

City of Grosse Pointe Woods
Department of Public Safety
Annual Report
2025

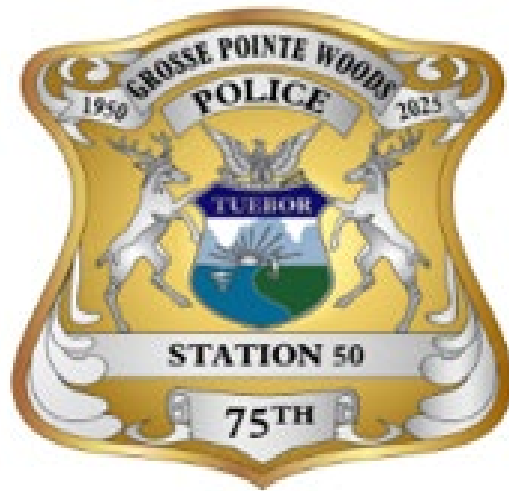


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CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



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May 1, 2026

Dear Mayor and City Council:

On behalf of the members of the Department of Public Safety, I am proud to present the Annual Report for 2025 showing the crime statistics of the Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety. The information contained in this report reflects the combined efforts of all department members who have worked together to make the City of Grosse Pointe Woods a safe and welcoming community.

Our department members work hard each day to keep the residents and businesses of this community safe and responded to 9,727 incidents in 2025. Our crime totals for 2025 reflect an 8% decrease with the totals of both Index and Non-Index crimes falling from 616 to 567 crimes.

Once again, the highest Index crime reported was Larceny with an 8% increase in incidents from 146 to 158. A significant 39% decrease was shown in Auto Theft as the number of incidents went from 59 to 36. Only three of the vehicles were stolen from the Henry Ford St. John Hospital parking lot. Although we work to the best of our ability to fight crime, I cannot stress enough how the public needs to do their part as well. A simple thing like remembering to lock a car door is essential in today's world.

I am pleased to report decreases in the Index crimes of Aggravated Assault, Burglary, and Criminal Sexual Conduct, which went down from 9 to 6, 16 to 12, and 4 to 3, respectively. Three Arson incidents were reported, a category which has had no crimes in the four years prior. Two Robberies took place, an increase from the one reported in 2024.

Although the highest Non-Index crime reported once again was Fraud, it did show a major 40% decrease from 111 to 67 incidents. Following closely behind as the second highest Non-Index crime was Public Peace with 62 incidents, increasing 59% from 39 to 62.

Intimidation/Stalking incidents also increased from 29 to 34. Decreases were shown in the crimes of Malicious Damage to Property and Operating Under the Influence of Liquor or Drugs, which went from 36 to 26 and 14 to 9, respectively. Retail Fraud incidents also decreased from 22 to 18 incidents.

A change in the criminal justice system has caused certain crimes to no longer be considered arrestable offenses. Violations requiring court appearances are issued instead.

The reduction in the number of auto thefts in 2025 may be due in part to the implementation of the Metro Detroit Auto Recovery Team (MDART) agreement which began in October. Together with the Michigan State Police, the Michigan Department of State, and the City of Troy, we will work to reduce the number of automobile thefts in the grant coverage area. MDART is comprised of several officers from multiple agencies working to combat auto theft and larceny from automobiles. One of our Grosse Pointe Woods officers was assigned to MDART detail for a one-year period. The MDART grant is a yearly grant which will be reviewed and evaluated upon the completion of twelve months. It has not been determined how long the grant will continue.

Since our officer joined the MDART team in October, 45 stolen vehicles have been recovered and 23 felony arrests have been made out of a total of 53 complaints. The amount of felony arrests and recovered stolen vehicles increased by 41%. The estimated value of recoveries for the October – December time period was slightly over one million dollars. The total estimated value of recoveries by the MDART team for the year was over three million dollars.

The License Plate Reader (LPR) project which was approved by Council in December 2024 came into fruition in 2025 with the installation of five LPRs located at main entrances to the city. The readers capture images of license plates as vehicles drive by along with information such as the date, time, and location. The LPRs will greatly enhance the capabilities of our officers to track vehicles and solve crimes.

The City continues to contract with Medstar for ambulance service. Total ambulance runs increased 10% from 1,258 to 1,390. The number of runs requiring advanced life support increased substantially from 106 to 626, putting the statistic closer to what had been reported in years prior to 2024. Kolby Miller, Chief Executive Officer of Medstar, has reported an average emergency response time of 5.14 minutes.

The amount of unwanted and/ or expired drugs disposed of in the drug kiosk located in the Public Safety hallway has nearly doubled, going from 297 pounds to 512 pounds, the equivalent of an estimated 232,728 pills. We are proud to partner with the Rotary International Group to continue offering this method of safely disposing of drugs and preventing them from contaminating our drinking water.

One of the major purchases in 2025 was a five-year TASER cartridge bundle package with Axon, a sole source vendor which produces the electroshock weapons known as TASERS specifically for law enforcement and military use. The first year of the contract includes the cost of fifteen TASERS. Included in each year of the contract are instructor certification classes and re-certification classes. Additional TASER cartridges will be purchased as needed.

The annual Public Safety Open House held on October 5, 2025, once again was a well-attended community event. The public had the opportunity to get a first-hand look at our fire trucks, police cars, a Medstar ambulance, and the Special Response Team's tactical vehicle. Educational demonstrations on how to use a fire hose and how to exit a burning building were presented. One of the most popular events was the presentation by the Grosse Pointe Farms K-9 team of Lieutenant Timothy Harris and his partner Rocco. We are looking forward to the 2026 Open House when our own K-9 team will make their debut.

One of the major highlights of 2025 was the introduction of our K-9 team, Officer Duncan Gill and his partner Arcos. Police K-9 programs are highly beneficial to the communities they serve. The presence of a K-9 unit can be a visible deterrent to criminal activity and can also alert officers to the presence of suspects, some of which may be armed, from a safe distance. A patrol K-9 is trained in tasks such as obedience, tracking, article search, building search, narcotic detection and handler protection.

The project would not have been possible without the tireless fundraising efforts of Corrine Martin, founder and Executive Director of the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society. Through the animal shelter's newly created fundraising arm, Friends of the Grosse Pointe Woods K-9 Program, Ms. Martin's team is committed to ensuring that Arcos will receive the training, care, equipment and support that he needs. The program is 100% donation-funded. A new vehicle and equipment fitting the needs and specifications of the K-9 team were purchased through funding. The K-9 handler's salary and benefits continues to be paid for by the City of Grosse Pointe Woods.

The department is also deeply grateful to the Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation for their generous donation of \$25,000.00 for the K-9 program. The Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation is an all-volunteer organization established in 2008.

Immediately following Officer Gill's selection of Arcos from the K9 Academy Training Facility in Taylor, Michigan, in October, the team began an extensive training program. The two will continue to train throughout the future. Our department previously had a K-9 team in 2015-2016, which although brief, proved to be highly successful. We are excited to see what the future holds for Officer Gill and Arcos.

Another generous donation which was highly beneficial to the department was an anonymous gift of a LUCAS Device in June. The LUCAS Chest Compression System, known as the LUCAS device, is a portable device which enables first responders to deliver automatic, consistent, and uninterrupted chest compressions to patients in cardiac arrest. It is designed to sustain circulation during transport or long resuscitation efforts.

Safety in schools has always been a priority with the department and we are proud to recognize School Resource Officer Jeffrey Martel for the excellent work he has done since his appointment to the position in 2023 by awarding him the 2025 Officer of the Year award.

Sergeant Mark Agnetti has been announced as the 2025 Supervisor of the Year due to his hard work in transforming the department's Field Training Officer program into a more modern and efficient process. His work is important to the future of the department as it is the foundation for which our new officers are trained.

We welcomed three new Public Safety officers and one new dispatcher to the department in 2025. The year began with the hiring of Officer Andrew Gizowski, a former Highland Park firefighter, in January. The next month brought the addition of Officer Christopher Domanski, who possesses a degree in Criminal Justice. In August, we hired recent college graduate Jacob Pettyes. Dispatcher Fiona Byrne joined the department in July, possessing a degree in Criminal Justice as well as experience as a Police Service Aide with the City of Madison Heights.

The department sponsored Police and/or Fire Academy training for each of the new officers. Training continues to be a priority as evidenced by the 27% increase in training hours in 2025, increasing from 8,275 hours to 10,549 hours.

The year ended with the retirement of Lieutenant Brian Conigliaro who left the department after twenty-five years of dedicated service, eleven of which were as a member of our command staff. A valued member of our staff, he had served on the multi-district Special Response Team (SRT) for fourteen years, and was influential in his department specialties as the instructor for the Range, Active Shooter, and Subject Management training sessions. He was a leader not only in our department but in the United States Naval Reserve as well, where he held the high-ranking position of Senior Chief Master-At-Arms after over twenty-nine years of service. We wish Lieutenant Conigliaro and his family all the best as they start their new life in the State of Texas.

The 75th anniversary of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods took place in 2025. The Department of Public Safety's contribution to commemorate the occasion was the creation of specially designed personalized gold or silver badges and challenge coins for our department members. A sample is on the front cover of this annual report. We are proud to be a part of this historic occasion and wanted our staff to have a tangible keepsake.

In closing, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Mayor Arthur Bryant and members of Council for their continued support in helping to turn the department's vision for improvement into a reality. In addition, I would like to thank City Manager Susan Como and former City Administrator Frank Schulte for their support.

I would also like to thank the members of our Public Safety Department for their hard work and dedication and to Chaplain Matthew Swiatek for providing his guidance to them. The assistance and help provided by members of other departments within the city is also appreciated.

We continue to be grateful for our support staff of Auxiliary Officers who assist us with the annual Public Safety Open House and other community events as well as our Crossing Guards who are at their posts throughout the school year despite any inclement weather they might encounter.

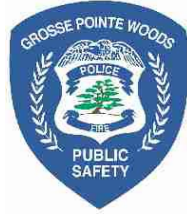
As we move into the future in 2026, my top priority will continue to be the safety and well-being of members of the community. I welcome suggestions from residents and business owners for improvements that can be made or for alerting us about problems which need resolutions. Our department's commitment to serving the City of Grosse Pointe Woods with excellent service is as strong as ever. I will continue to work to the best of my ability to make this department the best that it can be.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John G. Kosanke".

John G. Kosanke, Director of Public Safety

MISSION STATEMENT



The Mission of the Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety is to continually strive to improve the safety and quality of life within our community. This will be accomplished through a broad-based combination of traditional and innovative police, fire and emergency medical services while always protecting constitutional and basic human rights. All members of the Department will at all times stand accountable for their conduct.



INTRODUCTION



Director of Public Safety John G. Kosanke

Each year, the Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety prepares an annual report of crime statistics for the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, the Michigan Incident Crime Reporting (MICR), and the Federal Bureau of Investigation Uniform Crime Report (UCR). This data is compiled from offenses reported to the Department of Public Safety, monthly police reports, and individual crime incident reports.

The primary objective of this Annual Report is to provide a reliable set of criminal justice statistics for police administration, operations, and management. The localized study of crime data enables personnel to assess the influence of crime in areas, neighborhoods, and with people. Similarly, crime statistics permit analysis among neighboring jurisdictions and with those of similar populations and other characteristics. A broad examination of the crime data allows individuals to view the nature and movement of crime, underlying changes, and fluctuations throughout the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, the State of Michigan, and the United States.

The Department of Public Safety is committed to improving the reliability and validity of our crime reporting data. We are attempting to achieve this goal by a study and analysis of major crime indexes and understanding the impact of classification revisions mandated by the State. As a result, some offense categories have decreased, while others have increased. Our efforts are to provide a reporting system that will be more accurate, valid, reliable, and compatible with State and Federal standards.

DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

As of 12-31-2025

Director of Public Safety

John G. Kosanke

Chaplain

Pastor Matthew Swiatek

Lieutenants

James Lefurgey

Lieutenant/DB Commander

Keith Waszak

Sergeants

Mark Agnetti

Darrell Fisher

Walter Galat

Joseph Provost, Jr.

Kyle Seidel

Brian Urban

Public Safety Officers

Steven Calabro

Douglas Copple

Trent Dara

Christopher Domanski

David Empson

Duncan Gill

Andrew Gizowski

Eugene Gunnery

Joseph Hazuka

Mitchell Hendrix

Anthony Hojnacki

Neal Kapoor

Timothy Livingston

Matthew Muzia

Jacob Pettyes

Andrew Smith

Dennis Walker

Detectives

Miles Adams

Martin Mitchell

Ryan Schroerlucke

School Resource Officer

Jeffry Martel

Communications Dispatchers

Fiona Byrne

Scott DeLisle

Shelby Finley

Sherry Frederick

Kristen Morano

Confidential Administrative Assistant

Claudette Darga

Code Enforcement

Debbie Reed

Parking Enforcement - Part-Time

Debra Fox

Chelsea Phillips

Records Department - Full-Time

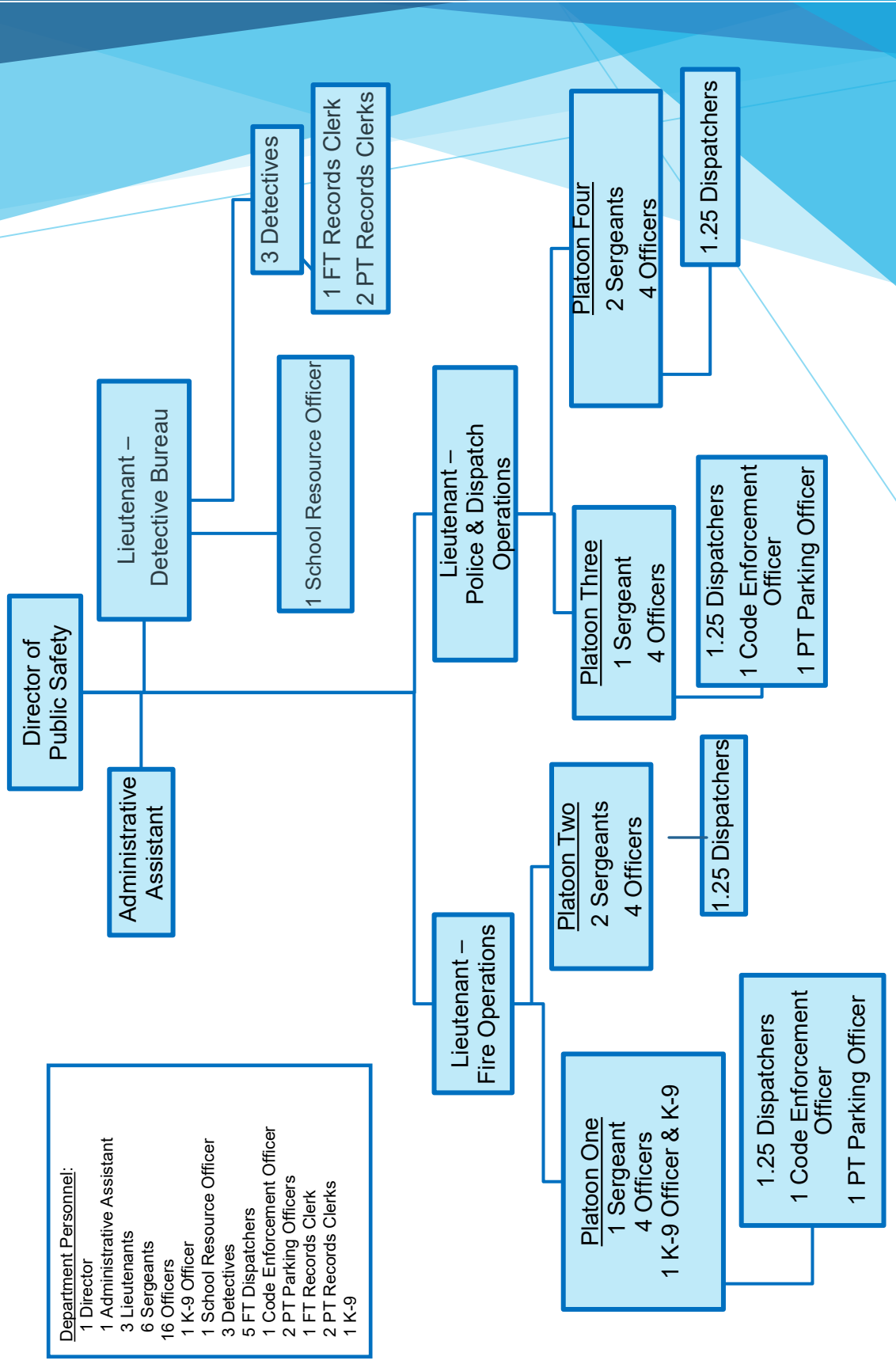
Darlene Jepson

Records Department - Part-Time

Kim Rupinski

Tina Verbeke

City of Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety Organization Chart 2025

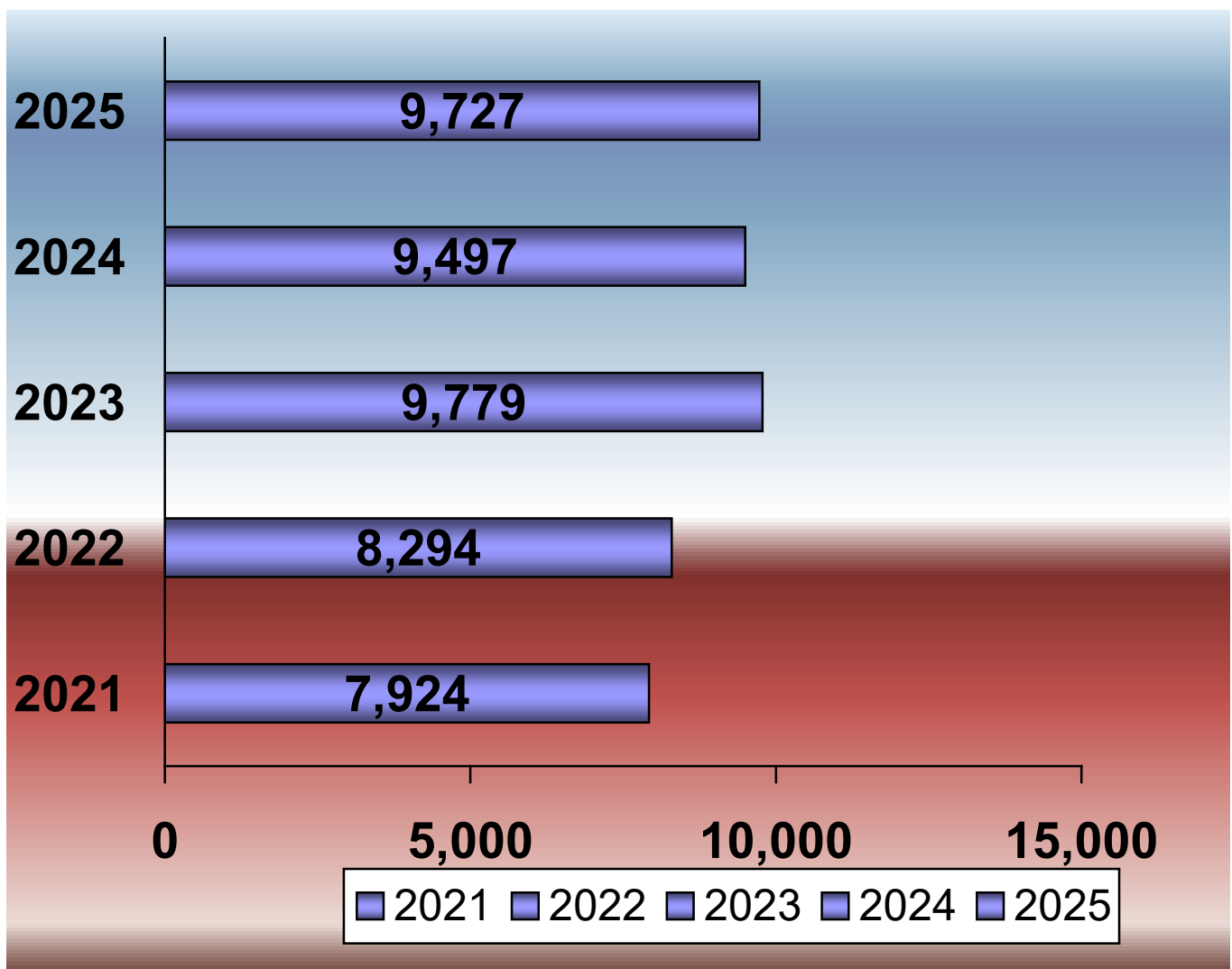


TOTAL INCIDENTS 2021 - 2025

Since the utilization of CLEMIS, the department has been able to successfully capture a wide magnitude of crime statistics. This valuable resource continues to enhance department operations with its ease of use and impressive capabilities.

The department responded to 9,727 calls for service in 2025.

The five-year average is 9,044 calls for service.



INDEX CRIMES BREAKDOWN

The National Crime Index is composed of selected offenses used to gauge fluctuations in the overall volume and rate of crime reported to law enforcement. Index Crimes are considered to be the most serious of all crimes reported.

These include the violent crimes of:

- **Aggravated Assault**
- **Arson**
- **Burglary**
- **Criminal Homicide**
- **Criminal Sexual Conduct**
- **Larceny - Theft**
- **Robbery**
- **Vehicle Theft**

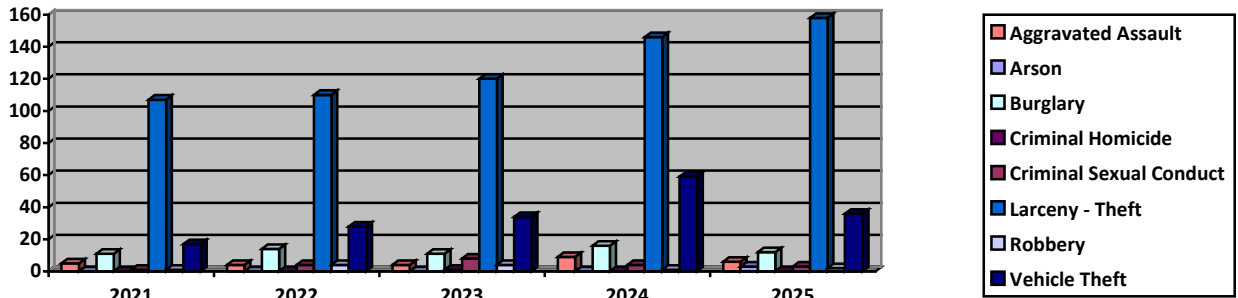
NON-INDEX CRIMES BREAKDOWN

Non-Index offenses encompass all other reportable classifications outside those defined as Index Offenses. Only arrest data involving the Non-Index offenses are reported to the FBI.

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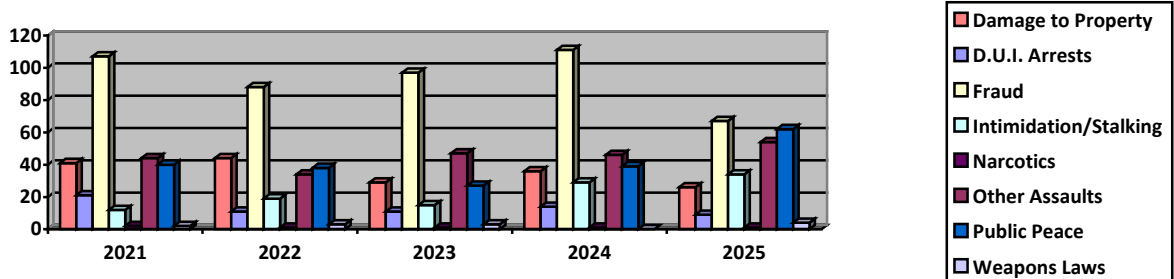
- **Curfew and Loitering Laws (persons under 18)**
- **Damage to Property**
- **Disorderly Conduct**
- **Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol**
- **Drug Abuse Violations**
- **Drunkenness**
- **Embezzlement**
- **Forgery and Counterfeiting**
- **Fraud**
- **Gambling**
- **Liquor Laws**
- **Offenses Against the Family and Children**
- **Other Assaults**
- **Prostitution and Commercialized Vice**
- **Public Peace**
- **Runaways (persons under 18)**
- **Sex Offenses**
- **Stolen Property: Buying, Receiving, Possessing**
- **Weapons: Carrying, Possessing, etc.**
- **All Other Offenses**

INDEX CRIMES TOTALS



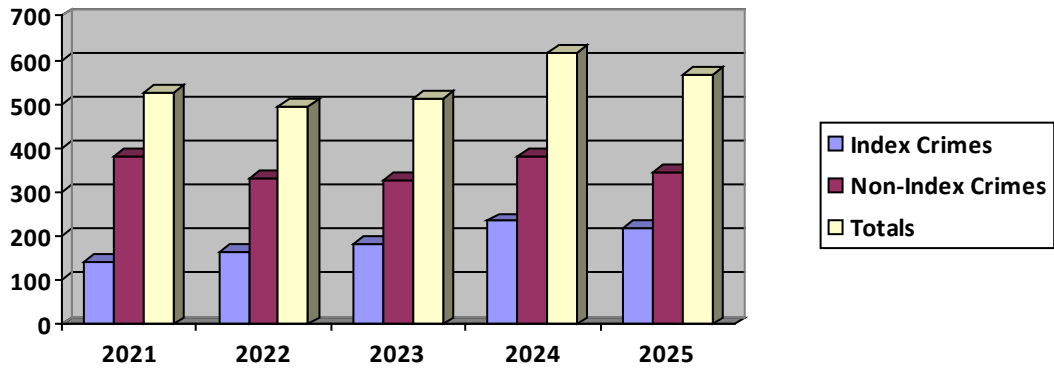
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Aggravated Assault	5	4	4	9	6
Arson	0	0	0	0	3
Burglary	11	14	11	16	12
Criminal Homicide	0	0	1	0	0
Criminal Sexual Conduct	1	4	8	4	3
Larceny – Theft	107	110	120	146	158
Robbery	1	4	4	1	2
Vehicle Theft	17	28	34	59	36

NON - INDEX CRIMES TOTALS



	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Damage to Property	41	44	29	36	26
D.U.I. Arrests	21	11	11	14	9
Fraud	107	88	97	111	67
Intimidation/Stalking	12	19	15	29	34
Narcotics	2	1	1	1	1
Other Assaults	44	34	47	46	54
Public Peace	40	38	27	39	62
Weapons Laws	2	3	3	0	4

CRIME TOTALS 2021 - 2025



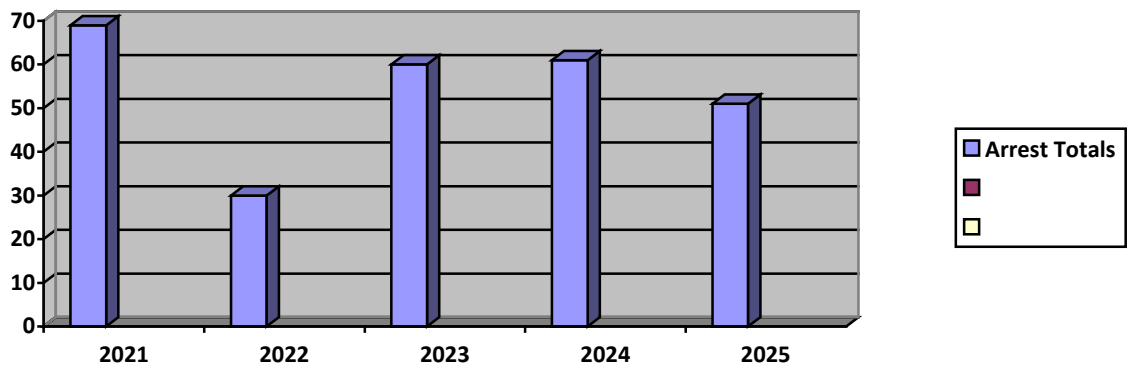
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Index Crimes	142	164	182	235	220
Non-Index Crimes	383	332	329	381	347
Totals	525	496	511	616	567

The 567 Index and Non-Index crimes reported in 2025 represents an 8 % decrease from the 616 crimes reported in 2024. The five-year average is 543 Index and Non-Index crimes.

ARREST TOTALS 2021 - 2025

The five-year average is 54 arrests per year.

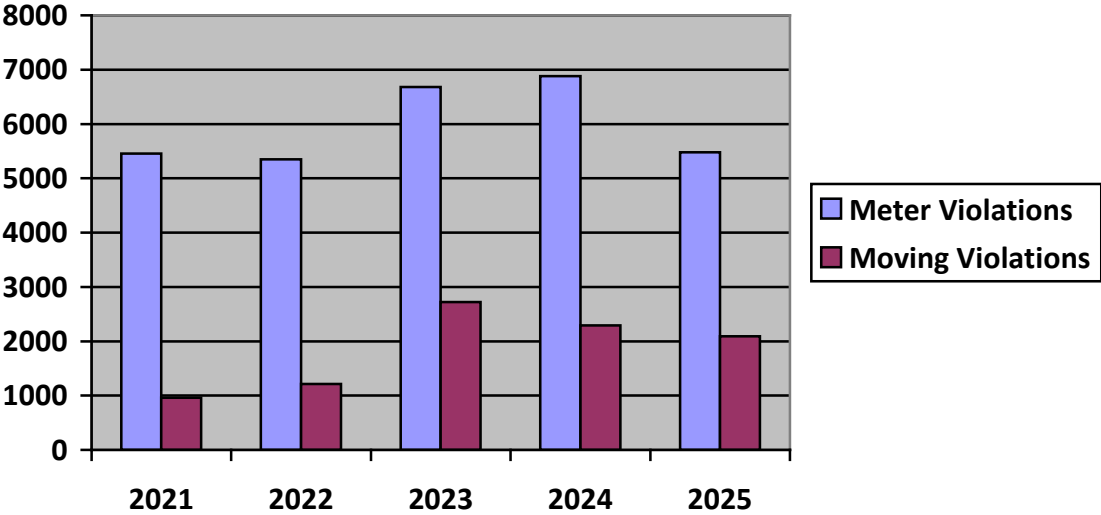
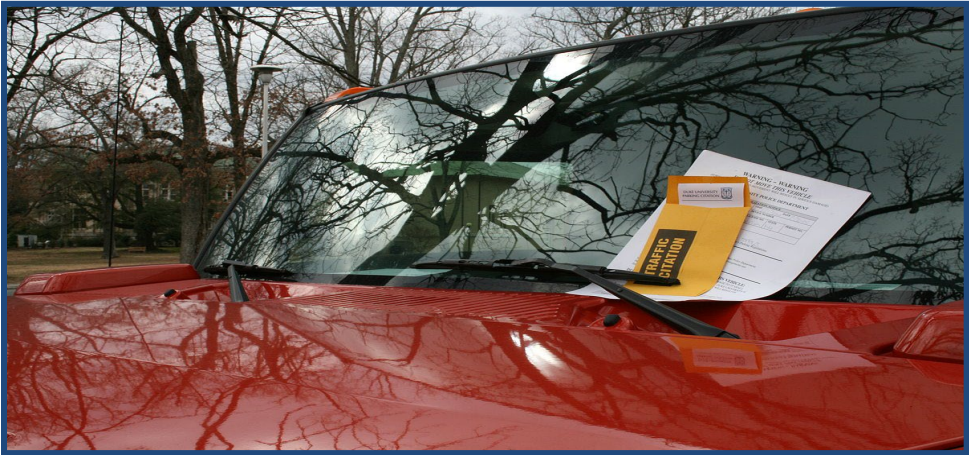
Arrests decreased from last year by 16 %.



	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Arrest Totals	69	30	60	61	51

MOVING AND METER VIOLATIONS

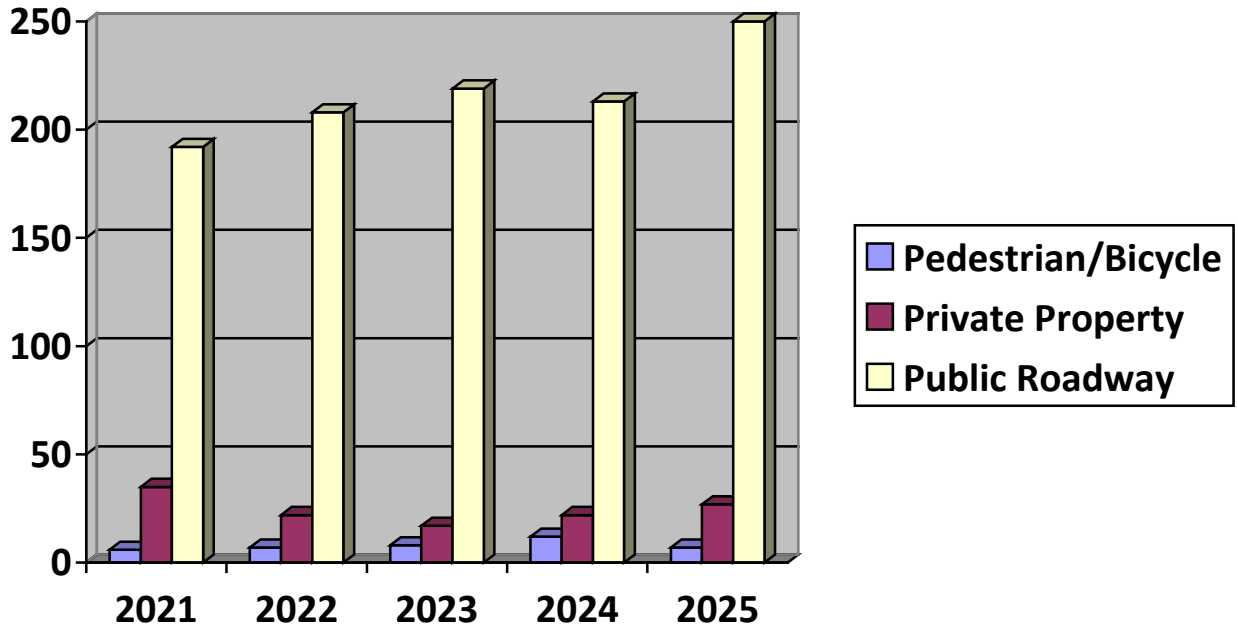
Using computers, updated radars, preliminary breath instruments, and mobile fingerprint readers in the patrol vehicles, the Public Safety Department continues to enforce traffic violations in the most effective manner possible.



	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Meter Violations	5,456	5,348	6,681	6,880	5,478
Moving Violations	958	1,215	2,720	2,289	2,091

TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS

The statistics below include figures for private property accidents. The State of Michigan, for reporting purposes, does not include or record private property accidents. These types of accident reports are taken as a courtesy to citizens.



	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Pedestrian/Bicycle	6	7	8	12	7
Private Property	35	22	17	22	27
Public Roadway	192	208	219	213	250
Total Accidents	233	237	244	247	284

There were no fatalities in 2025.

DEPARTMENT TRAINING

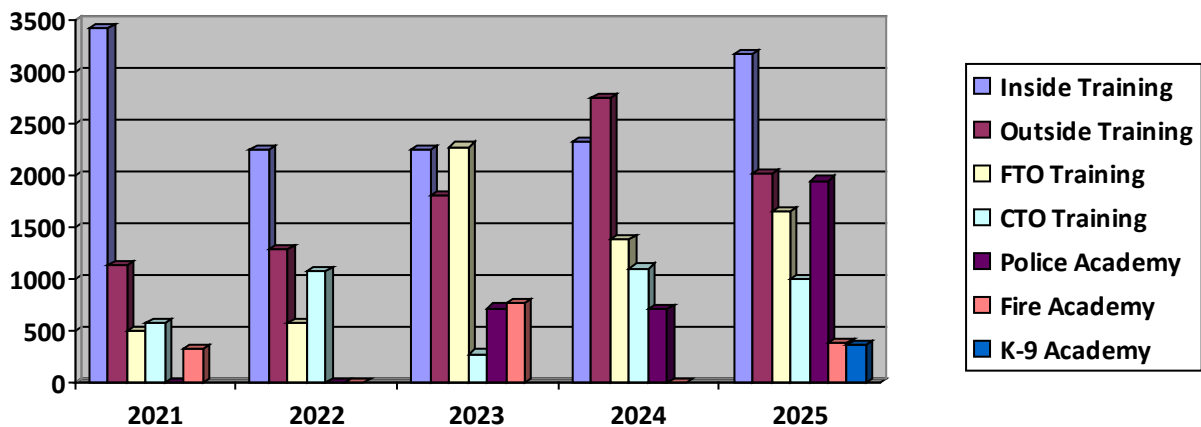
Members of the department work diligently with specialized rescue tools and fire equipment to train in preparation of any impending emergency. They also train to keep abreast of new technology, updated equipment, and changing laws. Members of the department attended 2,025 hours of Police and Fire training courses at local colleges and other training facilities in 2025 and participated in 3,174 hours of in-house training.

Three new officers were sponsored by the department. One attended both the Macomb Police Academy and the Macomb Fire Academy where he trained for 568 hours and 384 hours, respectively. Another attended the Oakland Police Academy where he trained for 696 hours. The third new officer trained for 688 hours at the Schoolcraft Police Academy.

In addition, 1,656 hours were spent on FTO (Field Training Officer) for the three new officers hired in 2025. Also, 996 hours were spent training one new Dispatcher hired in 2025 and one hired at the end of 2024 in the area of CTO (Communications Training Officer).

K-9 Handler Duncan Gill and his partner Arcos took part in 362 intensive hours of training at the K-9 Academy Training Facility in Taylor immediately following the addition of Arcos to the department in October 2025.

The grand total of all department training in 2025 was 10,549 hours, a 27% increase from the 8,275 total hours in 2024. The department values training and encourages employees to grasp the opportunity whenever possible to continually grow in knowledge.



FIRE OPERATIONS

Our officers perform dual duties involving both police and fire and are quick to respond in either type of emergency situation. In addition to four residential dwelling fires in Grosse Pointe Woods, our firemen also responded to one business fire, three vehicle fires, and eight outdoor brush/dumpster fires. Mutual aid was received on three of the four residential dwelling fires. Included in the fire runs total are one gas leak run, thirty runs involving electrical problems, eighteen combustible spills and leaks, and fourteen runs involving chemical releases.

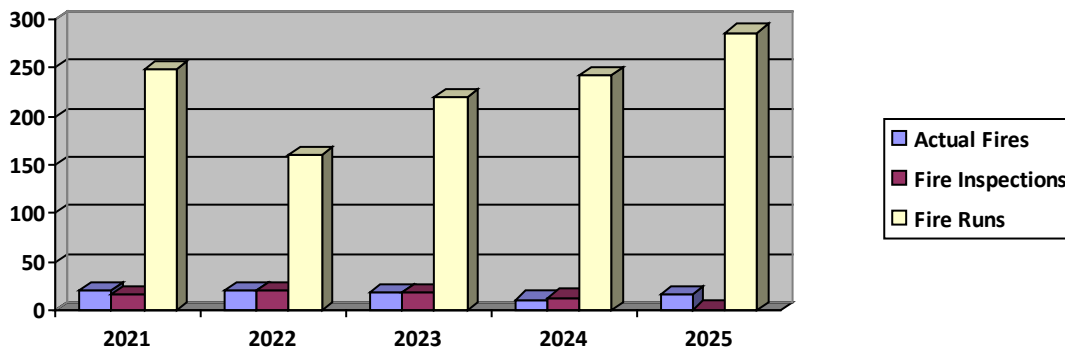
The department assisted with mutual aid on twelve residential fires in Harper Woods, three residential fires in Grosse Pointe Shores, and two residential fires in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Fire inspections are now done by the Building Department.



All totals listed below are estimated.

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Actual Fires	21	20	19	11	16
Fire Loss	\$1,255,000	\$413,400	\$51,910	\$356,000	\$127,625
Fire Runs	249	161	220	243	287



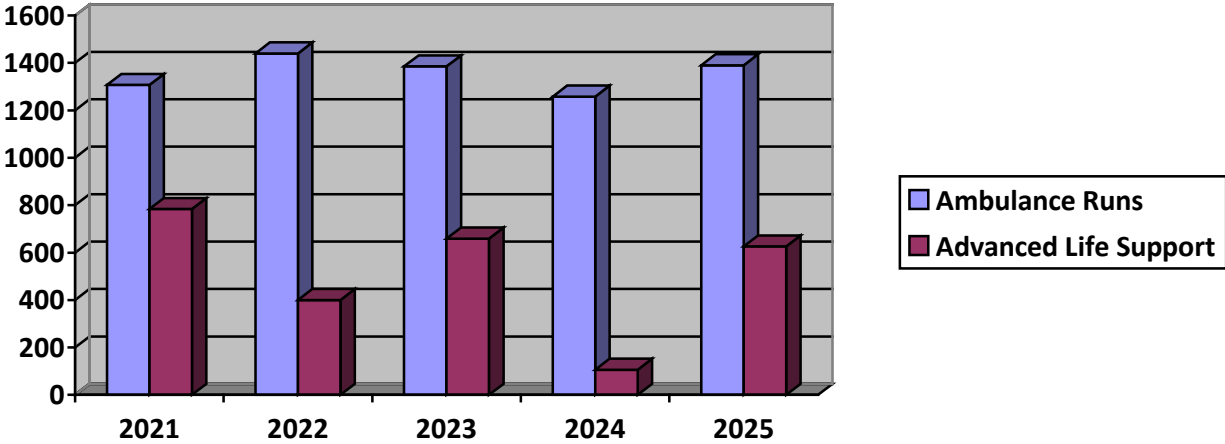
There were no fatalities or serious injuries resulting from the 16 actual fires in 2025.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Public Safety officers respond to every ambulance run. All our patrol vehicles are equipped with Automatic External Defibrillators.

With enhanced technology and equipment, the paramedics from Medstar can begin advanced lifesaving procedures and transmit reports to area hospitals before the patient arrives. The average emergency response time by Medstar was 5.14 minutes in 2025.

The 1,390 ambulance runs in 2025 represents a 10% increase from the 1,258 runs in 2024. The total number of runs includes 478 runs which were cancelled en route, at the scene, or refused by the patient. The 626 runs involving advanced life support represents a substantial increase of 491% from the 106 advanced life support runs reported in 2024 but brings the totals back into alignment with previous years.



	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Ambulance Runs	1,307	1,440	1,385	1,258	1390
Adv. Life Support	784	400	659	106	626
% Adv. Life Support	60%	27%	48%	8%	45%

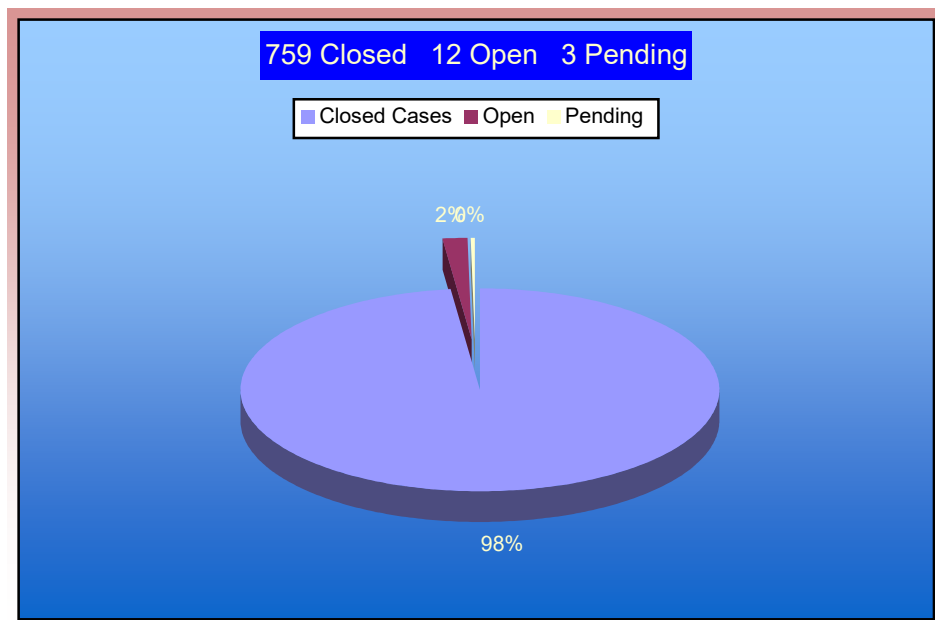
DETECTIVE BUREAU

The Detective Bureau is the Criminal Investigation Unit for the Department. The detectives assigned to this unit are responsible for investigating all crimes committed against persons or property in the community. They are on-call 24-hours a day to respond to a crime scene. All detectives receive specialized training to develop and enhance their investigative skills including attending legal update training and meetings with detective bureaus from neighboring jurisdictions. The Detective Bureau is also responsible for monitoring businesses that possess a Michigan liquor license to ensure compliance with Michigan liquor laws. The detectives are responsible for investigating crimes, collecting and preserving evidence, identifying perpetrators, interviewing witnesses, interrogating suspects, and preparing cases for successful prosecution.

The Grosse Pointe Woods Detective Bureau, which operates under the supervision of Lieutenant Detective Bureau Commander Keith Waszak, consists of detectives Miles Adams, Martin Mitchell and Ryan Schroerlucke.

When not assigned to his primary duties as the department's School Resource Officer, Jeffry Martel also works in the Detective Bureau. In addition, SRO Martel is responsible for overseeing the crossing guards and is the direct liaison with public school administrators, teachers, and students. Detective Martin Mitchell serves as the alternate SRO when necessary and is also the direct liaison for the private schools.

Detective Adams is responsible for Traffic Safety programs, for which he conducts traffic and speed studies, and investigates traffic-related incidents.



Summary of Case Assignments

98% of the 774 criminal cases assigned to the Detective Bureau in 2025 are closed.

SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM (SRT)



The Special Response Team (SRT) is a specially trained law enforcement team comprised of twelve members (two from each city) of the five Grosse Pointe area departments and Harper Woods. A new Mutual Cooperation Agreement was drafted and adopted by the heads of each of the participating departments in 2024. The new agreement clearly identifies the collaborative efforts and responsibilities of each department.

The Eastern Wayne County SRT is overseen by an Executive Committee composed of Director James Bostock of Grosse Pointe Park, Director Kenneth Werenski of Grosse Pointe Shores, and Deputy Director Andrew Rogers of the Village of Grosse Pointe Farms. Thirteen-year SRT veteran Lieutenant Timothy Harris of Grosse Pointe Farms handles Team Leadership responsibilities.

Grosse Pointe Woods is represented by Officers Neal Kapoor and Mitchell Hendrix, who joined the team in September as a replacement for newly appointed K-9 Officer Duncan Gill. Officer Gill had been an invaluable member of the SRT for three years and had been appointed as an Assistant Team Leader. Officer Gill has continued to assist the SRT with training on his own time.

The SRT executes search and arrest warrants, intervenes in hostage situations, works on counter-terrorism missions, provides perimeter security for high-profile events, and assistance in other high-risk situations. The SRT team was activated seven times in 2025, of which six of the incidents were for high-risk warrant services.

SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM (SRT)



The team was called into action multiple times throughout 2025 to assist partner agencies with high-risk warrant services, violent offenders, and special security details.

On May 23, 2025, an auto-theft suspect with a violent history was taken into custody when the SRT assisted Grosse Pointe Farms police with a warrant search in Ferndale. Entry was made after there was no response to announcements. A handgun and auto-theft evidence were recovered.

Later that month, the SRT again assisted Grosse Pointe Farms with the arrest of a suspect accused of sexually assaulting a minor. The suspect was also under investigation for a separate shooting incident. Multiple suspects were detained and critical DNA evidence was recovered.

The SRT was activated to Detroit in September to assist Grosse Pointe Farms detectives in a fraud investigation involving a suspect with a prior homicide conviction and suspected narcotics activity. After securing the residence, a search resulted in the seizure of cash, narcotics (including heroin and fentanyl) and fraud-related documentation.

On October 12, 2025, the SRT assisted Grosse Pointe Park and the Michigan State Police UDAA Task Force with the arrest of an auto-theft suspect who was connected to multiple stolen vehicle cases.

At the end of October, the SRT was requested to assist Harper Woods police with the apprehension of a repeat burglary suspect involved in cases across multiple jurisdictions. Multiple suspects were detained and evidence was recovered.

On November 28, the SRT provided security coverage for the annual Christmas parade along Kercheval Avenue, monitoring for suspicious behavior and potential threats.

The last SRT call-out of 2025 took place in December when the team assisted Harper Woods police with warrant services related to an armed robbery investigation involving multiple suspects with extensive criminal histories. Evidence and ammunition were recovered at one location and a replica firearm was located at another.

The Special Response Team represents a strong example of how pooling resources, personnel, and equipment can provide a higher level of public safety services to residents.

AUXILIARY UNIT



Pictured above from left to right in the back row are Auxiliary Officer Joseph Shalla, Auxiliary Sergeant Mark Higgins, Auxiliary Captain Charles Thomas, and Auxiliary Officers John Sable and Anthony Wimbush. Pictured in the front row from left to right are Auxiliary Officer Ryan Allemon, Auxiliary Sergeant Evan Allemon, and Auxiliary Officers Patrick Kyc and Jose Carrion.

Photo Credit: Sergeant Joseph Provost (pictured below)



The Police Auxiliary Unit is a vital resource for the department. Not only do they assist officers at community events such as the Public Safety Open House and Music on the Lawn, but they also help at fire scenes, perform fire hose testing protocols, and perform other essential duties. The role of an Auxiliary Officer is to assist and supplement our officers in the prevention of crime, protection of life and property, disaster operations, suppression of criminal activity, and preservation of peace. The auxiliary officers are an indispensable part of our community and their help is greatly appreciated.

Under the continued leadership of department liaison Sergeant Joseph Provost, the Auxiliary Unit underwent 146 hours of training and devoted 294.50 hours of service to the City of Grosse Pointe Woods in 2025.

At the end of 2025, the Police Auxiliary Unit consisted of Captain Charles Thomas, Squad Leaders Evan Allemon and Mark Higgins, and Auxiliary Officers Ryan Allemon, Jose Carrion, Patrick Kyc, John Sabol, Joseph Shalla, and Anthony Wimbush.

CROSSING GUARDS

The parents of our community depend upon our Crossing Guard team for the safety of their children when walking or riding a bicycle on their route to school or home. No matter what the weather is, our team of dedicated guards is ready to guide and protect our children. We are deeply appreciative of their efforts.



Our Code Enforcement Officer and Parking Officers often fill in for Crossing Guards when needed. Pictured above is Parking Enforcement Officer Chelsea Phillips.



Pictured clockwise starting on the top row from left to right are Crossing Guards Kenneth Carter, Maureen Carter, Frank Dicristofaro, Renee Dicristofaro, Kathleen Guertin, Nicole Guswiler, Sean Haggerty, Karen Kaled, Tatiane Kotaran, Roger Lanyon, Dana Linsdeau, Charlotte Monaghan, Mary Moore, Rodney Morris, Michelle Peck, Marvin Rancilio, Lindee Robinson, Jean Segodnia, and Paul Siewert.

HONORS & AWARDS



Detective Miles Adams is surrounded by his fellow detectives Martin Mitchell (on the left) and Ryan Schroerlucke (on the right) who came out to support him at the Respect for Law ceremonies. Lieutenant Detective Keith Waszak is on the right.

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Lieutenant Detective Keith Waszak and Detective Miles Adams worked tirelessly throughout February 2024 as the primary investigators on a case which spanned multiple cities throughout Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw, and Wayne Counties. Their efforts were recognized at the annual Respect for Law ceremony held on May 07, 2025, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

The suspect in the case, who was dubbed “The Obit Bandit” by local media, had been attending estate sales and using published obituary notices as a tool for breaking and entering into the homes of vulnerable families while they were attending funeral services for their loved ones. In some cases, the suspect pretended to be doing yard work before breaking into the homes. Jewelry, silverware, and other valuables were taken from the homes.

The challenging and complex case involved participation from local and state law enforcement partners. The suspect was apprehended on February 27, 2024, by members of the Eastern Wayne County Special Response Team and was subsequently sentenced to up to ten years of prison after pleading guilty to five cases of burglary.

Both Lieutenant Waszak and Detective Adams are well-respected in the department for their consistently outstanding work efforts.

OFFICER OF THE YEAR

School Resource Officer Jeffrey Martel



The role of School Resource Officer, assumed by Officer Jeffrey Martel in August, 2023 fits him like a glove. The position was established through a joint effort between the Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety and the Grosse Pointe Public School System as both parties recognized the need for a strong and collaborative presence within the school community.

Not only did Officer Martel volunteer for the position, he has embraced his responsibilities with commitment and professionalism. He has built a strong and trusted partnership with the school and is respected by the students. Having an office at Grosse Pointe North High School has given him a daily presence at the school which makes both students and staff feel safe and secure. He has become a steady fixture at school-related social and sporting events, ensuring crowd safety.

Officer Martel is also in charge of the Crossing Guards, a duty which requires flexibility and alertness to ensure that all school crossings are covered on a daily basis.

In addition, Officer Martel's work on cases related to school incidents has freed up his fellow officers so that they can protect other areas of the city. He also is assigned to detective duties when school is not in session and has shown strong investigative skills and contributed to timely case closures.

Throughout his 21 years with the department, Officer Martel has consistently shown an eagerness to learn, a willingness to accept new challenges, and a passion for achieving the best accomplishment possible for whatever task he is assigned to. He is well deserving of the 2025 Officer of the Year award.

SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR

Sergeant Mark Agnetti



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The future of the Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety is in good hands due to the dedication and hard work of Sergeant Mark Agnetti who is in charge of the Field Training Officer (FTO) Program, an intensive period of training that new recruits must successfully complete as they transition into their new role as a Public Safety Officer.

A 22-year veteran of the department, Sergeant Agnetti was promoted to his current rank in 2021. Under his leadership, he has completely transformed the FTO Program from an antiquated paper-based system into a digital platform. Although the process required extensive planning and coordination, it was Sergeant Agnetti's meticulous attention to detail which made the transformation a success. As a result, the entire FTO process has been streamlined into one that is significantly more efficient, accurate, and consistent.

During his career, Sergeant Agnetti served as a member of the Special Response Team (SRT) for five years. He has always displayed an initiative to work to the best of his ability and is an excellent mentor for our new officers.

The department has received numerous letters of praise from the public about their encounters with Sergeant Agnetti due to his pleasant manner and caring nature. He is held in high regard by other department members who see him as someone who sets high standards for the work that he does. We value the efforts and hard work that Sergeant Agnetti has consistently shown us throughout his career and are proud to present him with the 2025 Supervisor of the Year Award.

RETIREMENTS

Lieutenant Brian Conigliaro



One of the saddest days in the history of the department took place at the end of December when Lieutenant Brian Conigliaro retired after twenty-five years of dedicated service. Throughout his career, Lieutenant Conigliaro represented the department in a manner that made us proud.

His outstanding career included a lengthy stint spanning over twenty-nine years with the United States Naval Reserve where he worked his way up through the ranks to the position of Senior Chief Master-At-Arms, which is one of the top 1.25% ranked positions in the Navy. He was stationed at a security base in Italy for one year and extended for a second year due to the tragic events of 09/11 in 2001. He was also stationed in Djibouti, Africa, on a mission in support of Operation Al Qaeda for nearly two years, including the entire calendar year of 2020. While in the Navy, Senior Chief Conigliaro led a security team consisting of 169 Army, 65 Navy, 119 civilian contract personnel, five military working dog teams, two civilian physical security specialists, and one Anti-Terrorism Officer.

Lieutenant Conigliaro's accomplishments in Grosse Pointe Woods were outstanding. He served as a member of the multi-district Special Response Team (SRT) for fourteen years, bringing more knowledge and training skills into the department. He served as the department's Range Master, Active Shooter instructor, and Subject Management Instructor. He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2014 and to the rank of Lieutenant in 2021. He has received numerous awards, including Life-Saving, the 2020 Supervisor of the Year award, and the local Fraternal Order of Police Officer of the Year Award.

Lieutenant Conigliaro's bravery and ambition were an inspiration to all the officers in the department and his kindness and generosity will be sorely missed. We wish him all the best as he starts a new life with his family in the state of Texas.

K-9 TEAM

Officer Duncan Gill and Arcos



Photo Credit – Ed Hall

The Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety proudly welcomed K-9 Arcos on October 12, 2025. He was selected from the K-9 Academy Training Facility in Taylor, Michigan, by his handler, Officer Duncan Gill. The two-year-old male German Shepherd was born in the Czech Republic on November 03, 2023. Officer Gill named Arcos after a military working dog who died in 2005 while protecting his U.S. Special Operations Team which was stationed in Iraq.

Officer Gill was selected to be the K-9 handler after being interviewed by an Oral Board panel in September 2025 along with other officers who were interested in the position. In the five years he has been with the department, Officer Gill has also served on the Special Response Team (SRT) and is known for being a high achiever.

Arcos and Officer Gill have been doing extensive training at the K-9 Academy and will continue to train together in the future. Arcos is certified in tracking, narcotics detection, building and evidence searches, obedience, criminal apprehension, and handler protection.

We are confident that our new K-9 Team will be a great asset to the department and will make a significant impact on the reduction of crime in the community.

NEW HIRES

Five new additions were made to the department in 2025 – three Public Safety Officers, one full-time Dispatcher, and one K-9.



Pictured above from left to right are Officer Jacob Pettyes with Director John G. Kosanke, Officer Andrew Gizowski with his family, Director John G. Kosanke with Officer Christopher Domanski.

Photo Credits: Lt. Keith Waszak and Claudette Darga

Three new officers joined the department in 2025. The year started off with the addition of Officer Andrew Gizowski in January. A former 911 dispatcher for the City of Wyandotte and former firefighter for the City of Highland Park, Officer Gizowski was sponsored by our department to attend the Schoolcraft Police Academy.

Officer Christopher Domanski's employment here began in February. Possessing a degree in Criminal Justice, Officer Domanski was sponsored by the department to attend both the Macomb Police and Fire Academies.

Officer Jacob Pettyes was hired in August. A recent graduate of Central Michigan University with a degree in Business Administration, he was sponsored by the department to attend the Oakland Police Academy.

We are proud of all of our new officers, each of whom graduated from their academies.

NEW HIRES (continued)



New dispatcher Fiona Byrne (pictured above) joined the department in July 2025. A graduate of Wayne State with a degree in Criminal Justice, Fiona came to us with experience as a Police Service Aid at the City of Madison Heights. She was also employed as a children's advocate at Turning Point in Mount Clemens.

Photo Credit: Sergeant Kyle Seidel



K-9 Arcos joined the department in October 2025. Details can be found on the K-9 Team page in this report.

Photo Credit: Ed Hall

PUBLIC SAFETY OPEN HOUSE



The Department of Public Safety was blessed with a beautiful sunny day for the annual Public Safety Open House on Sunday, October 5, 2025. Attendees had the opportunity to interact with Public Safety personnel, meet Director John G. Kosanke, learn valuable safety tips, and familiarize themselves with equipment used by Law Enforcement, Fire, and EMS Personnel.

The department was fortunate to have the K-9 Team of Grosse Pointe Farms Lieutenant Timothy Harris and his partner Rocco on hand to demonstrate their capabilities. Corrine Martin of the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society was also present with newly appointed Grosse Pointe Woods K-9 handler Duncan Gill.

Lieutenant Harris did double-duty by also joining fellow Eastern Wayne County Special Response Team (SRT) members Neal Kapoor of Grosse Pointe Woods and Officer Robert Saleski of Grosse Pointe City at the display of the SRT's armored vehicle, also known as the "Bread Truck."

Medstar EMS crew members were on hand to demonstrate the process of transporting patients into their ambulance.

Harper Woods Officer Eddie Tujaka once again assisted our department by transporting the Smoke House to the event. The Smoke House was manned by Detective Martin Mitchell who guided groups of children in and out of the structure after educating them on fire safety.

One of the most popular presentations was the training on how to aim a fire hose into a burning building which was demonstrated by Officer Andrew Smith. A steady stream of children lined up to see how well they could do.

The event would not have been possible without the additional contributions and assistance by event organizer Sergeant Joseph Provost, Sergeant Walter Galat, Detective Ryan Schroerlucke, Officer Andrew Gizowski, Auxiliary Squad Leader Mark Higgins, and Auxiliary Officers Jose Carrion and Patrick Kyc.

The department is also grateful to Mrs. Margaret Garbarino and her son, Court Officer Jim Lafer, for their continuous contributions of potato chips throughout the years.

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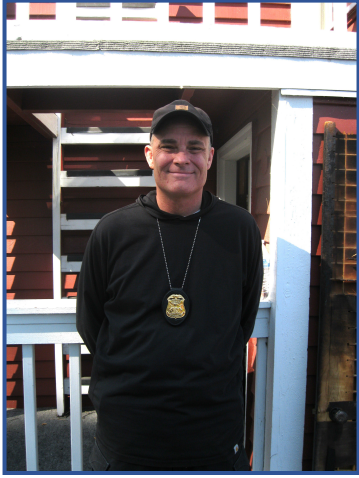


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COMMUNITY



A 72% increase in the number of drugs disposed of by residents in the drug kiosk stationed in the Public Safety lobby was seen since it was introduced in January 2024. 512 pounds of unwanted or expired drugs were disposed of compared to 297 pounds in 2024.



Even the smallest of residents were assisted by the Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Department in 2025. Detective Lieutenant Keith Waszak and Detective Miles Adams are pictured on the left with a tiny bearded dragon lizard which they returned to a local pet shop in September shortly after it had been stolen.

Director Kosanke was present at the annual Woods Aglow Tree Lighting ceremony on November 25th when he helped Santa Claus greet groups of children.

The photo on the above right shows our officers rescuing a dog on a cold, dark winter night.

POLICE OFFICER'S PRAYER



A Policeman's Prayer

Lord, I ask for courage;
Courage to face and conquer
my own fears...
Courage to take me where
others will not go.
I ask for strength;
Strength of body to protect others...
Strength of spirit to lead others.
I ask for dedication;
Dedication to my job to do it well...
Dedication to my community to keep it safe.
Give me, Lord, concern;
For all those who trust me...
And compassion for those who need me
And, please, Lord, through it all;
be at my side.