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To: Rik Kowall, WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR
Topic: 2017 (calendar year) ANNUAL POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT

Attached is the annual White Lake Township Police Department activity report for the calendar year of 2017, which summarizes:

- 2017 Community Involvement Highlights
- 2017 Crime Analysis
- Reactive, Proactive, & Community based police efforts
- 2017 Police Department Goals

This annual report is produced to increase awareness of our on-going effort to keep White Lake Township a safe place to live, work, play and visit.

The White Lake Township Police department employees worked diligently to achieve customer satisfaction and to maintain or improve the quality of life for our citizens. Our department wholeheartedly believes that our efforts would not be successful without the relationship enjoyed between the White Lake Township Police Department, elected officials, appointed officials, businesses, and community residents. We thank you for making this community-focused police department one of the best in the state of Michigan.

Sincerely,

Daniel T. Keller
Chief of Police

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In many ways, 2017 was an extremely busy year for the White Lake Township Police Department. We saw retirements in Patrol, Detective Bureau, Communications, and Records. We hired five new officers, two dispatchers, and a records clerk. The Police Department saw several promotions as well. One Sergeant was promoted to Lieutenant and two Officers were promoted to the rank of Sergeant. We also created an Administrative Sergeant position and had two officers transfer into open Detective Bureau and Student Resource Officer positions respectively. I am excited to say that we are at full staffing levels for the first time in several years!

The Police Department initiated several programs in 2017. We reinstated the Cadet Program, which gives criminal justice students an opportunity to gain experience in law enforcement while obtaining their college degree. We entered into the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Program through the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police. This accreditation is a progressive and time-proven way of helping our police department calculate and increase our overall improvement through implementation of written directives, policies, and procedures that are conceptually sound and operationally effective. We created the White Lake Police Foundation, a 501(3)c, which will promote drug abstinence and crime prevention amongst children and teens. The foundation will help provide White Lake with programs and events that enrich the community and enhance quality of life for our residents. Last but certainly not least, a committee of officers created a mission statement for the Police Department that embodies our core values.

"It is the Mission of the White Lake Township Police Department to serve our citizens with professionalism, courage, and integrity. To hold the quality of life, preservation of safety, and protection of property in the highest regard."

Finally, we continued our "One Team, One Fight" attitude through our crime fighting strategies and community involvement programs such as—DDACTS (Data-Driven approach to Crime and Traffic Safety), Directed Patrol and Traffic Enforcement Programs, along with our PACT (Police And Community Together), DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) and many other community-based programs. These endeavors have helped to ensure the low crime rate and high quality of life that the citizens of White Lake enjoy.

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White Lake Township Police Department Sworn Personnel

Patrol Officers

Jeffrey Barber	Ronald Rogowicz	Charles Brandt
Jeffrey Sutton	Shawn Kidle	Kevan DiClaudio
Roxanne Ostrowski	Steve Moore	Michael Knapp
Michael Race	Kristopher Mesaros	Michael Pence
Wade Swalwell	Dylan Matthews	

Investigative Officers

Ross Wagenmaker
Tom Sarasin
Ed McNulty

School Officers

S.R.O. Jessica Snow
D.A.R.E. Greg Hartner

Shift Sergeant

Sgt. Matthew Ivory
Sgt. Brad Connell
Sgt. Gregory Gondek
Sgt. Jeffrey Way

Administrative Sergeant

Sgt. Matthew Silverthorn

Investigation Division

Lt. Larry R. Sheldon

Patrol Division

Lt. Christopher J. Hild

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White Lake Township Police Department Civilian Personnel

Communications

Kolleen Hendin
Anna Cross
Cheryl Hunt
Shelby Dominick
Jill Harrison
Brianna Buzzell

Records

Heidi Krpichak
Marilyn McDonald
Holly Kidle

Cadet

Emily Ebaugh

Ordinance Enforcement

Jason Hudson

Executive Secretary

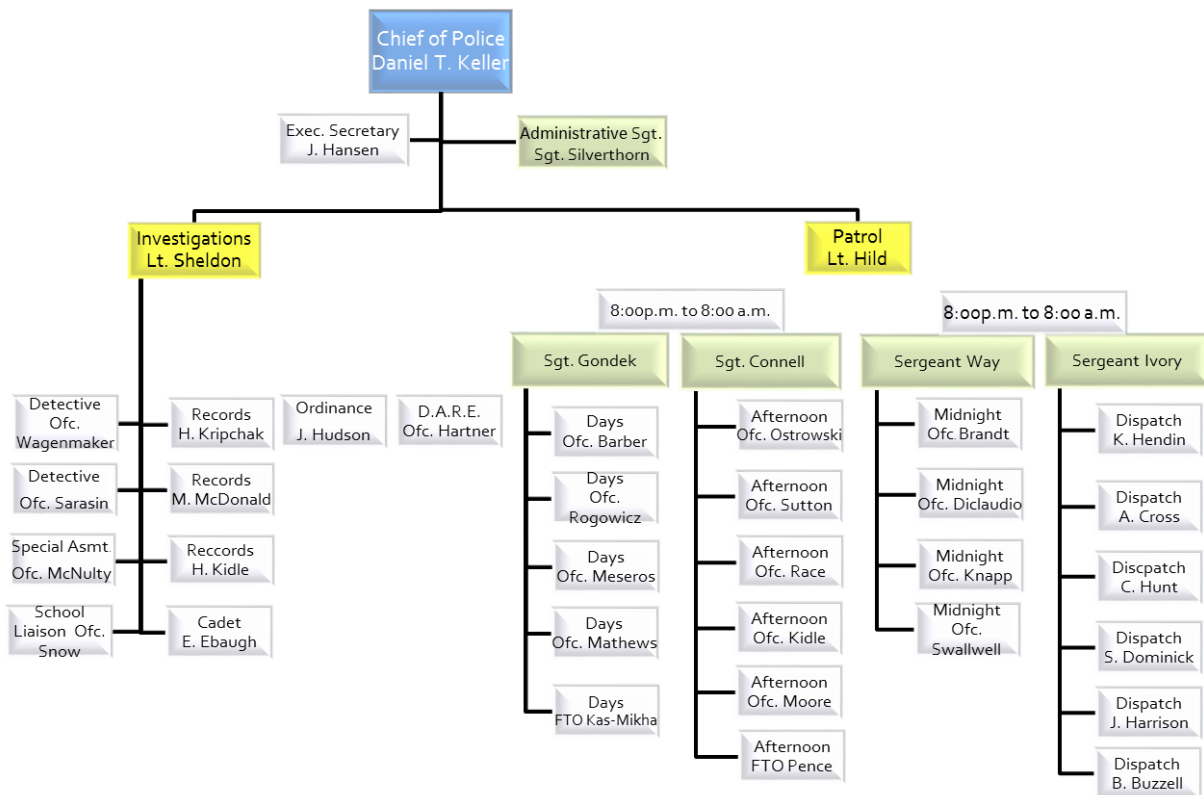
Jennifer Hansen



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White Lake Township Police 2017 Organization Chart



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Safer White Lake

Proactive Policing

- DDACTS (Data-Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety)
- Directed Patrol
- Broken Windows Theory
- Neighborhood Checks
- Target Hardening
- Traffic Enforcement to Reduce Crime
- Community Education

Community Based Policing

- D.A.R.E.
- Vacant Home Check
- Citizens Academy
- Open House
- Lock Out
- Drug Drop Off
- Community Education
- P.A.C.T.
- S.R.O. School Liaison

Reactive Policing

- Respond to and/or locate and identify criminal offenses and, where appropriate, apprehend offenders
- Respond to and render assistance to individuals who are in physical danger
- Identify, report and when possible, provide solutions to problems which may create a hazard to the community
- Assist those Citizens who are unable to care for themselves
- Documentation of all incidents



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Crime Analysis

2017 crime in White Lake is again similar to what our region is experiencing, with some notable differences in this year's statistics from last. I am presenting the Oakland County Clemis 2017 statistics for part A and B crimes, in comparison to 2016. In particular, focus is on the decrease in burglaries and larcenies from the prior year. Overall, our crime fighting strategies remain effective; however it is improbable to eradicate crime in its entirety.

The increase in Fraud is a national issue and with the creation of new and innovative ways to steal one's personal identifying information, our township's citizens are at risk. We still offer education and risk assessment at street level and command level to combat this issue.

The charts on page 9 show the total number of accident reports, citations issued, arrests, calls for service, vacant home checks, special attentions, and neighborhood checks performed by the White Lake Township Police Department from 2010 to 2017.

The FBI statistics along with charts showing comparisons between 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 18 years with violent crime decreasing and property crime decreasing. Based on this trend, the projected crime rate in White Lake Township for 2018 is expected to be lower than in 2017. The violent crime rate for White Lake Township in 2017 was lower than the national violent crime rate average by 87.87% and the property crime rate in White Lake Township was lower than the national property crime rate average by 58.19%. In 2017 the violent crime rate in White Lake Township was lower than the violent crime rate in Michigan by 82.54% and the property crime rate in White Lake Township was lower than the property crime rate in Michigan by 46.35%.

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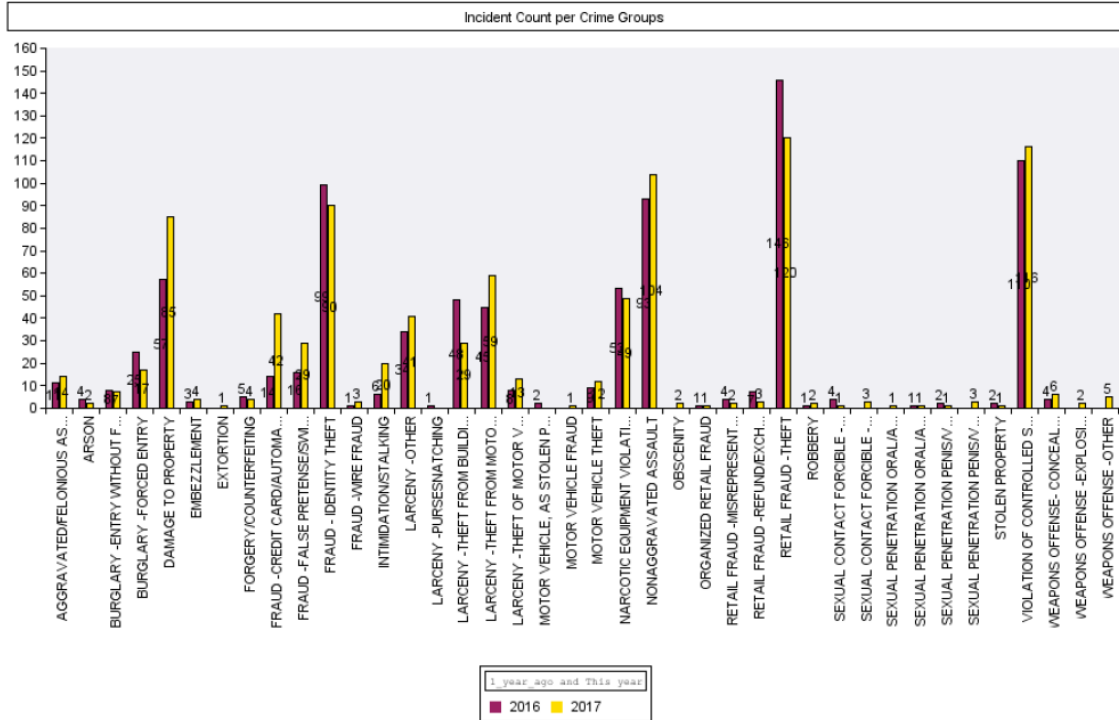


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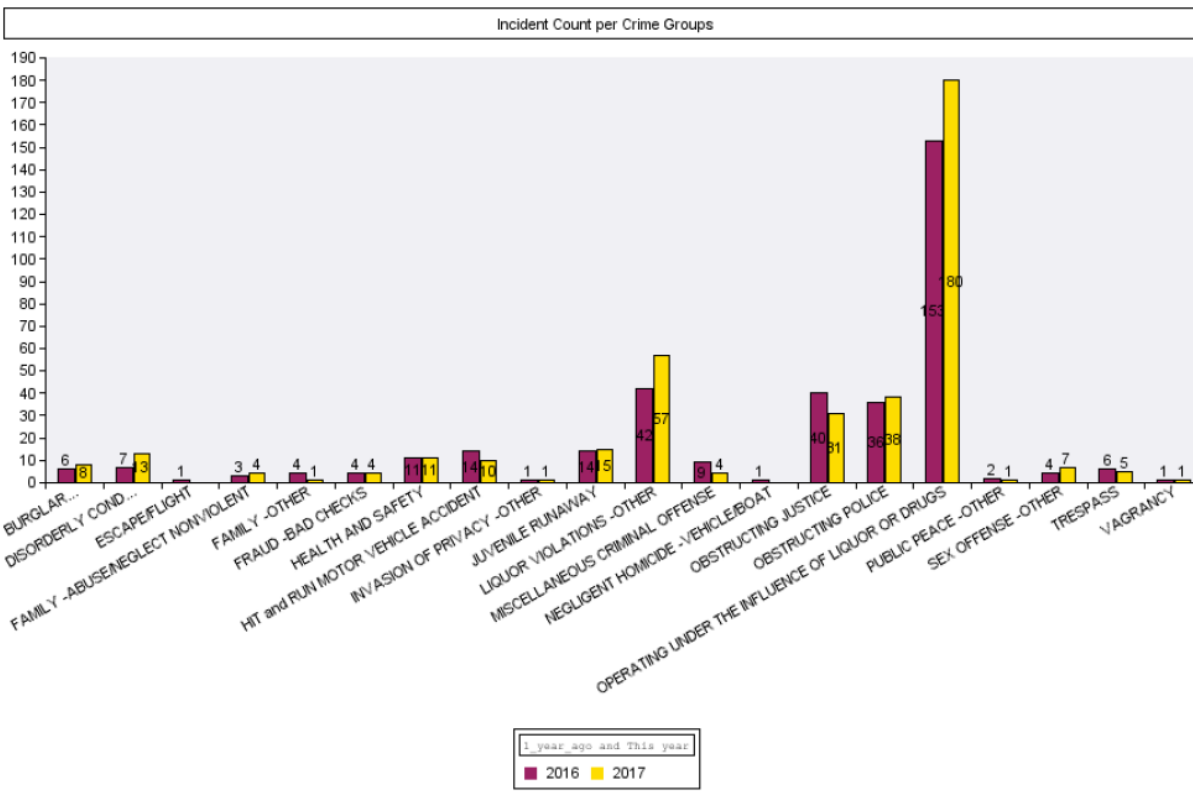
PART A CRIME COMPARISON FOR WHITE LAKE TWP PD

YEAR TO DATE THROUGH THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2017



PART B CRIME COMPARISON FOR WHITE LAKE TWP PD

YEAR TO DATE THROUGH THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2017

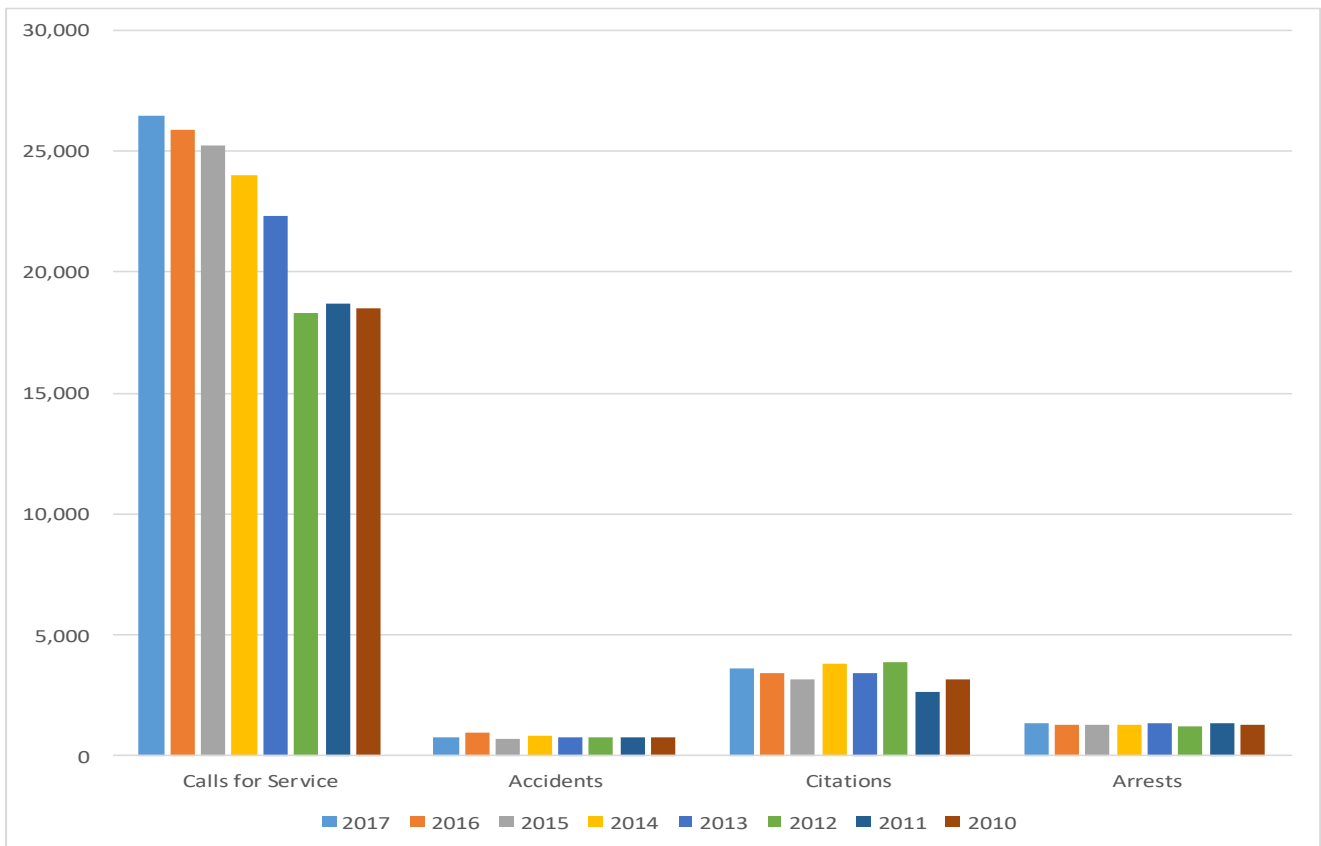
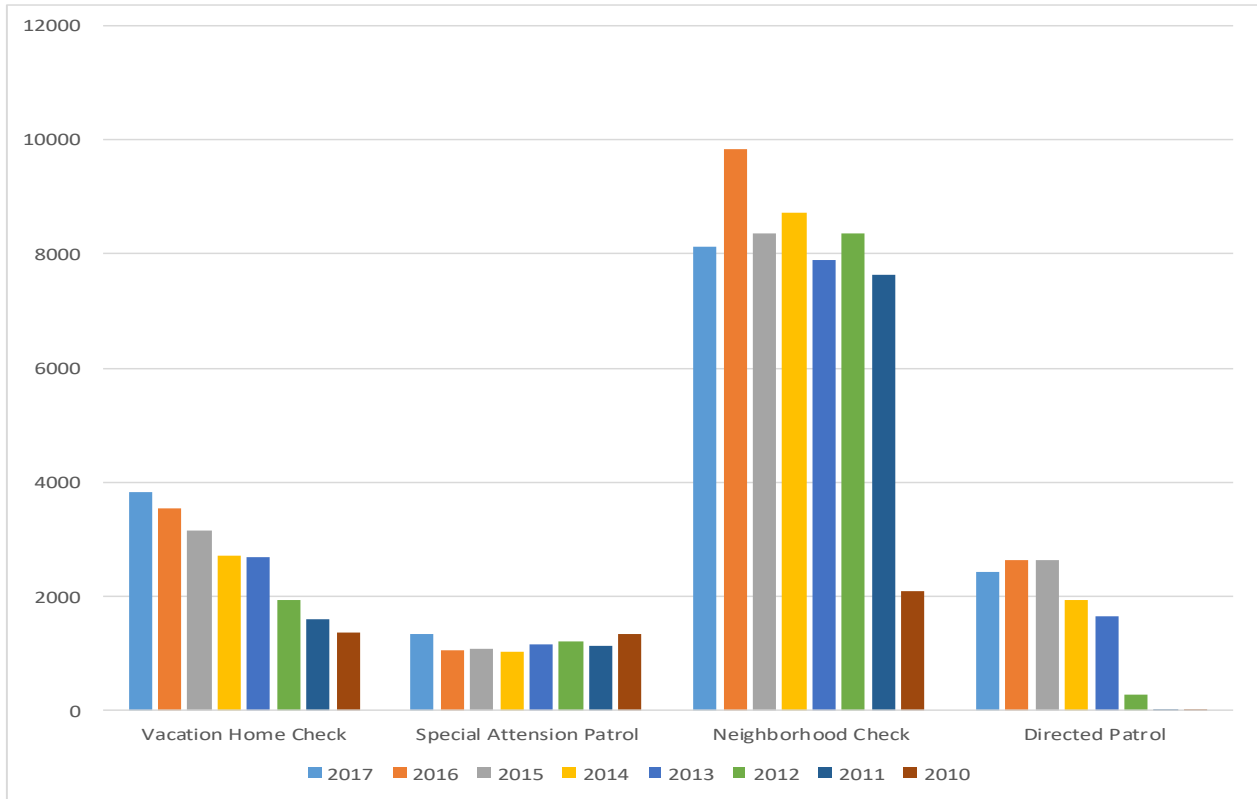


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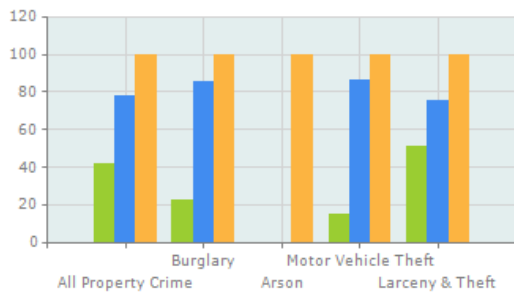
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The city violent crime rate for White Lake Township in 2016 was lower than the [national violent crime rate](#) average by 87.87% and the city property crime rate in White Lake Township was lower than the [national property crime rate](#) average by 58.19%.

In 2016 the city violent crime rate in White Lake Township was lower than the [violent crime rate in Michigan](#) by 89.5% and the city property crime rate in White Lake Township was lower than the [property crime rate in Michigan](#) by 46.35%.

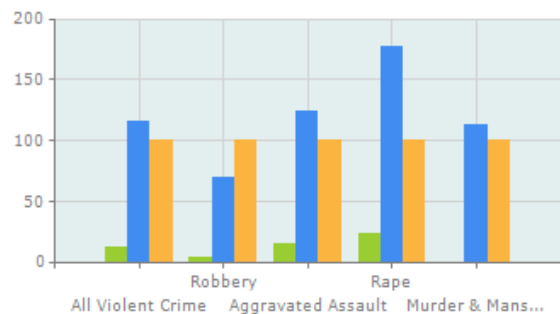
Property Crime Comparison



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

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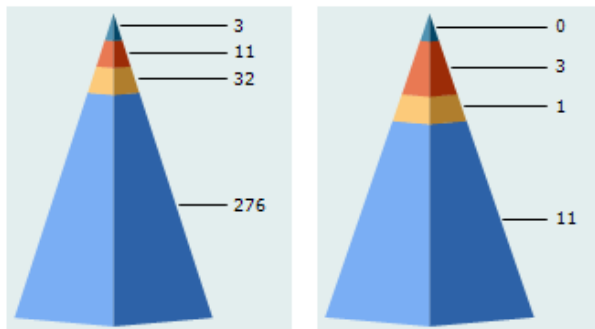
Violent Crime Comparison



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

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White Lake 2016 Crime

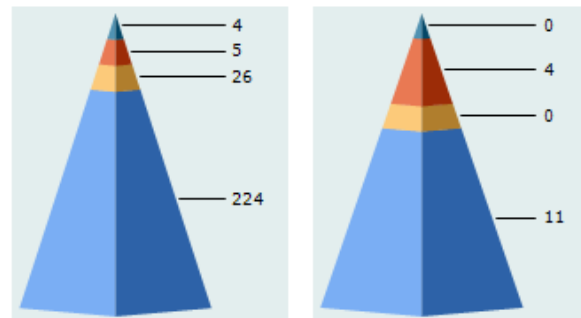


Property
 Arson: 3
 Motor Vehicle Theft: 11
 Burglary: 32
 Larceny and Theft: 276

Violent
 Murder and Manslaughter: 0
 Rape: 3
 Robbery: 1
 Aggravated Assault: 11

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White Lake 2018 Crime (Projected)



Property
 Arson: 4
 Motor Vehicle Theft: 5
 Burglary: 26
 Larceny and Theft: 224

Violent
 Murder and Manslaughter: 0
 Rape: 4
 Robbery: 0
 Aggravated Assault: 11

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* The source of **actual** data on this White Lake Township, Michigan crime rate report is the **FBI Report of Offenses Known to Law Enforcement** for the corresponding year or years. Arson numbers are reported inconsistently. Zero values may indicate the data was not available.

The **projected** crime rate data displayed above was generated from the trends and crime data available from previous years of actual reported data. In this case, the White Lake Township crime report data for 2018 was projected from 18 years of actual data. The last year of actual available crime data, as reported above, was 2016.

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Police Department Training

In 2017, White Lake Township Police Officers completed 693 MCOLES hours of training through Law Enforcement Officers Regional Training Commission. A portion of the training was paid for using LED funds of \$4,509.00 that were received in 2017.

Dispatchers completed a total of 170 hours of training. Subject matter included: Despondent or Suicidal Callers, Active Shooter Training, 911 Ethics and Liability, Survive and Thrive and Homeland Security.

We completed lengthy training of five new Police Officers and two new Dispatchers. All seven of the new employees have met and exceeded expectations of service for the department.

An effort was made to focus training on high risk situations. Officers attended training in areas such as Emergency Vehicle Operations, Defensive Tactics, De-escalation of combative situations, weapons training, and communications.



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Community Involvement



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White Lake Police Foundation



WE ARE WHITE LAKE POLICE FOUNDATION

To promote drug abstinence and crime prevention amongst children and teens. To provide the Citizens of White Lake Township programs and events to enrich their community and increase quality of life.

The White Lake Police Foundation 501(3)C was created to better serve our community. It is our hope to improve the lives of children and adults living in White Lake Township. We will continue the numerous programs such as Shop with a Cop, Police Youth Academy, Citizens Academy, 5K Run, Golf Outing, Adopt-a-family, Open House and more!

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Social Media



In 2017 our Facebook posts reached 1,383,140 people. This is an increase from last year of 849,546 contacts with the community.

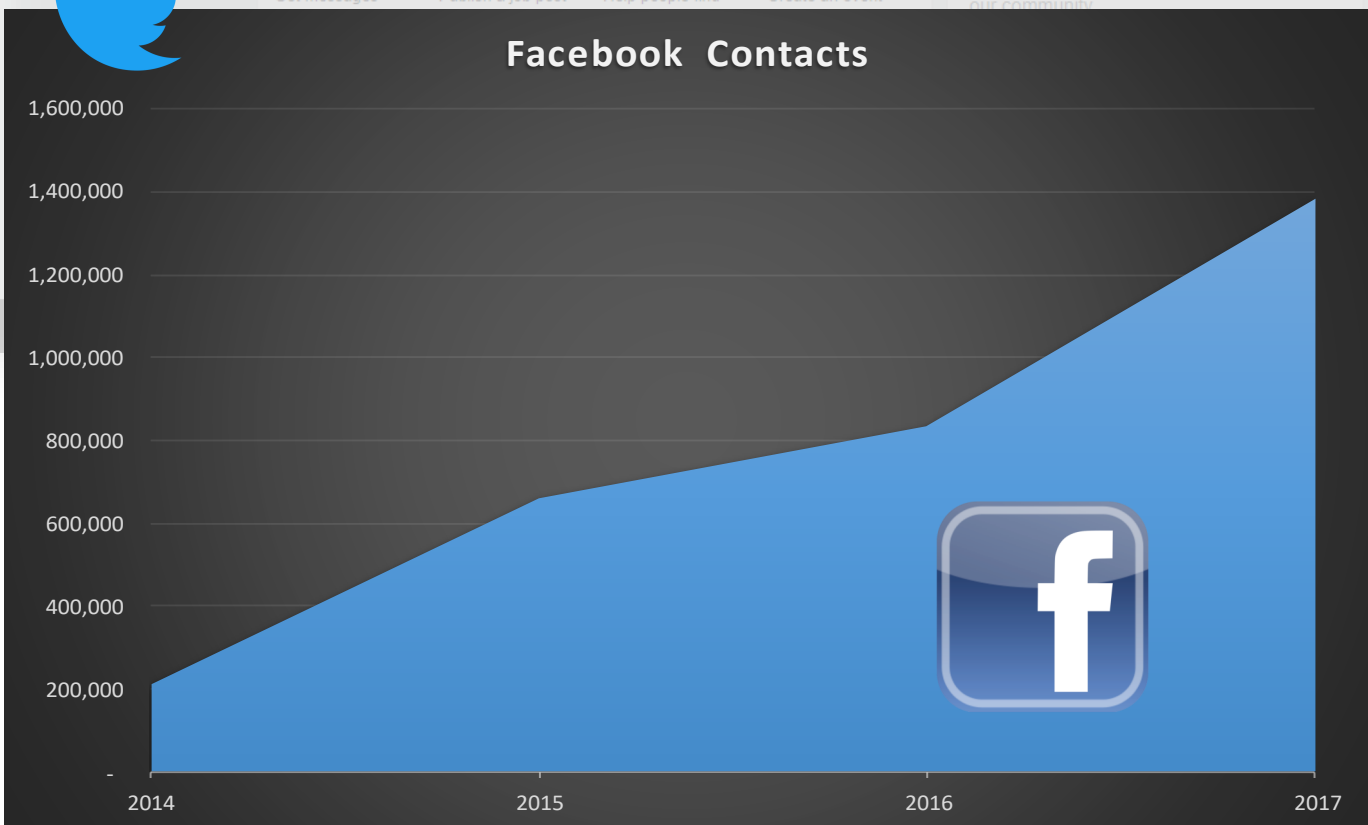
We increased our followers from 3,716 at the beginning of the year to 5,304 by December 31, 2017, an increase of 1,588 followers. We

were able to make several arrests by posting pictures of suspects. We have been very successful posting information about important community events and issues that effect our residents. We even reunited several lost dogs with their owners.

We have come to use Facebook and Twitter as a way to reach our residents with important information and community events. We only post information that is relevant to our residents so that their membership on our page is a benefit to them. We also use social media to improve our relationship with the community and improve public safety.



Facebook Contacts



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Community Events

The White Lake Police Department makes community events a part of its culture and will continue to do so in 2018 with plans to expand its collaboration with the community. The Police Department held, or was involved in, several community events such as Special Olympics, WLPD Golf Outing, Coffee with a Cop, Lakeland Mock Car Crash, Trick or Trunk, Pumpkin Hunt, Neighborhood Block Party, Birthday Parties and more. Here are a few successful annual events that we hosted over the last year:

- Citizens Academy
- Shop with a Cop
- Open House
- WLPD Golf Outing
- Police Youth Academy
- 5k Fun Run

The Police Department will continue to host these events, building our relationship and trust while gaining social capital within our community.



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Citizens Academy

The White Lake Township Police Department, in conjunction with the White Lake Board of Trustees and Fire Department, created the White Lake Citizens Academy. The Citizens Academy is a 30-hour block of instruction designed to give the public a working knowledge of the Police and Fire Departments and Township Offices personnel and policies.

We conducted two successful Citizens Academies in 2017, a spring session and a fall session. The Citizens Academy was started in 2004 and is one of White Lake Township Police Department's crowning achievements. It is so well received that we often have waiting lists when new academies begin.



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Shop with a Cop



Meijer and Wal-Mart donate gift cards so that selected children can have a brighter holiday. In 2017 about 80 children and their families had pizza and pop in the White Lake Meijer or Walmart Lobby café. D.A.R.E. Officer Greg Hartner paired kids up with volunteer Police Officers and Dispatchers from our Department as well as from Officers from around Oakland County. The 80 kids each received a \$100.00 gift card donated by either Meijer or Walmart to be used to shop, not for themselves, but their families so that they would experience the satisfaction of giving to others. Police Officers escorted the kids and helped them shop for their families. Volunteers were on hand to gift wrap all the presents chosen by the kids. Shop with a Cop is an amazing event that we are so proud to be a part of year after year!

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D.A.R.E.[®]

Officer Gregory Hartner is the D.A.R.E. Officer for the White Lake Township Police Department. Officer Hartner teaches D.A.R.E. to students at Dublin, Oxbow, Lakewood and Brooks Elementary Schools in White Lake Township and Houghton Elementary in Waterford Township. D.A.R.E. was developed in 1982 by the Los Angeles Police Department and stands for: Drug Abuse Resistance and Education.

In use throughout the world, the D.A.R.E. program targets 5th and 7th grade students. A nine-week program, D.A.R.E. teaches the harmful effects of drugs, alcohol and tobacco products and also how to avoid violence. Students who complete the program receive a certificate and a D.A.R.E. t-shirt at a graduation ceremony. The 7th grade D.A.R.E. Program is a continuation of the 5th grade D.A.R.E. Program, and to act as a reinforcement of the information already learned. The 7th grade program focuses on class participation, where students practice real-life situations.

The D.A.R.E. Officer coordinates three major events each year. They are: The Youth Police Academy, The Annual “Shop with a Cop” event, and an annual golf outing that raises money to fund DARE and 5th grade camp.



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White Lake Police Open House



The White Lake Open House is held the second Sunday of June. This gives our Department an opportunity to thank the community for their continued support. The Open House has something for all ages including a dunk tank, water slide, rock wall, helicopter, police dog demonstration, spin art, station tours and police car rides. In 2017 we had our largest crowd to date at approximately 1000 people. We look forward to growing every year!

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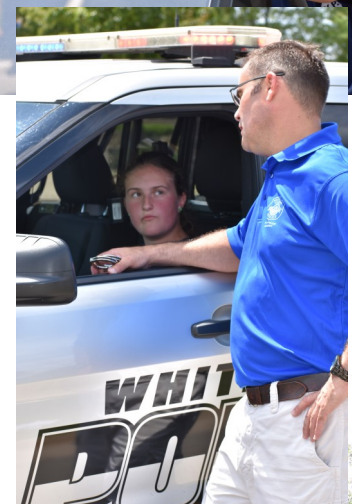


The White Lake Township Police Department once again hosted its Youth Police Academy. There were 25 young adults from White Lake Township and surrounding communities.

The Y.P.A. is a 30 hour instructional program designed to expose participating students to the qualifications, education, training, and personal dedication required of Law Enforcement Officers. Over the course of one week Y.P.A., students will be exposed to the various characteristics associated with law enforcement including,

but not limited to:

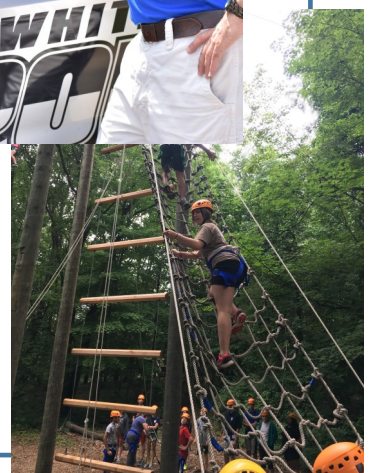
- Leadership
- Teamwork
- Physical Fitness
- Good Decision Making
- Integrity



The Y.P.A. will also expose students to the various skills needed by those that pursue the law enforcement field, such as:

- Defensive Tactics
- Forensic Investigations
- Driving Safety
- Traffic Enforcement
- Team Building

This year's Youth Academy will be held that last week of July. Applications to attend the 2018 Y.P.A. can be obtained through the White Lake Township Police Department.



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5K Run Donut Dash



The third annual 5K Run to the Donut Dash was held on September 10th and was held in cooperation with the Fisk Festival. The 5K run exceeded expectations with a total of 114 participants.

This event was designed as an additional way to meet and interact with our citizens and promote healthy lifestyle choices especially amongst our DARE participants.



Feedback from the Fisk Festival Committee was very favorable and they would like us to be a part of their event in 2018.



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Police and Community Together P.A.C.T.

In an effort to facilitate expanded communication between the neighborhoods of White Lake and the Police Department, the White Lake Township Police Department has established a program called **Police and Community Together**. This program is designed to enhance communication by providing each neighborhood with a Liaison Officer who will be in direct communication with a member of your neighborhood. The representative from the Police Department and the representative from your neighborhood will have contact on a monthly basis. In doing so, our department will be able to provide up-to-date information for your neighborhood regarding the numerous community programs we have available, safety tips, and topics of concern pertaining to your particular neighborhood. Likewise, this will be a perfect opportunity to express any concerns or other information that is important for our department to know.

The Chief of Police attends the annual meeting of each neighborhood association every year. If he can't be at the meeting, he will designate someone on command staff to attend the meeting.



We also encourage all of our residents to Like us on Facebook, where we also do community outreach.

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White Lake Township Police Department *Goals—2018*

As in previous years, the primary goal for the White Lake Township Police Department is the protection of life and property for the residents, businesses and visitors of the Township. This is accomplished to the best of our ability utilizing the resources that are at our disposal.

That being said, additional needs are as follows:

- New Radar Trailer
- Create a self defense class for women
- Maintain adequate staffing at all levels for community safety
- Improve 5K Benefit Run
- Become a “Hope No Handcuffs” community
- Work towards accreditation through MACP



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2017 Goals Accomplished

- Created 501 (c)3—White Lake Police Foundation
- Appointed new Chief of Police, Lieutenant, two Sergeants and one Administrative Sergeant
- Initiated Cadet Program
- Initiated a Senior Welfare Program
- Police Department additional cleaning service
- Brought employee levels up to full-staff
- Improved 5K Benefit Run
- Codification of Rules and Regulations
- Installed Digital Camera in Booking/Cell area
- Ordered new Police Cars for 2018 patrol
- Ordered new DARE Vehicle

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Conclusion

At the end of 2016 the White Lake Township Police Department experienced the retirement of our Chief of Police, Adam T. Kline. Ushering in a new Chief of Police, Daniel T. Keller in a seamless transition.

Chief Keller graduated from Grand Valley State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and attended Grand Valley State University's police academy. Chief Keller became a member of the White Lake Township Police Department in March 1998. Keller was promoted to Sergeant in spring 2009 and Lieutenant in 2013. He successfully completed the FBI National Academy, a 10-week leadership program in Quantico, Virginia in 2014.

Keller has been a defensive tactics instructor at the Oakland Police Academy since 2006. He has also served as a defensive tactics instructor at the Law Enforcement Regional Training Academy since 2012. He is a member of the FBI National Academy Associates Michigan Curriculum Committee and is the Huron Valley Community Coalition board president.

The White Lake Township Police Department also experienced the promotions of Sergeant to Lieutenant, a Sergeant to Administrative Sergeant, and promoted two Officers to Sergeants. We saw the retirement of two Officers, one Dispatcher and one Records Clerk. One of the officers that retired was a seasoned investigator. We were able to quickly move the trained SRO Officer into the position and flawlessly ushered in a new School Resource Officer. We hired five new Officers, two new Dispatchers and one new Records Clerk.

The department workforce is continuously attempting to maintain staffing consistent with workloads and community safety. We completed this task with 28 sworn officers.

The White Lake Township Police Department is steadfast in its commitment to the citizens of this community and their quality of life. This is important to us!

We believe that by continuing our enforcement strategies, increasing our community based initiatives and strengthening our relationship with our stakeholders, we can accomplish our mission. The White Lake Township Police Department members continue to work at an exhaustive pace all while placing the citizen interest before their own. This is a key component to our recipe of success. Again, we cannot do it alone. Our success can be directly linked to the citizens of White Lake and the support they give our department.

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