists of world and national professional standards that are considered professional benchmarks in our industry. We began the accreditation process in late 2018 with the goal of finalizing the process in early 2020. There are currently 16 police departments in the state that have met these standards. Once attained, the accreditation will formalize the Bloomfield Township Police Department's standing as a leader in the law enforcement community.

As always, we stand ready to meet the challenges of the future, continuing our great tradition of excellence in service and professionalism. We thank you for your support and look forward to working with the Township Board in the future to provide unparalleled professional services to the residents and visitors of Bloomfield Township.

*Scott A. McCanham*

Chief of Police



## Mission Statement

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

# ADMINISTRATION



**Patrol Captain  
Dan Edwards**



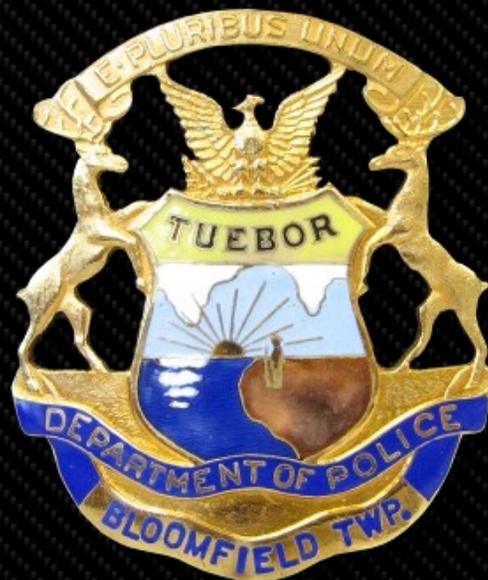
**Chief of Police  
Scott McCanham**



**Investigations Captain  
Phil Langmeyer**



**Administrative Assistant  
Lori Kerr**

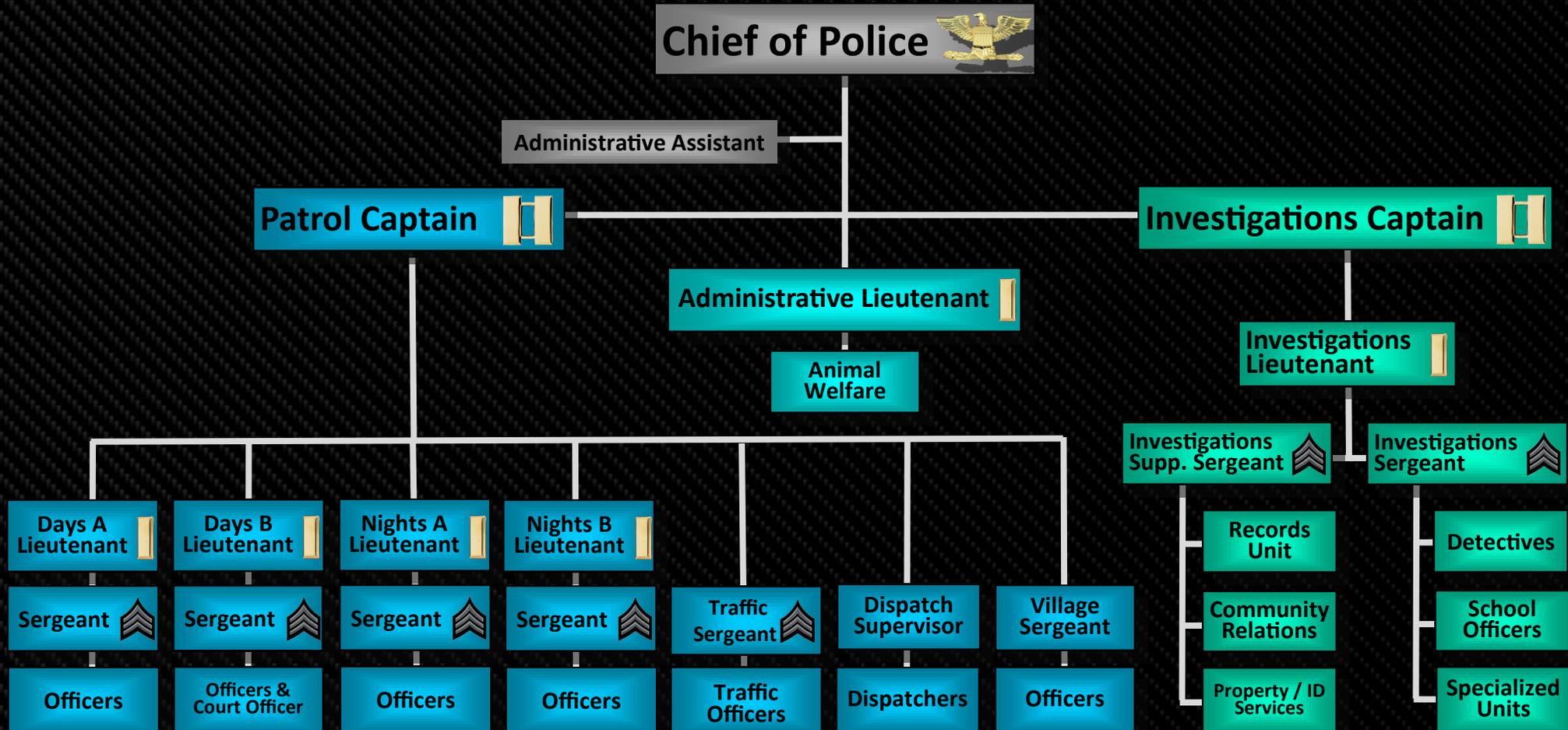


**Administrative Lieutenant  
Jeff Nolan**

# ORGANIZATION



## Bloomfield Township Police Department



# OFFICERS TO POPULATION RATIO



Total Sworn Officers in 2018: **64**

As of 1159 PM on 12/31/2018

**NOTE:** This is the number of sworn officers in the department as of 11:59 PM on 12/31/2018. It includes patrol officers, supervisors, administrators, detectives, the School Liaison, the School Security, the Court, and the Community Relations Officer, as well as the officers in multijurisdictional task forces. A sworn officer is someone who is a certified law enforcement officer as defined by the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards, has taken an oath administered by a city, county, or township clerk, and enforces state law and local ordinances.

Township Population in 2018: **41,604**

Source: [SEMCOG](#) (LINK)

Ratio of Total Police Officers to Population:  
**1 to 650**



**Raw numbers can be hard to interpret, but diagrams can help.** Look to the right, and you'll get a better grasp of the one police officer to 650 citizens ratio.

# OFFICERS TO POPULATION RATIO



Sworn **PATROL** Officers in 2018: **36**

**NOTE:** This is the total number of patrol officers as of 11:59 PM on 12/31/2018. These are the officers assigned to road patrol duties, responding to crimes in progress, alarms, car accidents, taking reports, etc. These are the officers first on the scene of almost every incident.

Township Population in 2018: **41,604**

Source: [SEMCOG](#) (LINK)

Ratio of Patrol Officers to Population:  
**1 to 1,155**

**This is the ratio of patrol officers to the population of Bloomfield Township.** This is a little deceiving, though. This ratio does not reflect the thousands of daily visitors to Bloomfield Township that may require police services from our department.



# OFFICERS TO RESIDENCES



Sworn **PATROL** Officers in 2018: **36**

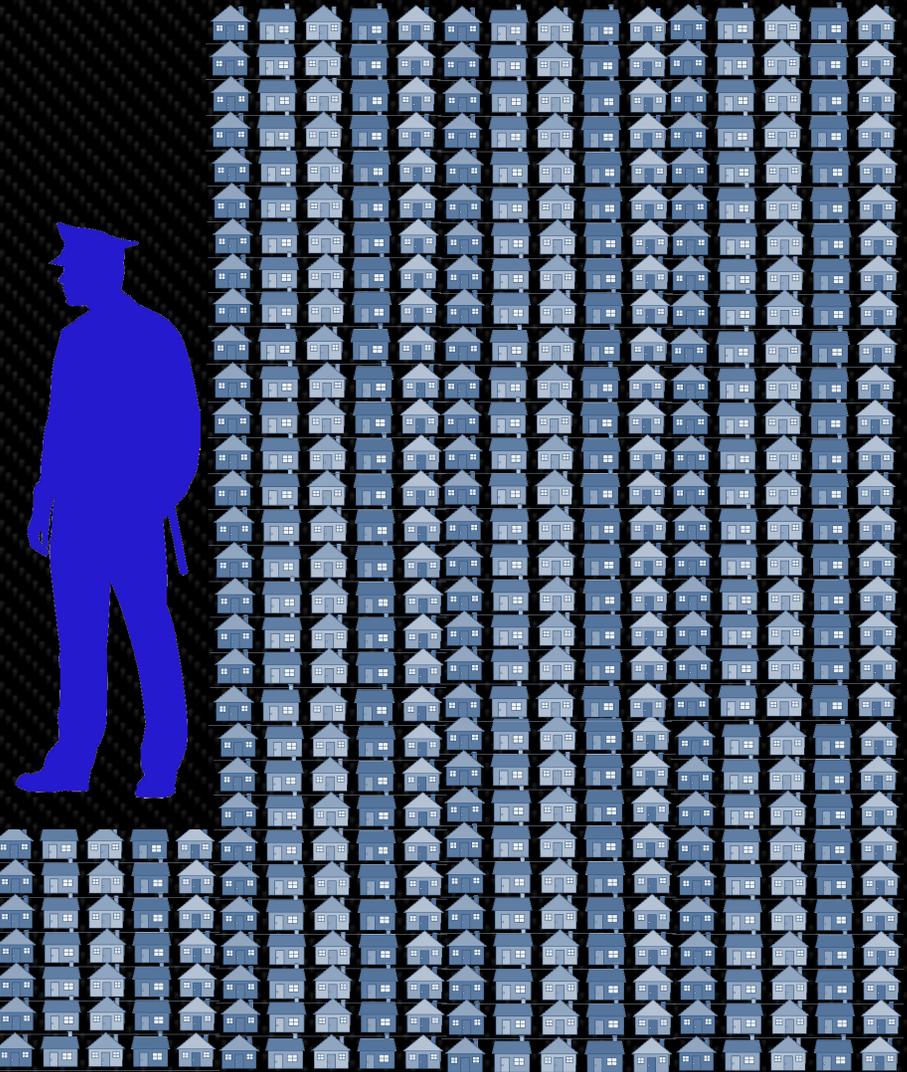
**NOTE:** This is the total number of patrol officers as of 11:59 PM on 12/31/2018. These are the officers assigned to road patrol duties, responding to crimes in progress, alarms, car accidents, taking reports, etc.

Township Residences in 2018: **17,558**

Source: [SEMCOG](#) (LINK)

Ratio of Patrol Officers to Residences:  
**1 to 488**

**This is the ratio of patrol officers to the residences in Bloomfield Township.** While this reflects how many patrol officers there are for 488 residences, it does not show the businesses that also require police services.



## *Mental Health First Aid*

for Law Enforcement,  
Corrections and Public Safety

### **Mental Health First Aid for Public Safety**

This year, several of our officers attended training in the identification and response to persons having mental health emergencies. This course teaches an understanding of mental illness and addictions, as well as how to provide effective response options to de-escalate these incidents without compromising safety.

**CRIME PREVENTION TIP:** Guard your personal information! With just your name, date of birth, and Social Security Number, a criminal can open loans and credit lines, leaving you a mess to clean up. Beware of any caller asking for sensitive information, bank account numbers, or anything that could leave you vulnerable to fraud. How do you handle these calls? HANG UP!



### **Families Against Narcotics**

Your **connection** for information, resources, and support.

### **Hope not Handcuffs**

In 2018, the Department committed to partnering with **Families Against Narcotics** (LINK) in support of the Hope Not Handcuffs program. This program brings law enforcement and community organizations together in an effort to find viable treatment options for individuals seeking help in the reduction of dependency with heroin, prescription drugs, and alcohol. Individuals suffering from addiction can voluntarily come to the police station and ask for assistance. The individual will be put in contact with an “Angel” volunteer that will guide them in getting the assistance they need.



## 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.

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

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH



## Women's Empowering Self-Defense Workshop

The department conducts self-defense training for women of all ages. The focus is on situational awareness, self empowerment and personal security, while also teaching how to thwart an attacker. In 2018, five more officers were added as instructors for this nationally recognized program.



**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.

## Extra Eyes 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.

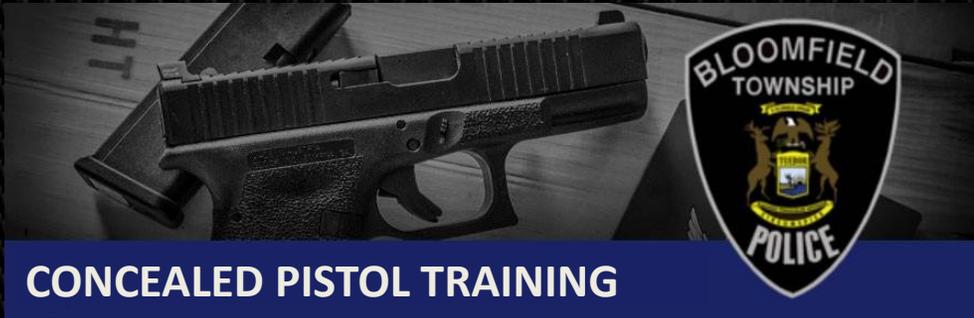
There was a time when only banks, airports, and businesses had video surveillance systems. They were costly and required professional installation. That was then. This is now. Video surveillance systems are everywhere now, even in millions of American homes. They take the form of dedicated Closed Circuit 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 Officer Kelly Marthen 248-433-7724.

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH



## CONCEALED PISTOL TRAINING

The Bloomfield Township Police Department offers Concealed Pistol License (CPL) training. It is certified through the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (M.C.O.L.E.S.). It places heavy emphasis on firearms safety, the laws concerning legal concealed carry, *appropriate* use of force, situational awareness, and pistol marksmanship.

Our students come from all walks of life, including surgeons, stay-at-home moms, airline pilots, businesspeople, engineers, retirees, and delivery people. Regardless of their background, they all desire to safely and legally carry a firearm for self defense.

If you are interested in attending a class, please contact the Community Relations Officer at [CRO@Bloomfieldtwp.org](mailto:CRO@Bloomfieldtwp.org) or call Officer Marthen at 248-433-7724. A cursory background check will be performed on each applicant, and we do reserve the right to reject an applicant for the training.



# COMMUNITY OUTREACH



## CRIMEMAPPING<sup>TM</sup>.COM Helping You Build a Safer Community

Crime stats are at your fingertips with [CRIMEMAPPING.COM](http://CRIMEMAPPING.COM)! See what's happening in our community and those around us, and the crimes you may not hear about in the media.

### How to get started:

- Visit [www.crimemapping.com](http://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!

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:** No government agency will ever call you demanding payment of taxes or fines using a MoneyPak, Green Dot money card, or iTunes gift cards! If you receive one of these calls, HANG UP! It is a scam, one of the many ways criminals are stealing money from unsuspecting people.



The Bloomfield Township Police Department has partnered with Nixle to send alerts to subscribers via text message / email about evolving emergency situations.

Subscription is free. Get started now:

Visit [Nixle.com](http://Nixle.com) or click [HERE](#)

Text the postal zip code (48302 for Bloomfield Township) to 888-777

You will receive a confirmation text message for your subscription.



# COMMUNITY OUTREACH



The country is in the midst of an epidemic. The Centers for Disease Control report that 2,694 people died from opioid-related overdose in Michigan in 2017. While the 2018 statistics have not yet been released, there is no reason to believe this trend will abate anytime soon.

We are committed to fighting this public health emergency through our participation in Operation Medicine Cabinet. This provides an environmentally responsible means to dispose of prescription medications while, at the same time, protecting our society from the opioid crisis, especially our youth.

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](http://Oakgov.com) or click [HERE](#).



Nextdoor is the world's largest private communications platform for neighborhoods. On Nextdoor, neighbors create private online communities that help build stronger and safer places to call home.

Bloomfield Township Police Department has partnered with Nextdoor.com in an effort to have a more direct line of communication with neighborhood associations. Currently Bloomfield Township has 66 neighborhoods and over 8,000 residents subscribed to Nextdoor.com

How to get started:

- Visit Nextdoor.com or Click [HERE](#)
- Create an account and verify your address
- Once your address is verified, you will be directed to your neighborhood association, if one exists and it participates with Nextdoor.

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH



We love the annual **Bloomfield Township Open House!** It's a family-friendly event, one that gives the Township a chance to show the community just a little of what we do, how we do it, and the equipment we use to get the job done. It's also a way for us to thank our residents for allowing us to serve them.

Some of the activities at the police department include, station tours, patrol car rides, K-9 demonstrations, food, face painting, and much more!

We hope to see you at the 2019 Open House.



A future Township Officer?



Attendees inspecting our police cars and motorcycles



The Detention Facility always draws a crowd!

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

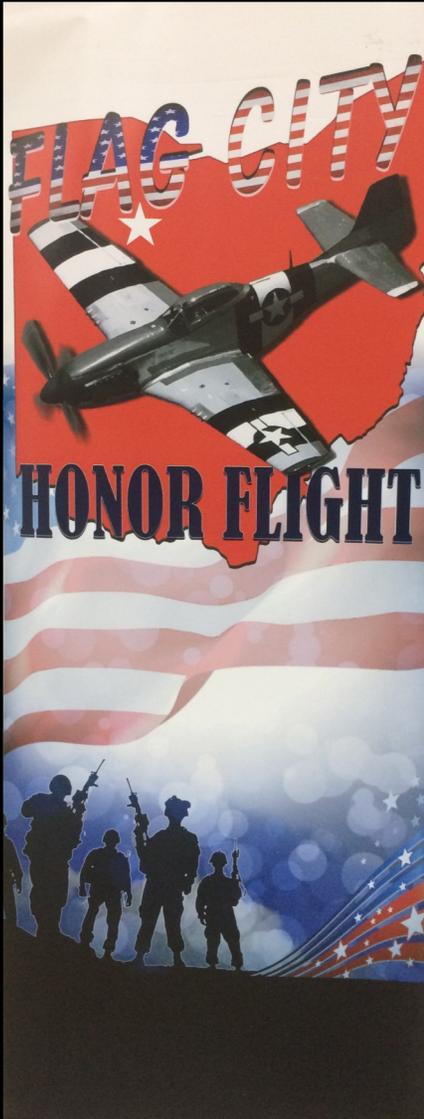


This year, two officers attended the Sheriff's & Municipal Memorial Assistance Response Team (SMMART) Basic Honor Guard School. The loss of an officer is very painful for families, departments, and the community. The goal of an Honor Guard is to "temper the grief with awe". The Honor Guard is a ceremonial unit whose primary goal is to provide funeral honors for fallen officers and dignitaries. These officers were trained in the proper etiquette and ceremonial standards to display that honor to the families, departments, and community.



Officers Marthen and Turner graduated the Sheriff's & Municipal Memorial Assistance Response Team's (S.M.M.A.R.T.) Honor Guard School held in Alpena, MI

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Flag City Honor Flight is a volunteer, non-profit organization that flies veterans -at no cost to them- to Washington, D.C., so they may visit the military memorials there. On October, 2, 2018, we escorted two local WWII veterans to the Honor Flight departure point in Toledo, Ohio. Honor Flight flew nearly 30 Michigan veterans to Washington, D.C., that day.

We all owe a debt of gratitude to our veterans. It was truly an honor for us to participate.

To learn more about the Flag City Honor Flight, please visit [www.flagcityhonorflight.org](http://www.flagcityhonorflight.org) (LINK).



Officers from neighboring police departments assisted in the escort of our veterans to the departure point.



Harold Sims, WW II Veteran, and former Bloomfield Village Police Officer



Dr. George Mogill, WW II Veteran, and Bloomfield Township Resident

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH



**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-caretaking 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 POLICING

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, provide for the public order, as examples

We also offer services such as vacation home checks and vehicle lockouts.

<b>Vehicle Lock outs</b>	<b>398</b>
<b>House Security Checks</b>	<b>641</b>
<b>School Security Checks</b>	<b>275</b>
<b>Citizen Assists</b>	<b>570</b>

# FACILITIES



**Original Fire Station 1941**



**BTPD Circa 1980's**

The police station was built in 1930's, but as the Bloomfield Township Fire Station. In 1965, the fire department moved out and the police department moved in. In 2001, the station was remodeled, adding a Sally Port (garage) for the secure transfer of prisoners in and out of the building.

The Bloomfield Township Police station houses the dispatch center, records division, detention facility, booking, detective bureau, traffic investigations unit, and administrative offices.

The police department's training center, emergency operations center, firing range, and fitness center are housed in the basement of the Dave Payne Public Works Building.



**Today**

# FACILITIES



The demands of law enforcement require continuous training in many disciplines, including firearms. Shooting is a perishable skill that must be maintained and evaluated frequently. Toward this end, the department conducts quarterly firearms training in its state-of-the-art range.

The Bloomfield Township Police Department is fortunate to have its own range that can accommodate four shooters at a time, allowing for pistol, shotgun, and patrol rifle training. The range also has ample space to accommodate Taser and reality-based training.



Detectives training in the range.

# FACILITIES



As police work can be physically demanding and stressful, officers must maintain their physical fitness. Our department realizes this and how it affects our service to the community. So, in 2011, an unused space in the basement of the Dave Payne Public Works Building was converted into a physical fitness room. The room has treadmills, a stair climber, an elliptical machine, strength training machines, and free weights. The fitness room was paid for with Federal forfeiture funds and donations of equipment from our residents. The construction of the fitness room was completed by off-duty officers.



**Crime Prevention Tip:** Car break-ins are one of the most preventable crimes. When left outside, a car is subject to theft and vandalism. The *very best* place for a car is in a closed and locked garage. If a locked garage is not available, then **LOCK YOUR CAR DOORS** and remove all personal items from public view.

# FACILITIES



Bloomfield Township officers keep abreast of the latest techniques in law enforcement. We also train in life saving skills, such as CPR, use of the Automatic External Defibrillator (AED), and the application of NARCAN ([LINK](#)). The North Training Room is where this training occurs.

We are proud to host a variety of public events here too, such as civic group meetings, the citizens' police academies, election volunteer training, and seminars to assist local houses of worship to develop emergency plans.

## NORTH TRAINING ROOM



**Civilian Training Seminars**



**Women's Self Defense Class**

# PATROL



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 43 uniformed officers and supervisors, the Traffic Investigations Unit, 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 already, they continuously strive to improve the delivery of services to the community.



"To infinity, and beyond!" Officers Wegienka and Davis spending some quality time with a Township resident during a call for service.



Speaking of 'delivery' of police services, K9 Officer Angela Carlson assisted in the birth of a new Township Resident in 2018! We're still not sure who is more proud, mom, or Angela!

**"To dial 9-1-1, or not to dial 9-1-1? That is the question."** In an emergency situation, dialing 9-1-1 is *always* the right answer. While driving and you see something requiring police response, 9-1-1 is an easier way to report it, minimizing distraction. However, dialing our non-emergency number ( 248.433.7755 ) whenever possible will keep our limited number of 9-1-1 lines available for emergency calls.



The officers and supervisors of the Nights 'B' shift showing off their fan mail.

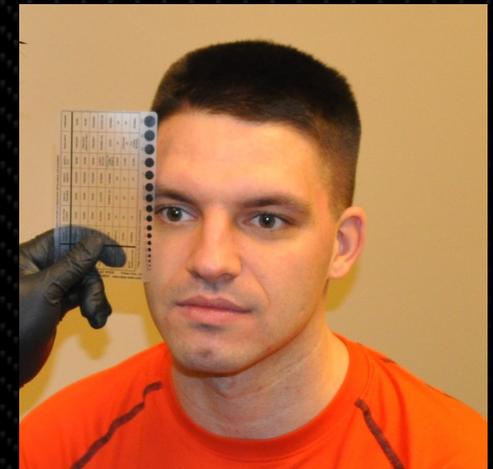


Ofc Chris Solimano,  
Drug Recognition  
Expert

**Drug Recognition Experts (DRE)** are specially trained officers who assist in the identification and arrest of impaired drivers. The DRE program began in the 1980's and has since been adopted by every state in the country. A DRE receives a national certification after completing extensive training from veteran DRE's, physicians, and other experts. The training includes class work and practical assessments at detention centers (police stations, jails) with impaired individuals. The training evaluations completed there are monitored and graded by instructors, building the skills each DRE will use on the road for enforcement and in the courtroom as an expert witness.

Regardless of the impairing substances, a DRE utilizes a systematic and standardized process with the individuals suspected of impaired driving. The DRE process is validated by both scientific studies and case law. Given the ever-changing trends, laws, and technology, DRE's are an essential element in law enforcement's efforts to keep communities safer from the dangers created by impaired drivers and the tragedies they create.

- Officer Chris Solimano



**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 Green Dot MoneyPack. 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.

# COMMUNICATIONS



**Meg Fouss,  
Dispatch Supervisor**

Police Dispatchers *are* considered First Responders. In fact, they are 'on the scene' with the first phone call, asking the caller pertinent questions, interpreting their answers, and making determinations about the safety of the citizens, police, and fire personnel. All of this is relayed to the responding officers and firefighters in a clear and concise manner. In Bloomfield Township, we strive to achieve all of this within minutes. But, dispatchers do more. Much more.

Dispatchers administer PBT's (Preliminary Breath Tests), monitor prisoners in the holding cells, run database inquiries, and perform a host of administrative functions. Often, they'll be required to perform two or three functions at once.

Each of the three dispatch positions have eight computer screens, one dedicated to all the radio traffic within our department, as well as surrounding police and fire agencies. Two large TV monitors provide around-the-clock surveillance of the Township campus.

The responsibilities don't end there. Often, our citizens require assistance that is not police or fire related. After business hours, the dispatch center is responsible for contacting on-call DPW personnel for water main breaks, flooded basements, sewer emergencies, downed trees, and unsafe road conditions.

- Meg Fouss



**"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.

# RECORDS



Nina Houghton,  
Records Clerk

The Records Division handles much more than just reports. In addition to processing Freedom of Information Act (F.O.I.A.) requests and accident reports for insurance companies, the records unit has several other responsibilities. Technology has greatly impacted how records are stored, copied, and distributed.

Paper records are quickly becoming a thing of the past. The majority of our files are now being stored electronically, incorporating all of the documents regarding a case into one computerized folder. Centralizing case documents streamlines their release to the public, other agencies, and the courts.

The Records Bureau issues clearance letters verifying a subject has no criminal record. These letters are required for several reasons including overseas travel, employment, housing applications, and adoption processing.

The police department oversees compliance of residents on the Michigan Sex Offender Registry. As of this report, there are less than a dozen registrants within Bloomfield Township. By law, sex offenders are required to verify their residence one to four times annually depending upon their offense. The Records Division works closely with the Detective Bureau to confirm all registrants are in compliance.

We are also responsible for enforcing the Township's Alarm Ordinance ([LINK](#)). This includes registering new alarm systems and issuing warning letters and fines to owners whose alarm falsely trips summoning police or fire services. Often times alarms are accidentally tripped when they are new and the owners are learning how to use them. Other times, a service call from an alarm technician may be all it takes to keep your system running reliably and fault free. Questions about alarms or records? Please call us at (248) 433-7776.

- Nina Houghton



**"Fines for false alarms?"**: Every time we receive a report of an alarm, two police officers respond, officers who are now not available to respond to other calls for service, enforce traffic laws, or proactively patrol. The first two false alarms in a calendar year are free, the third incurring a \$35 fine. Really, we don't want your money; we'd rather your alarm trips when help really is needed. On the other hand, we certainly understand that storms and power failures will cause false alarms and are beyond your control.

# PROPERTY / EVIDENCE



**Shawn Gardner,**  
**Property Clerk**

As the Property Clerk, I am responsible for every item within the property / evidence room. As of this report, that's approximately 3,400 items. Some of these items include valuables, confiscated illegal drugs, firearms, currency, and crime scene evidence. Depending upon the nature of the crime and legal requirements, evidence may have to be held for years, maybe even decades.

Occasionally, my duties include transporting evidence to the Oakland County or Michigan State Police forensics lab for processing. These transfers are documented in our computerized property management system.

When a case is adjudicated, I determine its statute of limitations. Once the limitation has run its course, I notify the owners to claim their property. If the owner cannot be located or the property remains unclaimed, property of value is auctioned through [Propertyroom.com](http://Propertyroom.com) (LINK), or donated to charitable/non-profit organizations. If the property has no significant value, it can lawfully be destroyed. Lastly, firearms turned into our department for voluntary destruction, or firearms that cannot legally be returned to their owner, are transported to an appropriate facility and melted down. In any case, it is my responsibility to document what is done with each item.

-Shawn Gardner



**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)

# ANIMAL WELFARE



**Laura Joyce**  
Animal Welfare

Bloomfield Township Animal Welfare is comprised of two uniformed officers and a civilian employee. These officers, operating from the Township's state-certified animal shelter respond to calls for service involving domestic and farm animals, as well as wildlife.

Typical calls for service include barking dog complaints, loose dogs, animal bites, deceased animals, and animal cruelty complaints. However, we deal with wildlife that occasionally find their way into a home, such as bats and squirrels. For nuisance wildlife, we loan our residents traps that will safely catch an animal for relocation.

The animal shelter also provides temporary housing for lost animals. We go to great lengths to find and reunite lost animals with their owners. Additionally, we conduct pet adoption and licensing. Stop in today to see if your new best friend is waiting for you!

If you are interested in adopting a pet or want to inquire about our services, please call us at 248-433-7757, or click [HERE](#) (LINK).

-Laura Joyce



Animal Welfare Calls for Service		
	2017	2018
Animal Complaints	639	671
Animal Bite Reports	13	27
Animal Pick-up (Live)	94	59
Animal Pick-up (Dead)	229	267
Live Trap Requests	68	32
Animal Adoptions	40	41
Animals Returned to Owners	47	22

# BLOOMFIELD VILLAGE POLICE DEPT



**Sgt. Roger Hurd**  
Bloomfield Village PD

The Bloomfield Village Police Station is located at 3595 Bradway Blvd. in Bloomfield Village, MI. Bloomfield Village Police officers may be contacted by calling the dispatch at 248-433-7755, or in an emergency, 911.

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 the 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 patrol areas within Bloomfield Village.

Bloomfield Village officers maintain an increased police presence within the village limits and their primary duty is to respond to calls for service from its residents.

Village officers assist Township officers when needed in other areas of Bloomfield Township.

## Bloomfield Village P.D.

Description	2017	2018
Property Damage Traffic Crash	116	105
Personal Injury Traffic Crash	16	17
Alarm	296	264
Arrest	12	7
Assist Citizen	242	202
Medical Emergency	65	84
Attempt Home Invasion	1	0
Home Invasion	0	2
House Check	4627	3906
Larceny/Theft/Fraud	42	26
Identity Theft		12*
Miscellaneous	167	218
Malicious Destruction of Property	7	1
Lost/Found Property	3	2
School Checks	149	69
Suspicious Circumstance	66	83
Suspicious Person	38	48
Suspicious Vehicle	64	64
Traffic Violation	275	291
Traffic Warning	278	228

\* This is a new separate category in 2018

– Sergeant Roger Hurd

# INVESTIGATIONS



Lt. Paul Schwab  
Investigations  
Lieutenant

**The Investigations Division**, also known as the Detective Bureau (DB), investigates a spectrum of criminal and civil cases, as well as local licensing issues. The Detective Bureau works closely with state and local prosecutors, surrounding police agencies, as well as federal investigative units in order to bring justice to our victims.

The Investigations Division is under the command of Captain Phil Langmeyer. Lt. Paul Schwab and Sergeant Dan Brown oversee the day to day operations such as case assignment, case review, law updates, media relations and administrative duties. There are five full time Detectives, one School Liaison Officer, one School Security Officer, and a Support Services Sergeant.

The primary job of a detective is to review criminal complaints, identify victims and suspects, conduct interviews, and examine evidence. Criminal complaints range from serious felonies like homicides down to relatively minor misdemeanors, like underage drinking. All of our Detectives started their careers as patrol officers. Once promoted to the rank of Detective, they receive ongoing training in interview and interrogation techniques, crime scene analysis, computer and financial crimes, the collection and preservation of evidence, and laws surrounding search and seizure. The detectives and their training must remain as dynamic as the trends of the crimes they investigate, as well as the legal and scientific environments involved.

The Investigations Division also oversees officers and detectives assigned to outside investigative units or task forces. These specialty units include the Oakland County Narcotics Enforcement Team (NET), Troy Police Department's Special Investigations Unit (SIU), the F.B.I.'s Violent Crime Task Force and most recently, the F.B.I.'s Financial Crimes and Identity Theft Task Force. Working with agents from the DEA, ATF, FBI and Customs/Border Patrol provides our officers and detectives with invaluable investigative experience. It also allows us to access federal investigative resources.

Two of our detectives also belong to the Major Case Assistance Team (MCAT). This team is comprised of several law enforcement agencies and investigators. The MCAT will aid member agencies investigating a serious crime by providing detectives who have hundreds of years of combined investigatory experience. Many of these detectives have criminal investigation specialties, such as homicide, criminal sexual conduct, and robberies.

- Lieutenant Paul Schwab

# TRAFFIC INVESTIGATIONS



Sgt. Kim Comerford  
Traffic Investigations

Our **Traffic Investigations Unit** responds to the majority of the traffic-related incidents in Bloomfield Township, whether they are the minor fender benders, or the accidents causing serious injury or death. Each member is a specialist in crash investigation, education, and traffic enforcement.

The traffic unit is comprised of three officers and one sergeant. Two of these officers are certified on the police motorcycle, participating in local parades, The Woodward Dream Cruise, and other activities where a motorcycle is more practical than a patrol car.

One of our officers is trained in commercial motor vehicle enforcement, specializing in reducing the potential damage commercial vehicles pose to the environment, our roads, and the safety of the motoring public.

The traffic unit is also a member of the Southeast Oakland County Crash Investigation Team (S.O.C.C.I.T.). This is a coalition of traffic officers from various police departments who assist member agencies conducting a major investigation. Many of these officers are accident reconstruction specialists who have invested years of time learning the math and science behind accident investigations.

Throughout the year, the Bloomfield Township Police Department impounds vehicles or assists property owners in removing abandoned vehicles from their premises. Whatever the reason, the Traffic Investigations Unit ensures our department's impound procedures are in accordance with state law, as is the auction of impounded vehicles that remain unclaimed.

<b>Vehicles Impounded</b>			
<b>Company</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
Bob Adams Towing	492	507	557
General Towing	714	722	771
Other Tow Company	7	7	28
<b>Total Impounds</b>	<b>1,213</b>	<b>1,236</b>	<b>1,356</b>

<b>3 Year Traffic Citation Comparison</b>			
<b>Category of Violation</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
Hazardous	6,683	6,286	6,544
Non-Hazardous	3,267	3,106	3,603
Code/Ordinance Violation	38	50	49
All Other Citations	1,896	1,456	1,460
<b>Total Citations</b>	<b>11,883</b>	<b>10,898</b>	<b>11,656</b>

-Sergeant Kim Comerford

# K9 OPERATIONS



**Officer Angela Carlson,  
K9 Officer**

Being a canine handler is one of the most fascinating and sought after positions within law enforcement. While a tremendous amount of training is required just to get a new K9 team ready for service, it is equally true to keep that unit prepared.

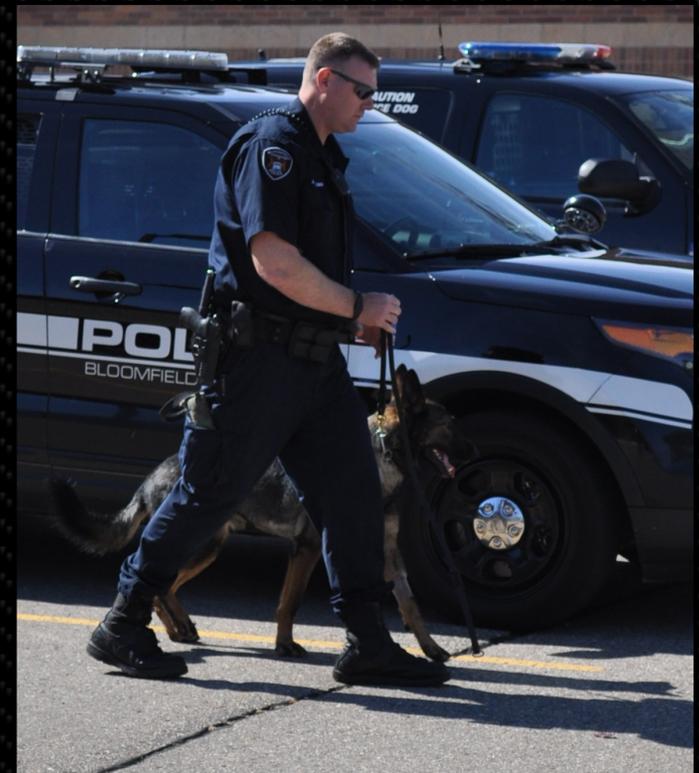
When K9 Kody and K9 Max came to our department, they had minimal training. They both received a foundation in tracking and narcotics detection prior to attending their academy, but have since received an additional 5,200 hours of training. Both are patrol oriented dogs, which means they are trained in building, area, and evidence search, obedience, aggression, tracking and narcotics detection.

What do they track, you ask? You name it: criminals, lost children, suicidal subjects, and disoriented elderly persons. As you can see, there are several scenarios in which our canines work to help people, not just arrest them.

The loyalty and abilities of our police canines have no equal. And, just as their human counterparts would do anything to keep our community safe, so would Kody and Max!

–Officer Angela Carlson

2019 K-9 Activity		
Activity	Kody / Ofc. Carlson	Max / Ofc. Follman
Drug Searches within Bloomfield Twp.	58	53
Drug Searches outside Bloomfield Twp.	7	7
Utility calls within Bloomfield Twp.	8	10
Utility calls outside Bloomfield Twp.	11	7
Demonstrations	7	7



**Officer Follman and K-9 “Max”**

# SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER



Ofc. Dave VanKerchove  
School Liaison Officer

The School Liaison Officer (SLO) program is a proactive approach to identifying at-risk students and helping them get back on track. Alcohol and drug abuse, as well as criminal activity, all become obstacles to a student reaching their full potential. The goal is to help them conquer their challenges through a collaborative effort with parents and school staff, putting them on course to mature into successful adults.

While some dread the prospect of police contact, students can have it with the School Liaison Officer in a positive context, learning that the police officer is also someone who can help them, too.



School Liaison Investigations Activity		
	2017	2018
Criminal Sexual Conduct	3	2
Robbery	0	0
Assault	5	4
Home Invasion	1	0
Larceny/Retail Fraud	2	12
Malicious Destruction of Property	3	2
Drug Offense	6	8
Alcohol Violation	5	7
Juvenile (Status*) Offense	3	4
Misc. / All Other Violations	22	31
<b>Total:</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>70</b>

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.)

# SCHOOL SECURITY OFFICER



Ofc. Cory Donberger  
School Security Officer

As the District **School Security Officer**, I have a unique role within two organizations: I am a sworn Bloomfield Township police officer, spending the majority of my time within the Bloomfield Hills Schools, addressing safety and security issues. While the School Liaison Officer (SLO) deals more with the students of the district, my responsibilities lie more in the physical security of the facilities. I will, however, follow up on cases normally assigned to the SLO, depending upon his caseload.

I develop and implement security protocols at both the district and building level, regularly evaluating their effectiveness based upon current best practices. Additional duties include monitoring supplies of medical equipment, such as the Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) and EpiPens, as well as testing emergency alert equipment, such as e911 and BluePoint alarm systems.

Training staff, students, and faculty in active shooter response is also my responsibility. However, the district and I strive for comprehensive crisis preparation, including biomedical hazards, major roadway or railway incidents, bomb threats, severe weather, and other threats to safety and health.



School Security Officer Activity	
	2018
Criminal Sexual Conduct	1
Robbery	1
Assault	5
Home Invasion	0
Larceny/Retail Fraud	5
Malicious Destruction of Property	4
Drug Offense	0
Alcohol Violation	0
Juvenile (Status*) Offense	5
Misc. / All Other Violations	31
<b>Total:</b>	<b>52</b>



-Officer Cory Donberger

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).

# COURT OFFICER



Officer Jen Overby,  
Court Officer

As the court officer, I am responsible for the safe transport of prisoners to and from our department, Oakland County Jail, and the 48th District Court. Often, my day includes traveling to other police departments, picking up prisoners arrested on outstanding warrants from Bloomfield Township.

I am also responsible for managing and the storage of prisoner property. As the department's "Livescan" administrator, I verify that the fingerprinting and booking equipment are working correctly and coordinate with the county databases for updates and upgrades.

As the court officer, I work with the state law prosecutor at the 48th District Court, and act as a liaison between the court and the police department, delivering subpoenas, reports, and videos.

Another function of the court officer is to obtain traffic warrants from the Oakland County Prosecutors Office, such as Operating While Impaired, Driving on Suspended License, and Flee & Elude charges. Once the warrants are obtained from the Prosecutor's Office, I swear to them at the 48th District Court. After the swear-to and validation of the warrant, I contact the defendant or the defendant's attorney, explaining the charges and making arrangements for them to appear in court.

-Officer Jen Overby

Court Officer Activities	
Warrants Sworn To	83
Prisoners Transported	560

**Crime Prevention Tip:** 'Phishing' is an email or text that appears to come from an official source, such as a bank, credit card company, or even a government agency. They will try to trick you into giving them critical information about your bank accounts, Social Security Number, health insurance, and just about anything they can use to steal your money. Alternatively, they will ask you to click on a link which may infect your computer with a virus, stealing your financial information. When in doubt, delete it! *When in doubt, throw it out!*

# IDENTIFICATION TECHNICIANS



Officer Marisa Miller  
Evidence Technician

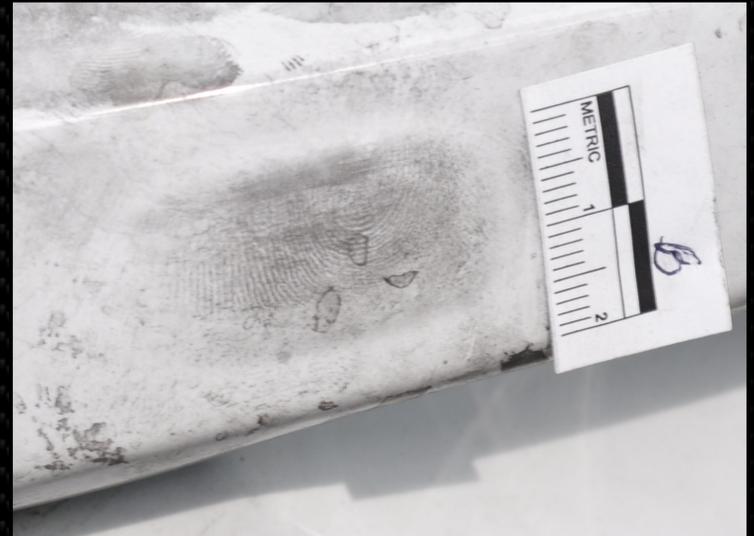
When a crime occurs, an **Evidence Technician** will often be called to process available evidence. Everyone has seen an episode of 'CSI'. These specially trained patrol officers are the real-life 'CSI' members of the Bloomfield Township Police Department. They are road patrol officers who have taken on the additional responsibilities of being experts in photography, latent fingerprint development and processing, DNA collection, and casting tire and footwear impressions.

Evidence Technicians must successfully complete an 80-hour basic crime scene course. However, throughout their career, they'll complete extensive in-service training on trace evidence processing and collection. This enables our Evidence Technicians to investigate more serious crime scenes with greater expertise.

Currently, the department has 12 certified Evidence Technicians, distributed over the four platoons in the patrol division. This provides the community with the expertise of an Evidence Technician, 24 hours a day.

In 2018, our Evidence Technicians processed hundreds of crime scenes, ranging from vehicle break-ins (LFA), Retail Frauds, counterfeit money cases, Home Invasions, and death Investigations.

-Officer Marisa Miller



Fingerprint lifted from a vehicle door handle



Footwear impression in dirt

# COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER



Officer Kelly Marthen  
Community Relations

In 2001, the Bloomfield Township Police Department implemented the Community Relations Officer (CRO) position. The main focus of the CRO is maintaining a strong relationship between the police department and the residents of Bloomfield Township. This is accomplished through communication, education, and crime prevention programs.

The foundation of this position is based on the concept of community policing. We currently have a sergeant and an officer assigned to address the issues and concerns facing our community.

These officers are responsible for dealing with neighborhood and business concerns and crime prevention initiatives. Some of the duties that the CRO is responsible for include attending Homeowner Association meetings, community parades, home and business security surveys, civic group presentations, and police department station tours.



## 3 Year Activity Comparison

Category	2016	2017	2018
Security Surveys	16	16	19
Crime Prevention Plan Reviews	69	41	48
Neighborhood Association Meetings	13	17	15
Civic Group Meetings	31	23	33
Station Tours	15	14	12



# STATISTICS



In 2018, the department handled 31,899 **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 2018 was 1800001. 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.

**Learn to speak Cop!:** Police officers have a lexicon all their own. Below are some often-heard terms:

**Hook:** A tow truck, a wrecker. "Dispatch, start me a hook."

**RP:** Reporting Person, the complainant, the person calling dispatch.

**S1:** Your primary suspect, but a case may also have an S2 or S3.

**The Responsible:** The person committing a crime or act.

**Roller:** A marked police car.

**Prep:** A walkie-talkie

**Bump:** A phone call. "Give me a bump when you get the chance".

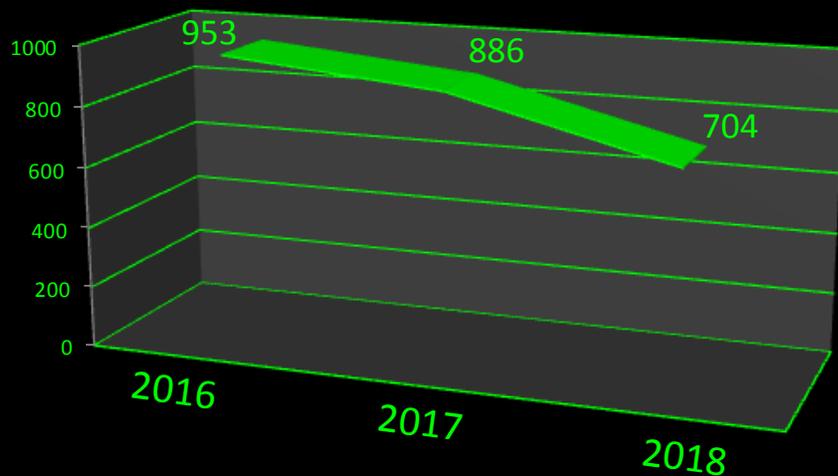
**Start me a card:** A request for dispatch to generate a CFS. "Start me a card for a school check."





**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: A Three-Year Comparison**



Part A Crimes			
Crime	2016	2017	2018
Criminal Sexual Conduct I&III	3	2	2
Criminal Sexual Conduct II&IV	4	2	2
Kidnapping	1	0	0
Robbery	3	1	2
Assaults	62	59	54
Aggravated Assault	8	10	12
Intimidation/Stalking	64	48	45
Burglary/Home Invasion	67	48	33
Larceny from a building	35	42	41
Larceny from Auto	94	62	51
Motor Vehicle Theft	18	23	8
Forgery/Counterfeiting	10	6	11
Fraud (Including Identity Theft)	406	394	220*
Embezzlement	15	17	11
Retail Fraud	55	71	73
Drug Violations	90	91	124
Weapons Violations	18	10	15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>953</b>	<b>886</b>	<b>704</b>

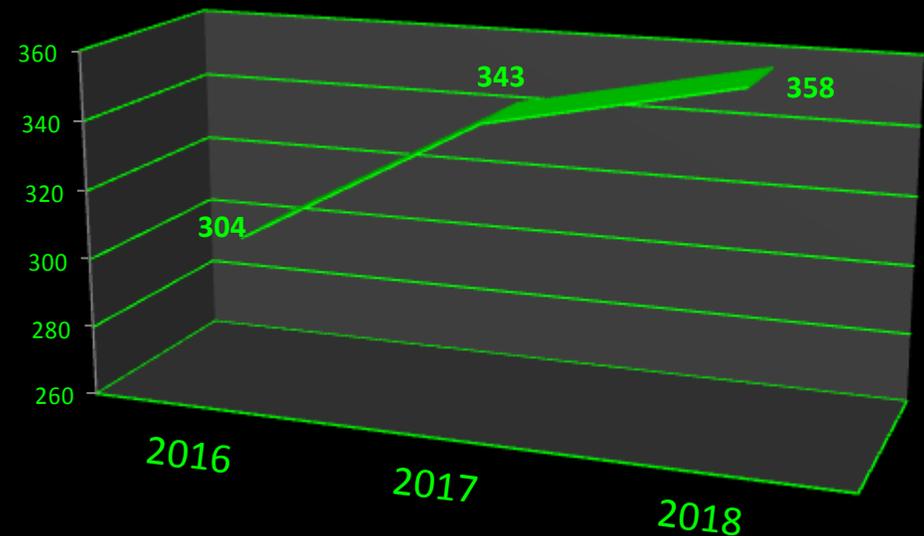
**Vacation House Check Service:** Planning on going away for a few days, maybe even the entire season? Let us know! The Bloomfield Township Police Department keeps an eye on the homes of our residents upon their request. To download the Vacation Notification Form, click [HERE](#) (LINK). Complete the 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 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.

Crime Category	2016	2017	2018
Accident - Hit & Run	6	14	23
All Other Offenses	10	19	18
Tumultuous Conduct	0	1	0
Escape / Flight	1	0	1
Family Offense	4	2	4
Health and Safety	6	7	6
Liquor Law Violations	30	38	37
Missing Person / Runaway	4	1	3
Obstructing Justice	8	24	17
Obstructing Police	27	21	24
OWI Liquor / Drugs	189	189	207
Public Peace	8	15	4
Sex Offenses-Other	2	2	2
Trespassing / Violation of Privacy	9	9	12
Vagrancy	0	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>358</b>

Part B Crimes: A Three-Year Comparison



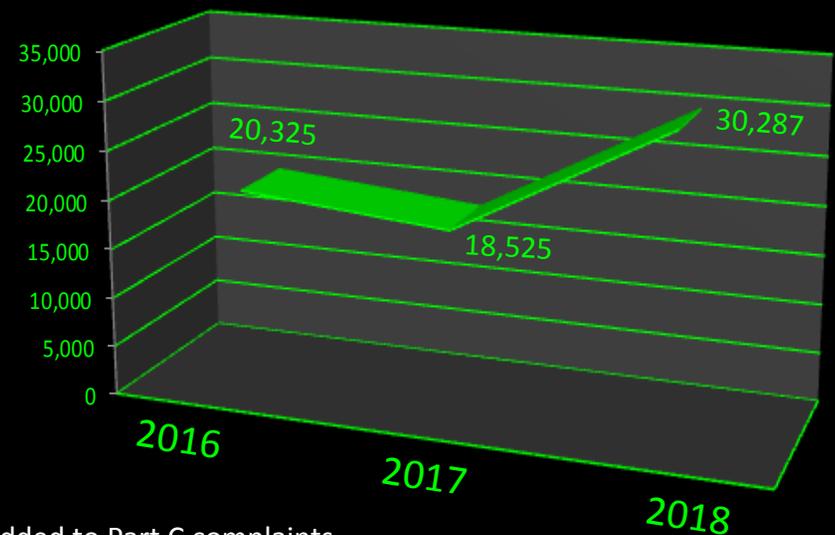
\*Verified Offenses reported by [Clemis.org](http://Clemis.org) for 2017 and 2018

**“So, what affects the crime rate?”** Good question. Criminologists have hotly 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 were non-existent before the Internet. Crime prevention campaigns can exert downward pressure on crime, but it’s impossible to calculate the effect of those efforts. Many police officers hold the weather can have an impact. After all, very few criminals will spend hours outside looking to break into cars when the temperature is 5° F, but the same criminal may be very active on a warm summer night.

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

Crime Category	2016	2017	2018
Alarm	3,737	3,602	3,326
Animal Complaints	1,062	975	671
Personal Injury Crashes (PI)	334	332	362
Property Damage Crashes (PD)	1,961	2,047	1,928
All Other Complaints	2,616	1,094	1,195
Warrant Arrests	302	226	284
Driving While License Suspended (DWLS)	591	427	519
Medical Emergencies	720	863	1,288
All Other Part C Complaints **	9,002	8,969	20,714
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,325</b>	<b>18,535</b>	<b>30,287</b>

Part C Crimes: A Three-Year Comparison



\*Verified Offenses reported by [Clemis.org](http://Clemis.org) for 2017 and 2018

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

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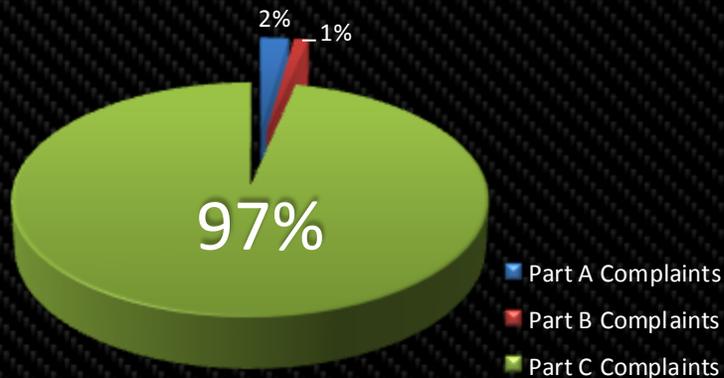
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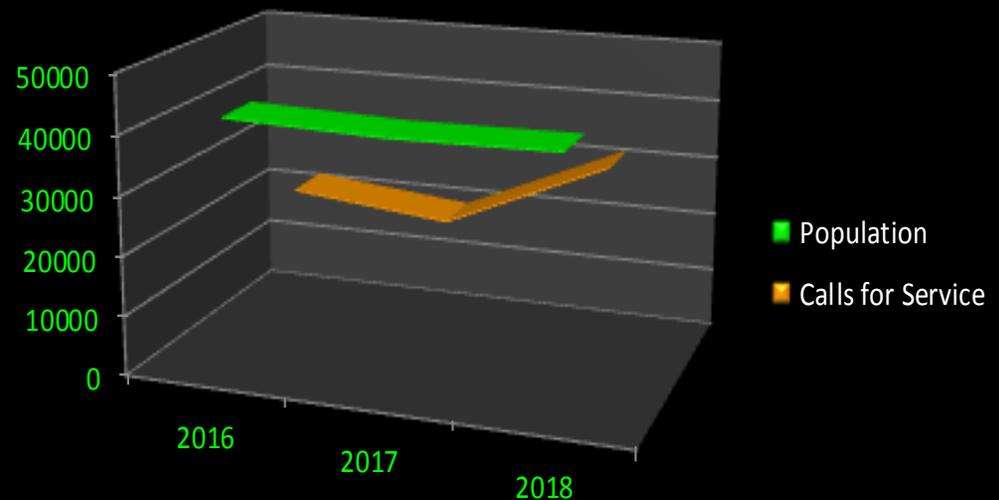
SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

The **Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG)** supports local planning through its technical, data, and intergovernmental resources. The work SEMCOG does improves the quality of the region's water, makes the transportation system safer and more efficient, revitalizes communities, and spurs economic development. Since its inception in 1968, SEMCOG has acted as a regional planning partner with local member governments. SEMCOG serves the Southeast Michigan region, made up of Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, Washtenaw, and Wayne Counties. Membership is open to all counties, cities, villages, townships, intermediate school districts, and community colleges.



Police chases, shootouts, and ultra-high tech investigative techniques are the stuff of entertainment media. In reality, police officers spend much of their day in community caretaking activities (Part C Complaints), such as checking alarms, assisting disabled motorists, traffic enforcement, vacation house checks, even helping people who've locked keys in their car.

The population of Bloomfield Township has remained relatively level, yet the Calls For Service (CFS) have increased steadily.



# USE OF FORCE



The overwhelming majority of contacts citizens have with the police involve absolutely no physical force. Most arrests can be described as uneventful. The subject peacefully submits to arrest and follows the orders given to them. This is the ideal situation that all officers strive for. However, there are times when people will physically resist the officer to use force to safely take the subject into custody.

In 2018, our officers responded to 31,899 Calls For

Service (CFS). However, this number is a *fraction* of the *actual* number of contacts our officers have with citizens. In the course of a shift, an officer could have contact with dozens of people in an unofficial capacity, such as talking about the weather, and exchanging high hopes for the Detroit Tigers.

When comparing our total “Calls For Service” to the number of “Use of Force” incidents, the Bloomfield Township Police department experienced a small percentage of times when officers had to use force to control a situation or affect an arrest.

**So, what is force?** These are the actions, techniques, or equipment used affect an arrest for a non-compliant person.

**Why does force have to be used?** Officers would always prefer that an arrestee complies and submits to arrest, rather than fights and resists. For that reason, they will do their best to gain voluntary compliance from an arrestee, using good communication and de-escalation skills.

**Is it ever necessary to use force on someone in handcuffs?** Kicking, biting, shoving, head butting, and spitting are all things a handcuffed person can do. When an arrestee is still aggressive, it may be necessary to use additional force to keep the subject from hurting themselves or others.

2018 Use of Force Incidents			
# of Cases	Type of Incident	Force Used	Disposition
2	Suicidal Subject	Soft hand controls	Proper Force
1	Subject assaulting officers	Taser deployment	Proper Force
1	Subject resisting officers	Taser deployment	Proper Force
1	Fleeing felon	Tackled	Proper Force
1	Subject resisting officers	Soft hand controls	Proper Force
1	Drunk driver wrong way on road	Vehicular intervention	Proper Force



# TRAINING



Sgt. John Weise  
Training Coordinator

The Bloomfield Township Police Department's Training Unit consists of twenty-four instructors, trained in specific fields such as firearms and defensive tactics. Our trainers have received enough training to be considered content-area experts in their discipline. They keep their knowledge current by attending additional outside training and spending hundreds of hours developing lesson plans used to train our department.

Each Bloomfield Township police officer is required to attend in-house quarterly training, ranging from state-mandated CPR / AED certification, to more advanced topics, including firearms, defensive tactics, Taser recertification, reviews of department Policies and Procedures, and legal updates.

Constant training keeps our officers abreast of the changes in the dynamic field of law enforcement. Applying these skills to their daily duties creates a confident, well-trained police officer our community has come to expect.

-Sergeant John Weise



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.



# FIELD TRAINING OFFICER PROGRAM



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 15-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.



Officer Bjornson (left) and Field Training Officer Ball



Field Training Officer Wegienka (left) and Officer Scott

# ACCOMPLISHMENTS



This year, **Lieutenant James Gallagher** 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.



Front row, second from the left, Lieutenant Jim Gallagher.

# ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Our department sends newly promoted sergeants and 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.



Sgt. Pete Matejcik



Sgt. Jason Murphy



Ofc. April Switala



Ofc. Tony Woycehoski



Ofc. Nate Eller



Disp. Supervisor  
Meg Fouss

# RETIREMENTS



Kent Tschudin was hired by the Bloomfield Township Police Department on April 16, 1990, and was assigned to road patrol. In 1996, he became an Evidence Technician, and in 1997, a Field Training Officer( FTO) where he trained several new officers.

He was promoted to Sergeant on January 7, 2015, and continued his service to the people of Bloomfield Township as a Patrol Sergeant. Later, his title changed to Administrative Sergeant where he oversaw the Records and Property section. Sgt. Tschudin worked there until his retirement in 2018.

We thank Sgt. Kent Tschudin for his many years of exemplary service and wish him a long, healthy, and happy retirement.



# PROMOTIONS



Officer Pete Matejck was promoted to Sergeant on April 1, 2018



Officer Jason Murphy was promoted to Sergeant on June 17, 2018.



Sergeant Bryan Pizzuti was promoted to Lieutenant on December 1, 2018

*“Being promoted to sergeant 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.”*

*-Sgt. Pete Matejck*

# NEW HIRES



Officer Tanner Davis was sworn in by Township Clerk Jan Roncelli on January 9, 2018



Village Officer Brian Crane was sworn in on May 7, 2018



Officers Marshall Scott (Left) and Gunnar Bjornson sworn in on July 9, 2018

Lt. Jeff Nolan is the Administrative Lieutenant for the department. One of his many roles is to find eligible recruits, and guiding them through the mountain of paperwork that begins the hiring process. Background investigations, interviews, and medical and psychological exams are just the tip of the iceberg.

The first question a prospective employee is asked when they call is, "Do you have a four-year degree?" Just that question ends the process for many applicants as the Bloomfield Township Police Department requires its officers possess a B.A. or B.S.

In 2018, three Bloomfield Township police officers and one Bloomfield Village police officer were added to our team. Officers Davis, Scott, and Bjornson were

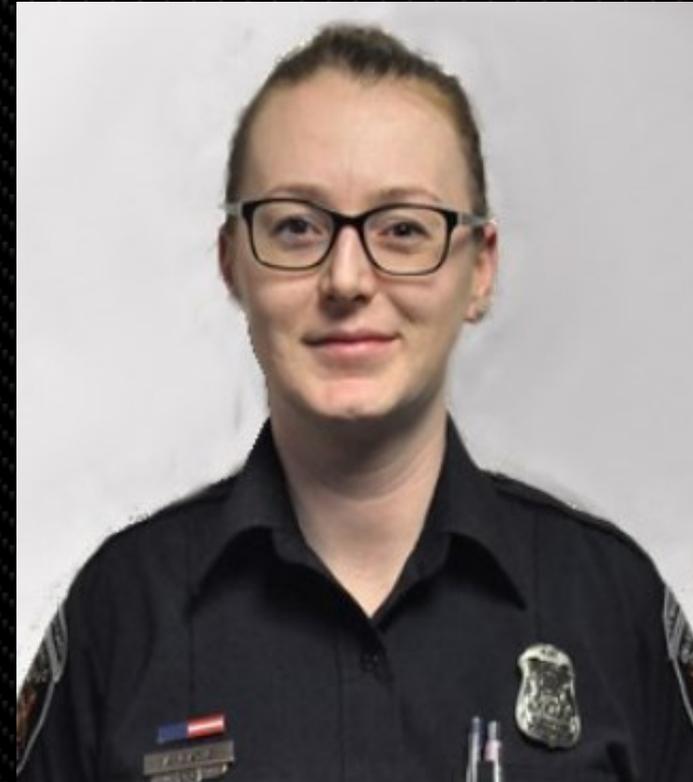
hired and assigned to the FTO program. Upon successful completion, they were assigned to the Patrol Division. Officer Crane was a retired Franklin Police Officer, who after completing the FTO program started working as a patrolman in the Bloomfield Village Police Department.

We welcome these officers to our ranks and wish them a long and safe career.

# OFFICER AND CIVILIAN OF THE YEAR



Officer Tim Newsome  
2018 Officer of the Year



Dispatcher Amela Catic  
2018 Civilian Employee of the Year  
(2nd Consecutive Award)

# MULTIJURISDICTIONAL TASK FORCES



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 Department. 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 and 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.

## 2018 M.C.A.T. Case

M.C.A.T. was called to the City of Troy to assist their investigation of a homicide that had just occurred. Thanks to the collaborative effort of this multijurisdictional team, the suspect was quickly identified and arrested.



# MULTIJURISDICTIONAL TASK FORCES



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 Activity				
	Surveillance	Arrests	Search Warrants	Cleared Cases
January	7	11	1	40
February	9	7	0	30
March	8	11	1	110
April	6	5	1	10
May	6	6	0	5
June	5	2	1	4
July	6	7	1	30
August	6	11	2	45
September	5	5	1	16
October	7	7	1	35
November	7	10	0	100
December	4	7	0	40
<b>Total:</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>465</b>

## Types of cases investigated by Troy SIU include:

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

# MULTIJURISDICTIONAL TASK FORCES



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 hundreds of years of crash investigation experience to bear, 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.

# MULTIJURISDICTIONAL TASK FORCES



The **Oakland County Sheriff Narcotic Enforcement Team (N.E.T.)** is a multi-jurisdictional task force compiled of numerous departments throughout Oakland County and run by the Oakland County Sheriff's Office. The task force is divided into four units which cover all of Oakland County. N.E.T.'s primary objective is to identify and investigate narcotic related crimes including, but not limited to:

- Drug Overdoses
- Sales and Manufacturing of Drugs
- Drug Related Violent Crimes

There is also a division of N.E.T. in conjunction with the I.R.S. that investigates fraud and money laundering stemming from the illegal sales of narcotics.

N.E.T. Activity Report	
Investigations Initiated	483
Arrests	223
Search Warrants	246



N.E.T. Drug Purchases/ Seizures	
Grams of Heroin	742
Grams of Cocaine	5,526
Grams of Crack Cocaine	627
Pounds of Marijuana	2,091
Grams of Marijuana (Edibles, Wax, Oil)	537,160
Units of Ecstasy	57
Grams of Mushrooms	118
Grams of Fentanyl	35
Units of L.S.D.	267
Grams of Meth	330
Units of Prescription Drugs	42,154
Units of Other Dangerous Drugs	610
<b>Total Estimated Street Value</b>	<b>\$19,881,231.00</b>

# MULTIJURISDICTIONAL TASK FORCES



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.



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.

Activity		
	2017	2018
Arrests	41	32
Convictions	6	15
Disruptions	18	9
Title III	2	*
Hostage (Recovery)	1	0
Indictments	46	15
Judicial Complaints	14	13
Search Warrants	134	109
Sentencings	11	*
Weapons Recovered	24	41

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

# MULTIJURISDICTIONAL TASK FORCES



Identity theft and fraud-related crimes are the fastest growing crimes in the United States. The internet, increasing availability of wireless communications, and technology in general has allowed criminals to commit crimes with increasing speed and anonymity.

Experience has shown that unlike traditional property crimes, identity theft and other fraud-related crimes typically take place in multiple jurisdictions, including other states and even other countries. Further complicating fraud-related investigations is the fact that they tend to be resource intensive due to the immense amount of legal filings needed in order to obtain evidence records, compounding prosecution and jurisdictional restrictions. The net result is that local agencies simply do not have the resources to investigate and prosecute many cases. Individual criminals and actual criminal organizations such as traditional gangs have realized this and see such crimes as very high reward with very low risk.



Recognizing the importance of such investigations, in February 2018 the Bloomfield Township Police Department assigned one detective full time to the FBI's Detroit Metropolitan Identity Theft & Financial Crimes Task Force (D.M.I.F.T.) based in Oakland County. Bloomfield Township joined FBI agents, Auburn Hills, Birmingham, Michigan State Police, U.S. Postal Inspector Service, and several other Detroit area and Federal agencies.

At a larger scale, a recent case currently in the prosecution phase is the "Free Band Gang" (F.B.G.). The Free Band Gang is a Detroit-based group involved in large scale credit card fraud operations which targeted banks and retail stores on a national scale. Through the gang's fraudulent activity, the estimated total loss are estimated at over \$10,000,000.



**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

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.

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