

# Michael Gruits

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## Summary

Mackinac Island Police officer and Marine Corps veteran who prides himself on positive community interactions and de-escalating tense situations.

## Highlights

- Directly contributed to the survival of three individuals by appropriately administering first aid.
- Effected 99 DUI arrests and issued over 500 traffic citations.
- Conducted 185 criminal investigations ranging from harassment to robbery.
- Investigated over 240 motor vehicle crashes, including one fatal crash.
- Trained as a Field Training Officer, Background Investigator, School Resource Officer and Basic Detective.

## Experience

### Police Officer

April 2021 to Present

### Mackinac Island Police Department / Mackinac Island, MI

- Responded to and resolved emergency situations with punctuality, empathy and professionalism.
- Utilized de-escalation techniques to diffuse tense situations and avoid conflict.
- Learned report writing system and submitted written reports in a timely manner.
- Developed positive relationships with residents, seasonal workers and tourists.
- Experience working both day and midnight shifts.
- Received Lifesaving Citation due to actions

### Store Associate

October 2020 to January 2021

### Family Fare / St. Ignace, MI

- Responsible for providing outstanding customer service while completing store tasks.
- Stocked store shelves in an accurate and efficient manner.
- Assisted customers in locating store products.
- Operated a cash register to ensure that appropriate change was given to customers.

**Pennsylvania State Trooper  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania / Bethlehem, PA**

**May 2014 to March 2019**

- Responded quickly to dispatched calls and took appropriate action upon arrival.
- Exercised officer safety techniques while conducting traffic stops.
- Prepared cases for preliminary hearings and appeared and testified in court as a witness.
- Prepared and served arrest warrants and subpoenas.
- Patrolled designated areas in an assigned patrol car.
- Mediated domestic-related disturbances and protected victims from harm.
- Organized and recorded investigative details to use when preparing incident reports.
- Experience working midnight shifts.
- Elected for early retirement to pursue other career opportunities.

**Telecommunicator  
Northampton County Emergency Management Services / Nazareth, PA**

**November 2013 to May 2014**

- Received emergency calls, obtained crucial details and disseminated information to assigned law enforcement officer.
- Utilized CLEAN/NCIC to query for driver's license and vehicle registration status and to search for active warrants.

**Youth Care Worker  
Northampton County Juvenile Justice Center / Easton, PA**

**January 2013 to November 2013**

- Responsible for the safety and security of a group of juveniles during each shift.
- Trained in and applied techniques used to diffuse confrontations and obtain compliance.
- Successfully completed CPR and first aid training.
- Observed and documented situations.
- Excelled in learning and applying restraint (SCM) techniques.
- Received medication certification; trusted to distribute medication to juveniles.
- Promoted to Senior Staff position and trained for a supervisory role after two months.

**Store Associate  
Giant / Easton, PA**

**October 2012 to January 2013**

- Responsible for providing outstanding customer service while completing store tasks.
- Learned multiple store positions in a short period of time.
- Worked frequent double-shifts to aid store in Hurricane Sandy relief efforts.
- Recognized for customer service, hard work and flexibility.

**Delivery Coordinator**  
**Home Depot / Phillipsburg, NJ**

**March 2012 to July 2012**

- Responsible for tracking, pulling, preparing and loading all store deliveries.
- Assisted customers with finding and loading products.
- Worked as a team with other associates.
- Learned and operated system to complete customer orders and track information.
- Recognized and awarded for customer service.
- Earned promotion to delivery coordinator after three months.
- Offered permanent, full-time position.

**Marine / Corporal**  
**United States Marine Corps**

**January 2004 to May 2009**

- Responsible for managing and supervising a group of subordinates.
- Experience patrolling and providing security for persons and property.
- Trained reservists in drill, first aid, gas mask use and rifle and pistol proficiency.
- Created and implemented policies and systems that simplified tasks.
- Performed over 30 military funeral honors and multiple color guards.
- Emphasis on mission accomplishment, respect, tact and attention to detail.
- Awards received for performance at each duty station.

**Education Details**

Pennsylvania State Police Academy  
Hershey, PA

AGS (Associate Degree)  
Oakland Community College, Auburn Hills, MI

Marine Corps Boot Camp  
Parris Island, SC

Marine Combat Training  
Camp Lejeune, NC

Personnel Administration School  
Camp Johnson, NC

## **References**

Doug Topolski  
Chief of Police – Mackinac Island  
906-847-3345

Trooper Robert Griffin  
Midnight Platoonmate (PSP)  
908-752-5947

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Northampton County Sheriff's Department Supervisor / Friend  
484-239-5529

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Father-in-Law  
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Pro Desk Sales Specialist (Home Depot)  
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## City Clerk

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**From:** Mayor's Assistant  
**Sent:** Monday, June 3, 2024 8:47 AM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** FW: Public Safety Committee Meeting  
**Attachments:** COMMITTEE NOTICE.doc; Mike Gruitts Resume and References.doc

**From:** Mayor's Assistant <assistant@cityofmi.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 23, 2024 12:46 PM  
**To:** Erin Evashevski (erinevashevskilaw@gmail.com) <erinevashevskilaw@gmail.com>  
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**From:** Mayor's Assistant <assistant@cityofmi.org>  
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**Cc:** mgruits@mipd.org; Stephanie Fortino <stephanie.fortino@stignaceneews.com>  
**Subject:** Public Safety Committee Meeting

Good Afternoon Mayor and Committee,

This email is to confirm our Public Safety Committee Meeting Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30 P.M.

I am waiting on references to come back and I hope to have these to you by Thursday morning. I apologize I am out tomorrow for a doctor's appointment.

Thanking you in advance,

*Trista L. Franco*

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