Police Department Update

Council Meeting January 22, 2024

Crossing Guard-

As of 1/10 our Crossing Guard resigned. Until filled the position will be filed by Chief and LT. Job Posting for position was posted on 1/11.

Radios-

As previously discussed our radios are dilapidated and will be outdated, and not able to be programmable after Dec of 2024. We are currently working with several state agencies to find a grant to cover the \$40000 Quote to replace our portables.

Recruitment and Hiring-

We have recently interviewed a candidate to hire as a recruit and send through the police academy. We have reserved a place in the Spring Academy @ GVSU. The candidate's tuition and wages will be paid by a MCOLES Grant (\$24,000). We have interviewed this candidate 2 and are ready to offer a job pending the approval of the recruit policy and other pre-employment steps.

2024 Training Schedule-

Chief and the Lieutenant are in the final stages of finalizing the training schedule for the Department for the year 2024.

Finishing up Annual Reporting to MCOLES/MITN

BIKE Rodeo-

The Department has collected a number of bicycles and are raffling them off in the spring. We like to incorporate some bicycle safety seminars and a helmet give away. With some other activities and booths. We would like to move forward with this event as a yearly thing once it is solidified.

SOM Grant to combat/reduce gun violence-

The state of Michigan has opened a grant on 1/8/2024 to fund programs up to \$400,000, dealing with gun violence. Grant has a month to be submitted and the event or project must be concluded between Apr 1 and Dec 31 2024. We are in the early stages of creating a project but will be working hard to get it submitted in time.