



*White Lake  
Township Police Department*



**Annual Report  
2013 calendar year**

Adam T. Kline  
Chief of Police



Message of commitment from the Chief of Police

As we start a new era in the White Lake Township Police Department, we are immediately faced with some extreme challenges. I have worked at White Lake for over 26 years and am intimately acquainted with the team of dedicated police department employees; they will accomplish any task, and will do so selflessly. With that in mind, our commitment to this dedication shall be renewed along with the idea that our service goals should be espoused in a published statement. This statement should not be commanded but rather collaborated with a sampling from every stakeholder having an equal voice. This statement and the process of development has already started and formed, although not complete it states:

***Creating a safer White Lake by working collaboratively with the community always keeping citizens first with the idea of increasing the quality of life through proactive, reactive, and community based policing.***

This idea does not come lightly as it shall serve as a mission, a goal, or a code for every action taken by the White Lake Township Police department. We shall work to continue our commitment to the community, remain a professional police department and always keep our citizens welfare before our own.

Adam T. Kline  
Chief of Police



# POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE

**ADAM T. KLINE**  
CHIEF OF POLICE

May 5, 2014

To: Greg Baroni, WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR  
Topic: 2013 (calendar year) ANNUAL POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT

Attached is the annual White Lake Township Police Department activity report for the calendar year of 2013, which summarizes:

- Reactive police efforts
- Proactive police efforts
- Community based police efforts

This annual report is the first one produced in effort to increase awareness in our continuing fight to keep White Lake Township a safer place to live, work, play and visit.

When review the annual report, it should be noted that in order to gain a clearer understanding of a reported activity's growth or reduction that the actual total numbers should bear the focus as the percentage figures might provide a distorted perception of their actual changes.

The personnel of the White Lake Township Police Department were faced with uncertainty after the announcement they were losing their leader due to retirement, however they continued to perform at an optimal level always keeping citizens first in their service. White Lake Township is a safe and tranquil place to live, as evidenced in a recent article White Lake Township is one of the fifty safest places in the state of Michigan. Members of the White Lake Township Police department along with elected officials and appointed officials are to be commended for their joint efforts with community residents and businesses in assuring that the Township of White Lake continues to foster a safe community.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Adam T. Kline".

Adam T. Kline  
Chief of Police

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# *White Lake Township Police Department Sworn Personnel*

## **Chief of Police**

Adam T. Kline

## **Patrol Division**

Lt. Dan Keller

## **Investigation Division**

Unfilled

## **Shift Sergeant**

Sgt. Larry R. Sheldon

Sgt. Matthew G. Silverthorn

Sgt. Christopher J Hild

Sgt. Matthew A. Ivory

## **Patrol Officers**

Jeffrey Barber

Ronald Rogowicz

Ross Wagenmaker

Thomas Sarasin

Keith Zarembski

Gregory Gondek

Joel Belanger

Jessica Snow

Kevan DiClaudio

Charles Brandt

Roxanne Ostrowski

Bard Connell

Jeffrey Sutton

## **Investigative Officers**

Michael Simsack

Jeff Way

Ed McNulty

## **School Officers**

SRO Jon Kirken

Dare Greg Hartner

# *White Lake Township Police Department Civilian Personnel*

## **Communications**

Martin O'Malley  
Jason Hudson  
Kolleen Hendin  
Anna Cross  
Cheryl Hunt  
Shelby Dominick

## **Records**

Beth Koch  
Heidi Kripchak  
Marilyn McDonald

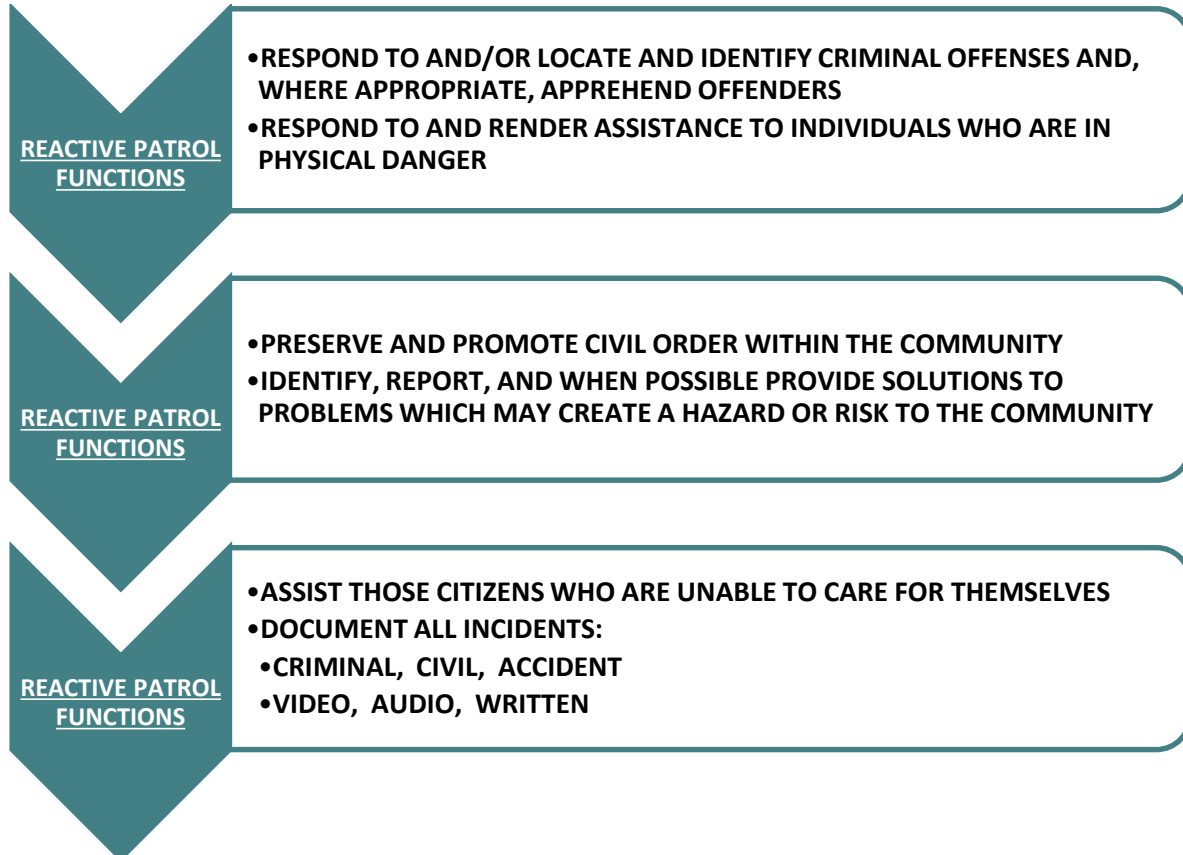
## **Executive Secretary**

Julia Denton

## Police Function

The principal function of the White Lake Township Police Department are the preservation of the peace and order, the prevention and detection of crime, the apprehension of offenders, the protection of persons and property under the laws of the state of Michigan and the ordinances of the township White Lake. The performance of the multitude of tasks relating to the public welfare and safety is a daunting task; collaboratively with surrounding forces and an educated citizenry we set out proudly to complete our function.

Our objective is to exceed the expectation of our citizenry in carrying out the police function. To do so we must employ certain strategies to be successful meeting our objective. We believe that our current strategies are working; however, we continuously seek out ways to improve them and our use of them always keeping our objective forefront. Our current crime fighting strategy is a multi faceted plan that includes reactive patrol functions, proactive patrol functions, and community based patrol functions. I have outlined the strategies below employed by the White Lake Police. We believe that when employing these patrol functions we will have a collectively safer White Lake. I have also included a chart laying out our work force age as compared to other agencies in south east Michigan to allow you some insight on who will be carrying out the majority of those patrol functions.



# PROACTIVE PATROL FUNCTIONS

## Crime Strategies

- DDACTS (Data-Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety)
- BROKEN WINDOWS Theory
- TARGET HARDING
- COGNATIVE CONSISTENCY

## Crime Tools

- Directed Patrol
- Traffic Enforcement to reduce crime
- Special Attention
- Neighborhood Check
- Community Education

## COMMUNITY BASED PATROL FUNCTIONS

VACANT HOME CHECK

LOCK OUT

DRUG DROP OFF

## COMMUNITY BASED PATROL FUNCTIONS

SCHOOL LIASON

DARE

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

## COMMUNITY BASED PATROL FUNCTIONS

CITIZENS ACADEMY

OPEN HOUSE

PACT-Police And Community Together

REACTIVE  
PATROL



PROACTIVE  
PATROL



SAFER  
WHITE  
LAKE



COMMUNITY  
BASED  
PATROL



### *Crime Analysis*

Crime in White Lake is a-typical of what the region is experiencing. We fared better than some and not as good as others. Our strategies help, however it is improbable to eradicate crime from our township. I am presenting the Oakland County Clemis 2013 statistics for part A and B crimes in comparison to 2012. In particular focus is the increase in Drug/Narcotic violations for 2013 coupled with the increase in Home Invasions. We in the police field believe that there is a correlation, and that proceeds used from thefts are used to buy drugs which in turn create the need for more theft. I further believe that although we saw an increase in Home Invasions our aggressive employment of our crime fighting strategies is responsible for the relatively overall low number. Curiously the Larceny violations are down in 2013 over 2012, again this can be attributed to aggressive crime fighting strategies. The increase in Fraud is a national issue and with the creation of new and innovative ways to steal ones personal identifying information our township's citizens are at risk. We offer education and risk assessment at street level; however the investigation or prosecution of this crime seems more global than local.

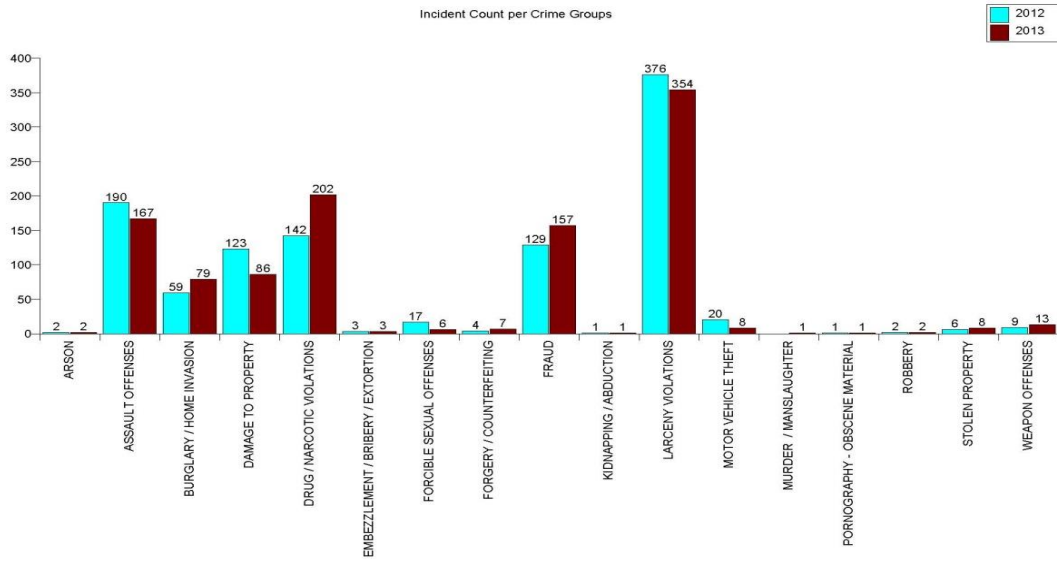
I also offer charts on the total number of accidents, citations, arrests, calls for service, vacant home checks, special attentions, and neighborhood checks performed by the White Lake Township Police Department as measure of a level of involvement.

I further offer the FBI statistics and charts comparing us to other like communities in Michigan as well as nationally. Overall the White Lake Township crime statistics report an overall downward trend in crime based on data from 12 years with violent crime decreasing and property crime decreasing. Based on this trend, the crime rate in White Lake Township for 2014 is expected to be lower than in 2010. The violent crime rate for White Lake Township in 2010 was lower than the national violent crime rate average by 80.94% and the property crime rate in White Lake Township was lower than the national property crime rate average by 39.61%. In 2010 the violent crime rate in White Lake Township was lower than the violent crime rate in Michigan by 84.31% and the property crime rate in White Lake Township was lower than the property crime rate in Michigan by 34.53%.

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### PART A CRIME COMPARISON FOR WHITE LAKE TWP POLICE DEPT

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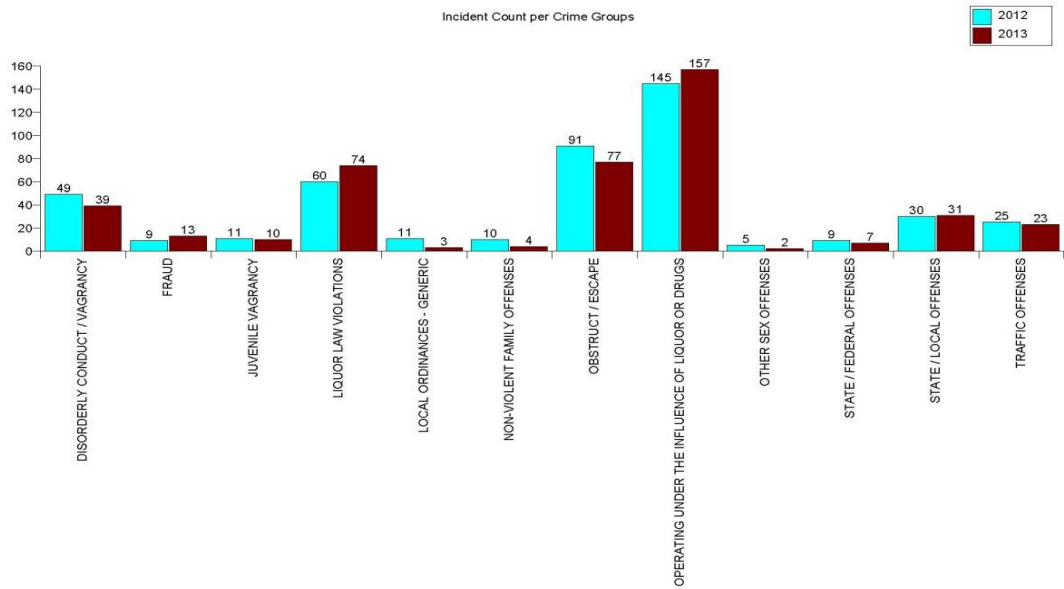
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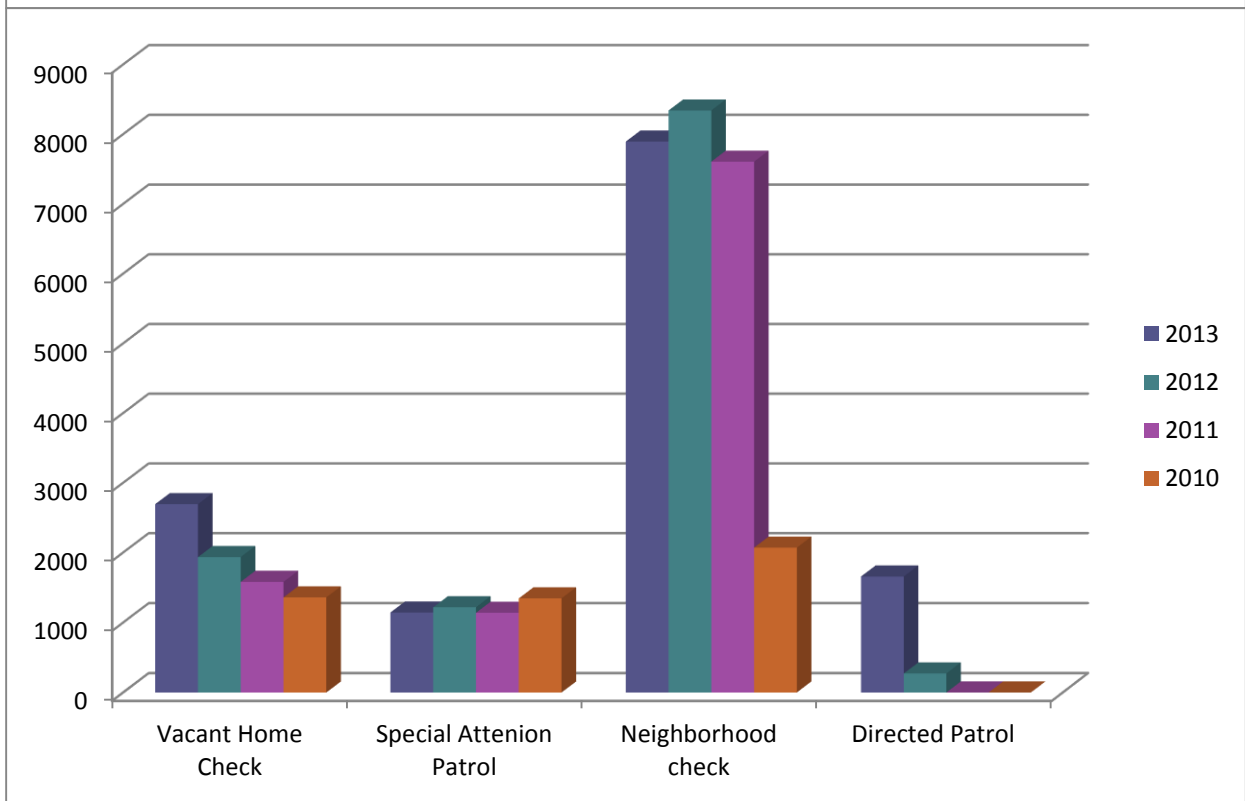
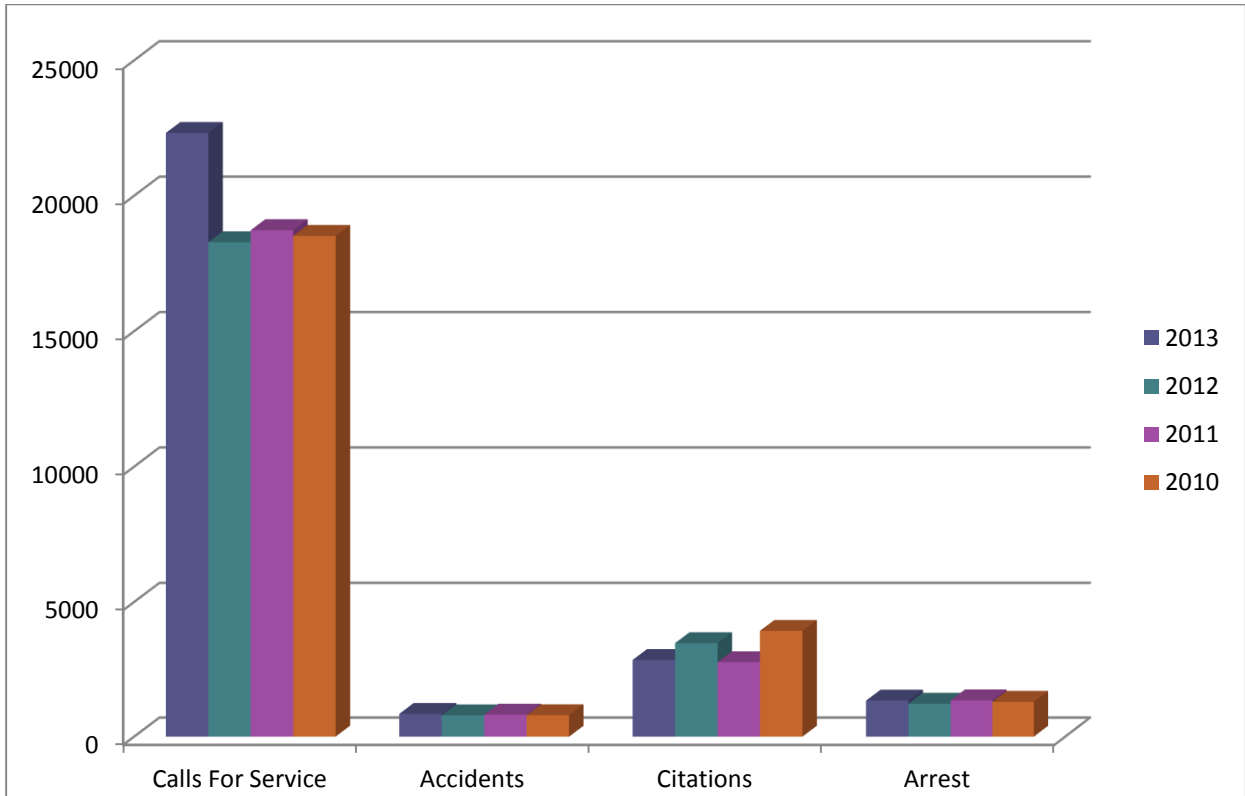
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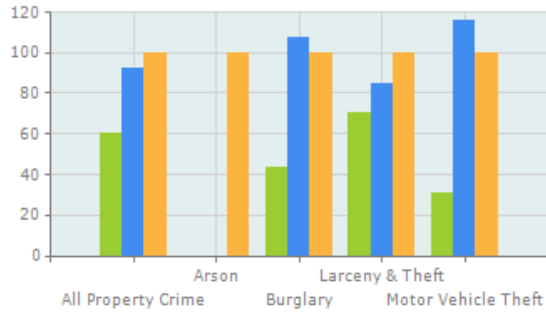
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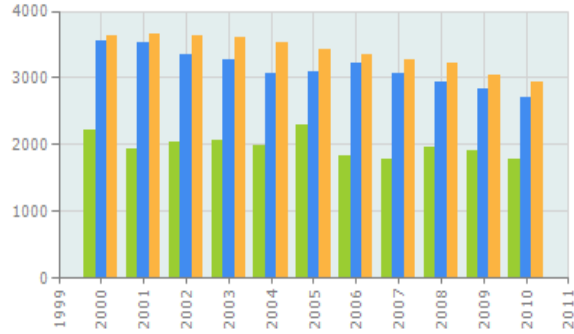


White Lake Township Michigan National

Compared to U.S. average. (U.S. average equals 100)

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### White Lake Property Crime Index

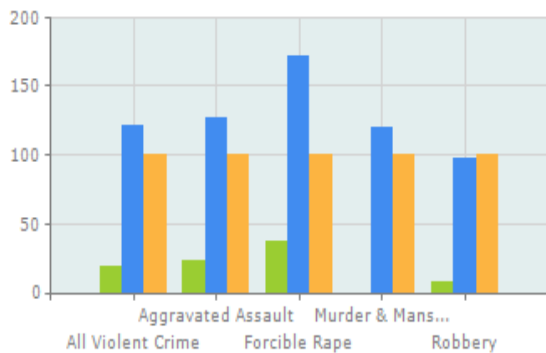


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Crime Index corresponds to incidents per 100,000 inhabitants

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### 2010 White Lake Township Violent Crime Comparison

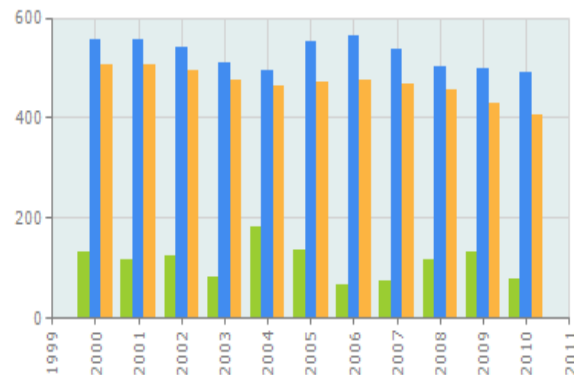


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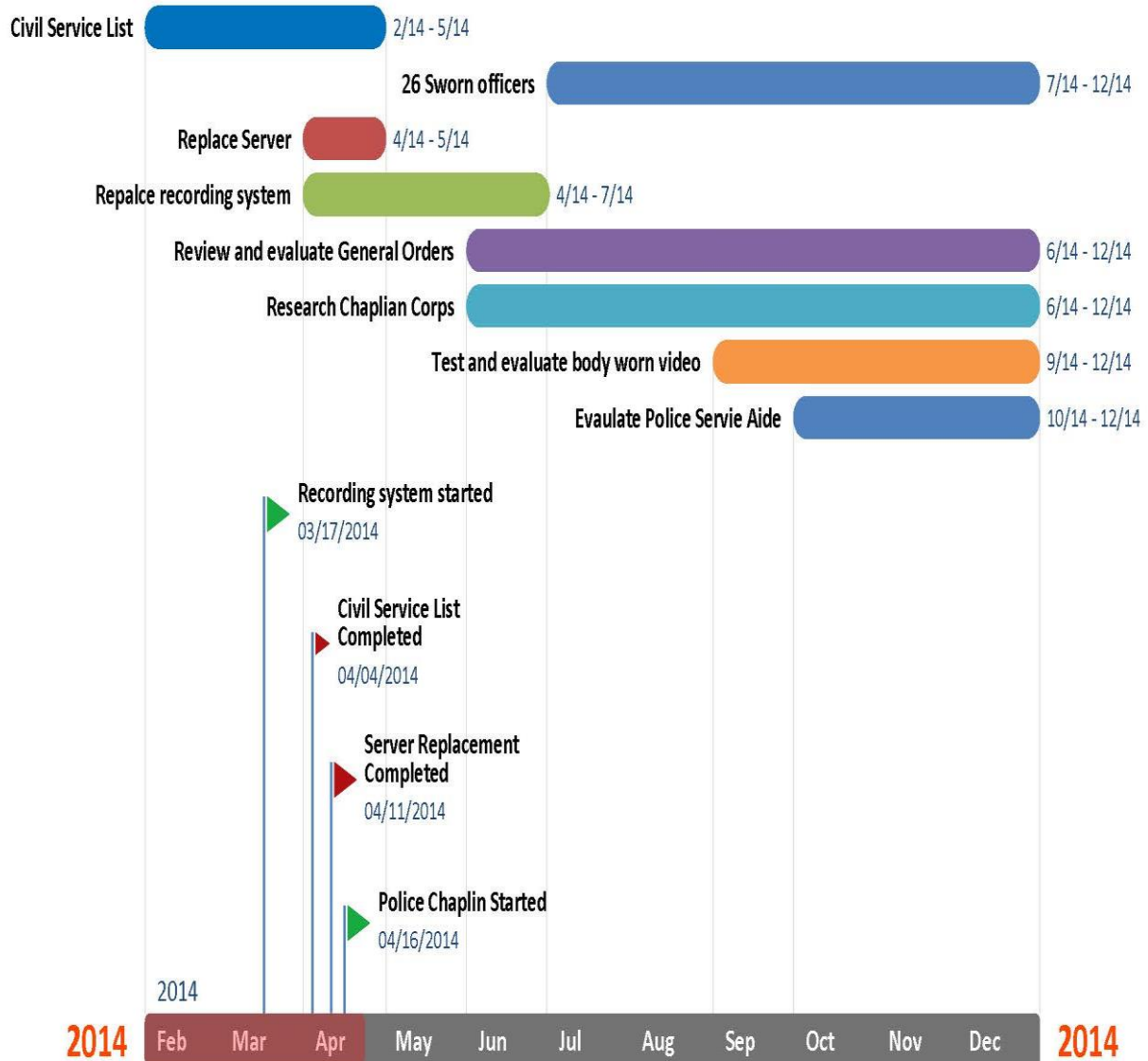
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### **Police Department Goals for 2014**

Late in December 2013 then Chief of Police Harris submitted the Police Department Goals for 2014. Some of the Goals have been accomplished and others have been started. I have created a timeline of some of those goals for your review along with a timeline to one of the departments' most challenging endeavor.

# Police Department Goals for 2014

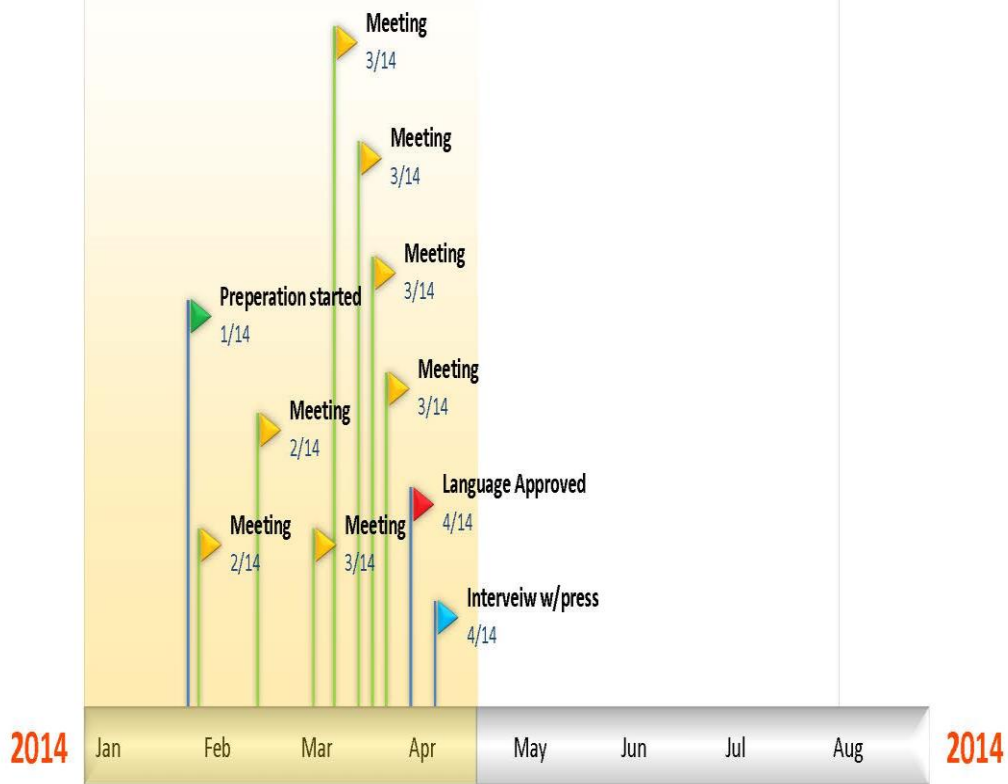


White Lake Township Police Department Goals

# Police Department Millage Request

Police Millage

1/1/2014 - 8/5/2014



## *Good News*



Where you decide to live and raise a family, start a career, or retire is an important decision. In addition to assessing job opportunities, community activities, and quality of education, the most important piece of the puzzle is the safety of the city. We've spent a great deal of time examining FBI crime statistics from 2012, including violent crimes as well as property crimes, and compiled this detailed list of the 50 safest cities in Michigan with populations of at least 10,000 residents. While we're calling it the "safest cities," we've included all municipalities with more than 10,000 populations. If you're thinking about relocating to Michigan, be sure to explore our Home Security and Crime Prevention Center to find out more about safety in the Great Lakes State.

### **18. White Lake Township**

Considered part of the Detroit Metropolitan Area, the White Lake Township is situated in close proximity to several metropolitan areas, including Ann Arbor, East Lansing, and Saginaw. White Lake grew by nearly 10 percent between 2000 and 2010, and proudly boasts low crime rates, like no murders or manslaughters reported in 2012.

The low crime rates can be attributed, in part, to the White Lake Citizens League, a non-profit organization established in 1961. Representing more than 600 property owners in the area, the League's purpose is to "enhance the beauty and quality of life" throughout White Lake.

\*Excerpts of an article printed by SafeWise.com 2013



## Community Events

The White Lake Police Department makes community events a part of its culture and will continued to do so in 2013 with plans to expand its collaboration with the community. Here are a few annual events that we host.

### Citizens Academy

We conducted two successful Citizens Academies in 2013. A spring session and a fall session, culminating with an anniversary dinner to celebrate our 20<sup>th</sup> Citizens Academy. The Citizens Academy was started in 2004 and is one of White Lake Township Police Department crowing achievements. It is so well received that we often have waiting lists when new academies.



### Shop with a Cop

Meijer and Wal-Mart donate gift cards so selected children can buy presents for family members, themselves. In 2013 about thirty children and their families had pizza and pop in the White Lake Meijer Cafe, as we explained the game plan. The 30 kids would each receive a \$100 gift card donated by Meijer, and they would get to “Shop with a Cop” for gifts for their families and themselves. The schools submit names of students who are in need. After the shopping, Huron Valley Optimist Club members wrapped the presents, and the children and their families were on their way to a happier Christmas. The officers involved as well as optimist club members, and other township officials all donate their time to make this event a spectacular one.



## Open House

In 2013 we had our first open house in over ten years as a way to say thanks to the citizens for allowing us to be their continued police department of choice. By all accounts from everyone in attendance, local officials, and the press, the open house was a resounding success. As we build toward the future this event should continue on a regular basis.



### Conclusion

During the 2013 year the White Lake Township Police Department saw the retirement of a division commander and two patrol officers leave accepting other police position. The Department also saw the hiring of three unfamiliar officers. The workforce understaffed at 24, 2 officers short of the budgeted 26. Two of the new officers were hired in early in 2013 and have successfully passed their field training. The third officer was hired late in 2013 and was still in training at the end of 2013. The White Lake Township Police Department also endured the announced retirement of the Chief of Police Ed Harris effective in 2014.

With all of the change occurring, the police department is steadfast in its commitment to the relationships it has forged with the community it serves. The department performed admirably to complete all that was expected of it and even exceeded some of its personal goals. A special thank-you goes to the citizens of White Lake and its elected board for all the assistance it has given this department to make it successful. This police department cannot be successful without the support of its citizens. I look forward to this upcoming year and assure the community, its' leaders, of the departments continued professionalism, adherence to White Lake culture, and public service to its citizens.