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White Lake Township



Annual Report 2018 Calendar Year

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Chief of Police



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April 8, 2019

To: Rik Kowall, WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR
Topic: 2018 (calendar year) ANNUAL POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT

Attached is the annual White Lake Township Police Department activity report for the calendar year of 2018, which summarizes:

- 2018 Community Involvement Highlights
- 2018 Crime Analysis
- 2018 Police Department Goals
- Reactive, Proactive, & Community based police efforts

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 work 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,

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In 2018 we saw the retirement of one of our Records Clerk. We hired a new Records Clerk, one Dispatcher and one Cadet.

The Police Department initiated several programs in 2018. We created a Dispatch Coordinator position to better facilitate the demands of the Communication Division and to better serve the community. We spent the entire year working through 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 transitioned from D.A.R.E. to T.E.A.M. Teaching, Educating, and Mentoring (T.E.A.M.) School Liaison Program. We are transitioning to the Michigan State Police T.E.A.M. program because it is a more comprehensive program that we can offer our students. White Lake Police Foundation, a 501(3)c, which promotes drug abstinence and crime prevention amongst children and teens received two separate grants and hold multiple fund raising events. The Foundation will help provide the community of White Lake with programs and events that enrich the community and enhance quality of life for our residents. Last but certainly not least, we established a new Vision Statement. Our Mission Statement was developed in 2017 to best describe our department beliefs and core values. The Vision statement was written in 2018 to steer our department in the direction we want to go:

"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."

"It is the Vision of the White Lake Township Police Department to set the standard in Oakland County as a community service oriented agency, using a professional, proactive approach to crime and quality of life issues. To strive to constantly better ourselves and continually gain further trust and respect from the community through training, transparency, and partnerships with the stakeholders of the Township. To be accountable for our actions and decisions, at all levels, to those we are sworn to serve. To be on the cutting edge of training, in order to ensure that the best police service possible is provided to anyone having contact or needing assistance with the police department."

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), T.E.A.M. (Teaching, Educating, and Mentoring) 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
Ed McNulty	Shawn Kidle	Kevan DiClaudio
Roxanne Ostrowski	Steve Moore	Michael Knapp
Michael Race	Kristopher Mesaros	Michael Kaz-Mikha
Wade Swalwell	Dylan Matthews	Michael Pence

Investigative Officers

Ross Wagenmaker
Tom Sarasin
Jeff Sutton

School Officers

S.R.O. Jessica Snow
1st Half 2018 D.A.R.E. Greg Hartner
2nd Half 2018 T.E.A.M. Shawn Kidle

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

Anna Cross
Kolleen Hendin
Shelby Dominick
Jill Harrison
Brianna Buzzell
Emily Ebaugh

Records

Marilyn McDonald
Holly Kidle
Andi Swalwell

Cadet

Steve Bohez

Ordinance Enforcement

Jason Hudson

Executive Secretary

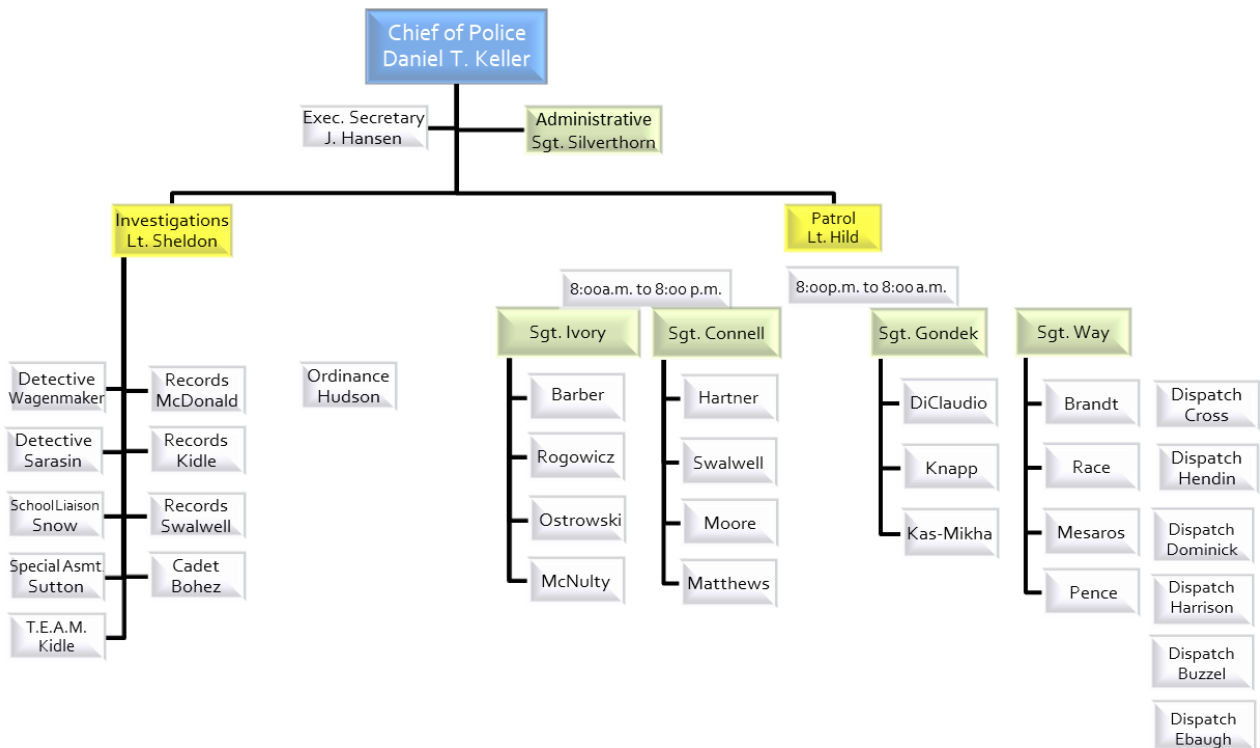
Jennifer Hansen



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White Lake Township Police 2018 Organization Chart



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Officer of the Year

Detective Thomas Sarasin

Det. Sarasin graduated from Northern Michigan University with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice. Det. Sarasin was a member of the Northern Michigan University Golf Team and Student Athletic Advisory Committee. Det. Sarasin worked as a Patrol Officer



from January to April. Det. Sarasin worked as a School Resource Officer of Lakeland High School from April to September. Det. Sarasin worked as a Full-Time Detective the remainder of the year. While working in Lakeland High School, Det. Sarasin spoke to the students on suicide awareness, worked with the special education department in teaching the students how to interact with police officers, and represented the White Lake Township Police Department in the career and job fair. As a Detective, he led several high-profile investigations resulting in convictions, such as discharging firearm causing injury, criminal sexual conducts, armed robbery, and attempted murder. Det. Sarasin also instructed the Investigations portion of the White Lake Township Citizen's Academy.

Since working for the White Lake Township Police Department, Det. Sarasin has been a member of the Oakland County Mobile Field Force, a Union Steward, a Taser Instructor, and a Mental Health Instructor. Det. Sarasin has received two Meritorious Service Citations and one Meritorious Award for Life Saving. Det. Sarasin has received the Employee of the Month twice in the past year. Det. Sarasin has represented the White Lake Township Police Department against the Detroit Red Wings Alumni hockey team for charity over the past 3 years. Det. Sarasin has represented the White Lake Township Police Department in the Joe Kocur Foundation Softball Games for charity over the past 4 years. Det. Sarasin recently represented the White Lake Township Police Department in the Special Olympics police vs. fire (Guns & Hoses) hockey games.

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2018 No Shave November

Officers at the White Lake Township Police Department went without shaving for a cause during the month of November.

In honor of “No Shave November”, police grew out their beards as part of a fundraising campaign to support a local White Lake family in need. Officers donate to participate, and paper beards were sold to support the cause. It was the third year the department has adopted a family for the holidays.

Each year we choose a White Lake family who is in financial hardship due to a child’s medical bills. This year we raised almost \$3,000. The White Lake Police Department would like to thank The Joe Kocur Foundation, White Lake Leo’s Coney Island, Lakes Athletic Center, Browning Surveillance, Skull Island and all the individual donors who made this Christmas special for our adopted family!



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Community Based Policing

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

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

Safer White Lake

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

2018 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 2018 statistics for part A and B crimes, in comparison to 2017. 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 2018.

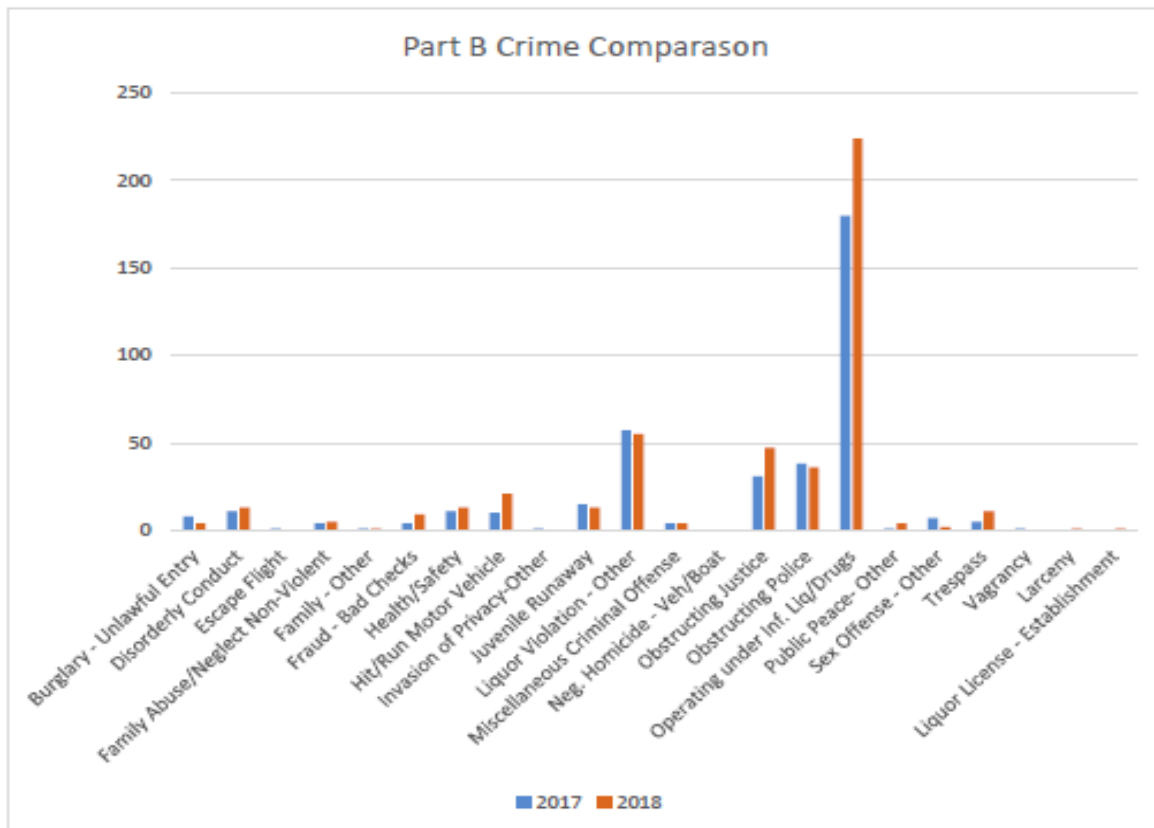
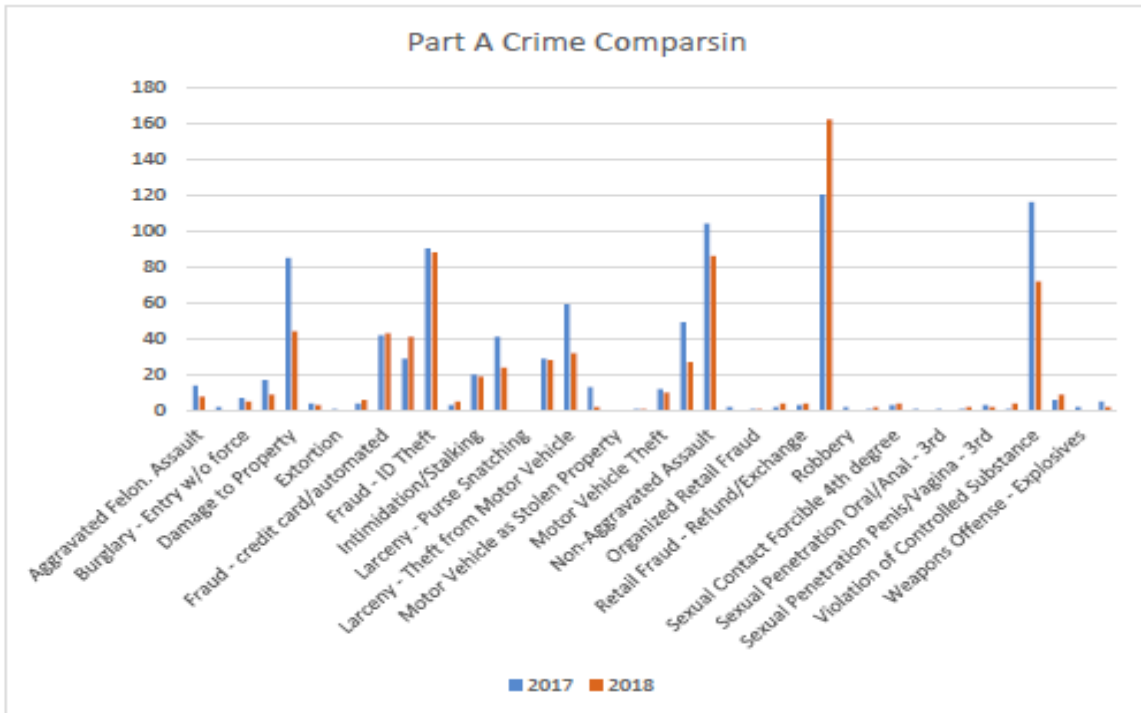
The FBI statistics along with charts showing comparisons between communities in Michigan, as well as nationally. Overall, the White Lake Township crime statistics report an overall downward trend in crime based on data from 19 years with violent crime decreasing and property crime decreasing. Based on this trend, the projected crime rate in White Lake Township for 2019 is expected to be lower than in 2018. The violent crime rate for White Lake Township in 2018 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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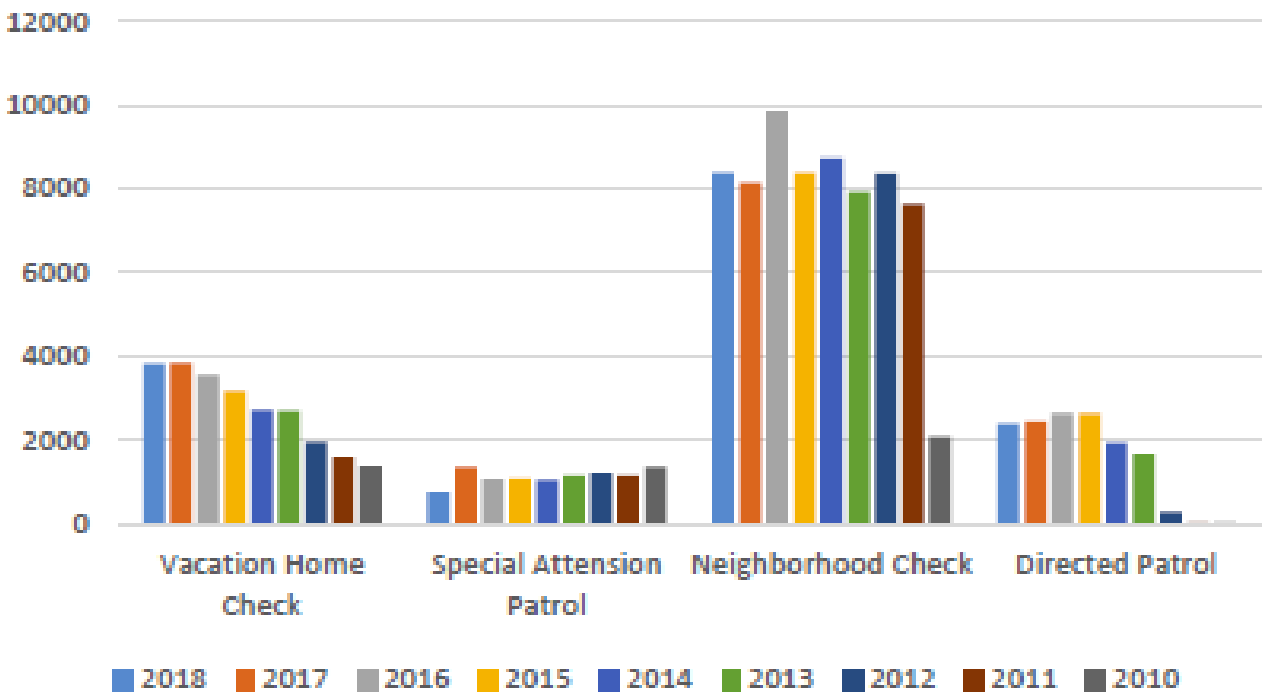
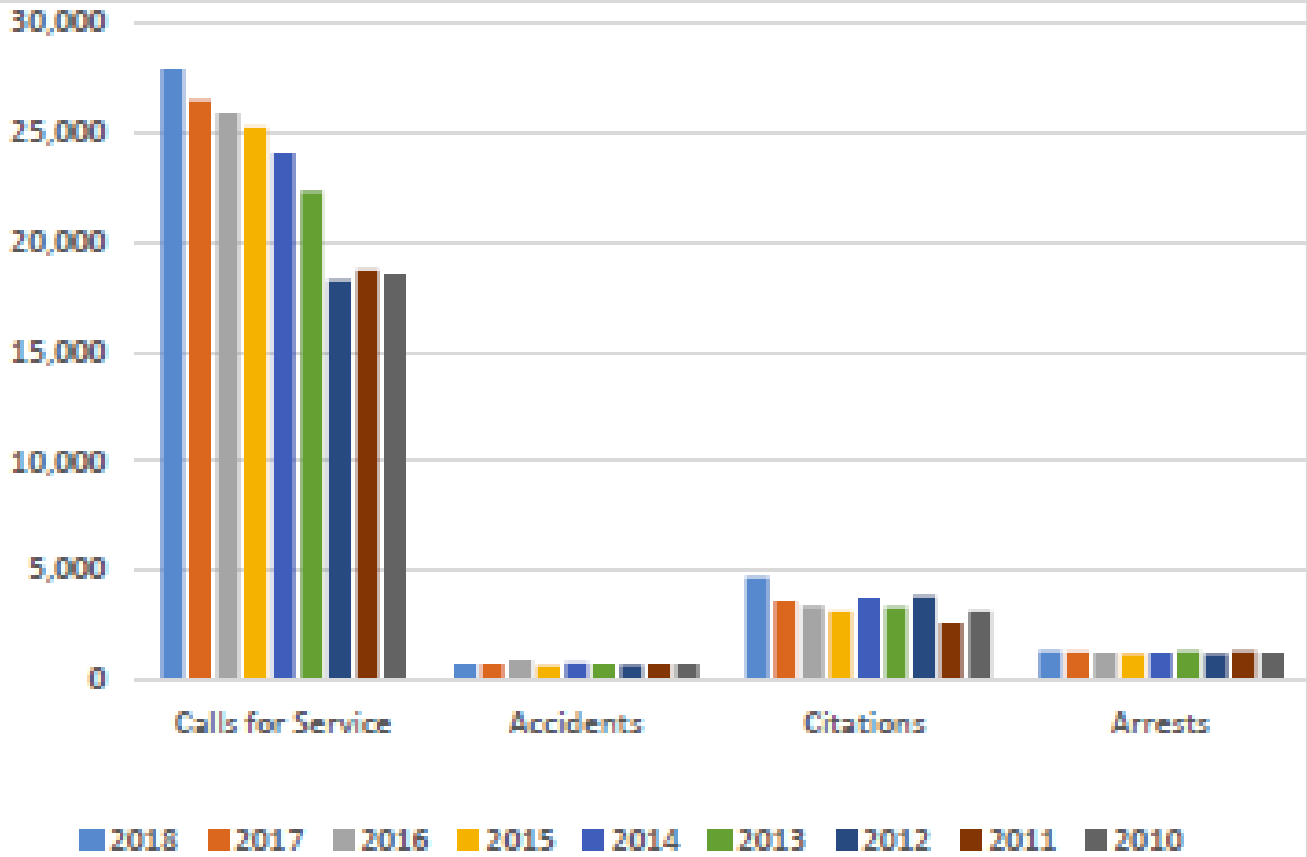


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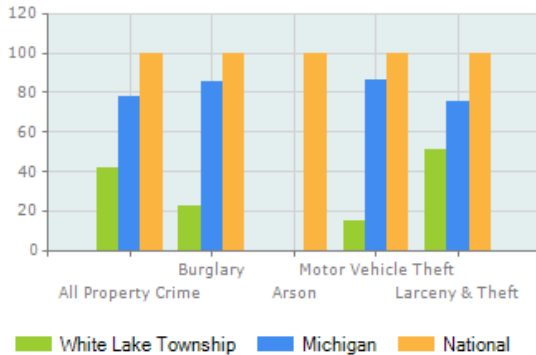
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White Lake Township crime statistics report an overall downward trend in crime based on data from 18 years with violent crime decreasing and property crime decreasing. Based on this trend, the crime rate in White Lake Township for 2019 is expected to be lower than in 2016.

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%.

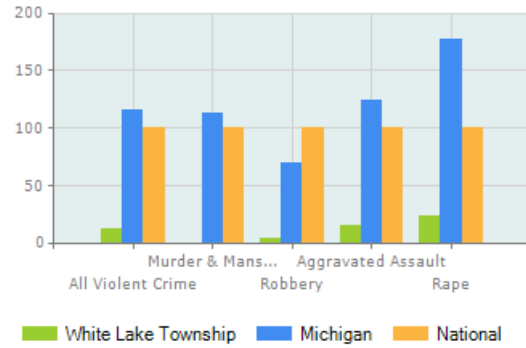
2016 White Lake Township Property Crime Comparison



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

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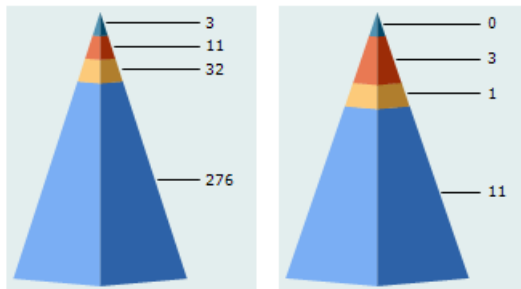
2016 White Lake Township Violent Crime Comparison



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

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White Lake 2016 Crime

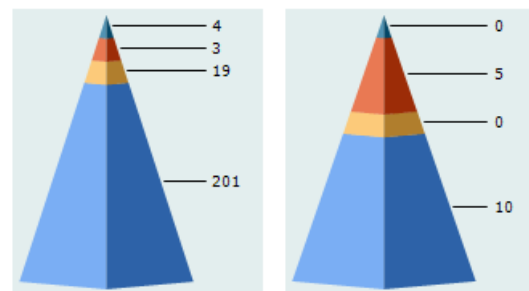


Property
 Arson
 Motor Vehicle Theft
 Burglary
 Larceny and Theft

Violent
 Murder and Manslaughter
 Rape
 Robbery
 Aggravated Assault

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White Lake 2019 Crime (Projected)



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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 2018, White Lake Township Police Officers completed 839 MCOLES hours of training through Law Enforcement Officers Regional Training Commission. A portion of the training was paid for using LED funds of \$4,229.04 that were received in 2018.

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.

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!

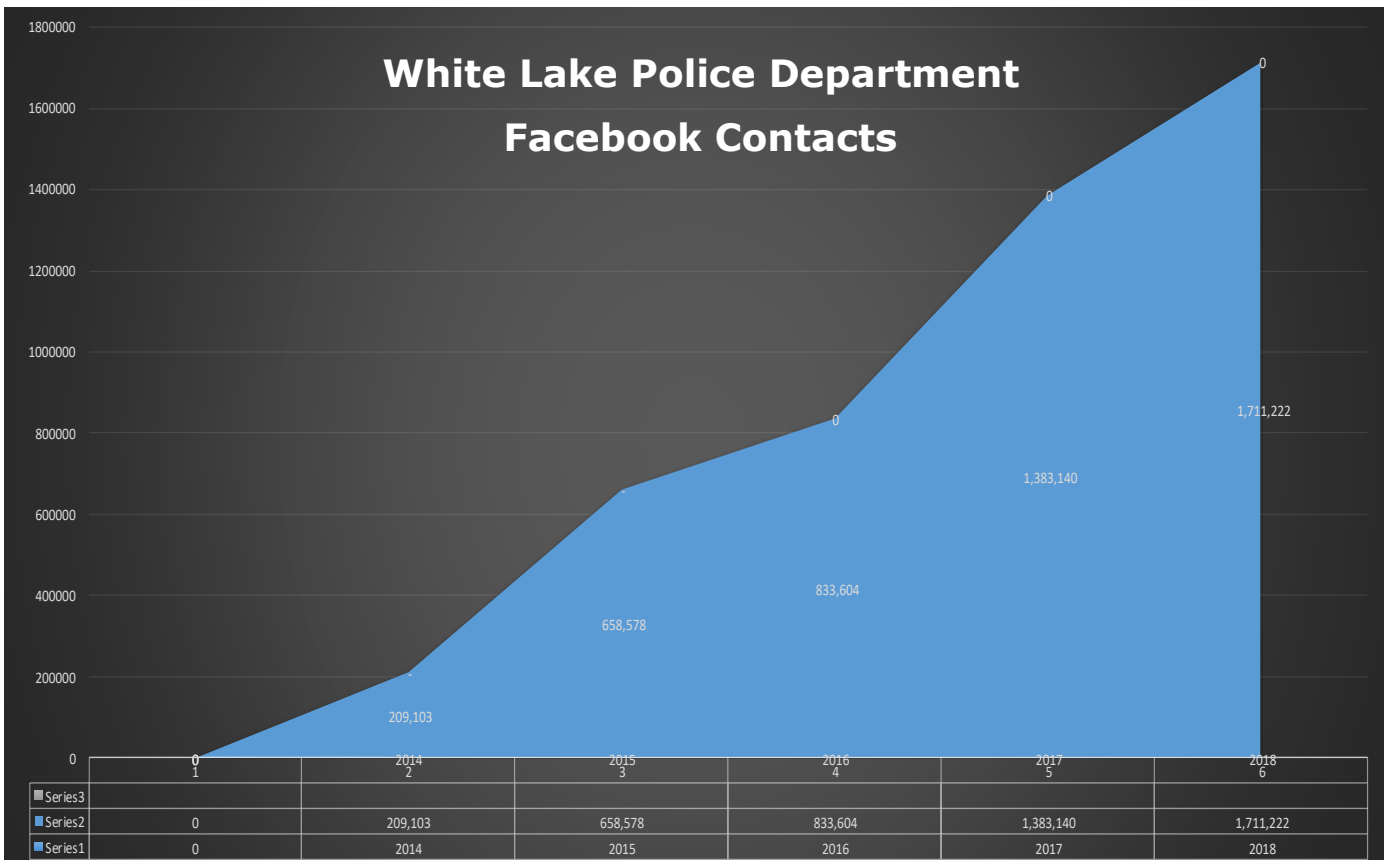
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Social Media

In 2018 our Facebook posts reached 1,711,222 people. This is an increase from last year of 1,383,140 contacts with the community. We increased our followers from 5,304 at the beginning of the year to 6,648 by December 31, 2018, an increase of 1,344 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.



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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 2019 with plans to expand its collaboration with the community. The Police Department held, or was involved in, several community events such as Special Olympics, WLTPD Golf Outing, Lakeland Mock Car Crash, Trunk or Treat, 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 2018, 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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Citizens Academy A Participant Perspective

Each year since 2003 the White Lake Township Police Department, in conjunction with the fire department and the township, has been conducting an outstanding program known as the Citizens Academy, highlighting notable activities of the local police, firefighters and the township administration. Many communities have similar programs.

Participants of the Citizens Academy meet for approximately three hours, once a week, for 13 weeks. The collective sessions are held twice a year, once in the spring, and once in the fall.

The sessions are both engaging and informative, simultaneously providing a reciprocal learning experience for citizens and facilitators alike. The 2018 spring session topics included a police station tour and overview of their investigations, patrol operations, patrol tactics, fire department operations, investigations and extrication, aviation unit & K-9 squad at the Oakland County Airport, a trip to the Oakland County Medical Examiner's facility, ID theft review, township operations, judicial review, missing persons review, and bomb squad review.

Aside from the pure academic nature of the material, which was rewarding in and of itself, the presentation skills, level of commitment and demeanor of the presenters and auxiliary support staff was quite impressive.

They were skilled, personable, patient and willing to share their time and knowledge with us.

One of the best features of the program is that there are no exams, no homework and no grades. The other best feature of the program is that there is no cost to participants. The primary assignment is to show up with an open mind and prepare to be educated. This is also a good venue to convene with your neighbors to foster an awareness of what is happening in your community. Participation from community members was enthusiastic, as the information presented was both interesting and useful. This made it so enjoyable to be there.

Graduation ceremony for the 29th Citizens Academy was held on the evening of May 31 at the Dublin Center in White Lake. There were 30 enthusiastic graduates of the program. The participants were awarded a merited certificate of completion by the facilitators of the program, and were also treated to a delicious dinner donated by Leo's of White Lake and Jet's Pizza of White Lake.

There to distribute the graduation certificates were police Lieutenant Larry Sheldon -architect of the White Lake Citizens Academy program, Township Supervisor Rik Kowall, Police Chief Dan Keller and Fire Chief Andrew Gurka. Also present was executive assistant to the police chief, Jennifer Hansen, who orchestrated the evening's activities and consistently provided care and attention to all matters for the duration of the program. Many auxiliary staff members of these departments were also in attendance.

As a participant, I was truly impressed by the dedication of the program facilitators, and I gained a heightened awareness and level of appreciation for the hazardous, and often grueling, nature of the jobs of those professionals who protect our community. I feel enriched and gratified to have been a part of this awesome program. Many thanks to all of the individuals comprising our White Lake Township administration, police department and fire department.

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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 2018 about 75 children and their families. T.E.A.M. Officer, Shawn Kidle paired kids up with volunteer Police Officers and Dispatchers from our Department as well as from Officers from surrounding community. The 75 kids each received a \$100.00 gift card donated by 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 passed the teaching baton to Officer Shawn Kidle in the summer of 2018. At that point, the White Lake Township Police Department transitioned from D.A.R.E. to T.E.A.M . Teaching, Educating, and Mentoring. We are transitioning to the T.E.A.M. program because it is a more comprehensive program that we can offer our students. We are in three different school districts, as well as one parochial school and graduate approximately 700 students every year.



T.E.A.M. is a school-based, "law related" program, taught to grades K-8 by our T.E.A.M. trained Police Officer. The TEAM Officer receives a 40-hour training program that introduces them to over 30 lesson plans that they can present in their communities. The newest T.E.A.M. curriculum lesson plan includes “Why Do We have Rules and Laws?”, “Drugs are Dangerous”, “Gun Safety”, “Internet: Stay Safe and Have Fun”, “Laws and Rules, - What is the Difference?”, “Understanding the Court System” and “Bullying and Harassment”.



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White Lake Police Open House



The White Lake Police Open House is held the second Sunday of June. This gives our Department an opportunity to thank the community for thier continued support. The Open House has something for all ages including a dunk tank, water slide, rock wall, helicopter, police dog demomstration, spin art, station tours and police car rides. In 2018 we had our largest crowd to date at approximately 1000 people. We look forward to growing every year!

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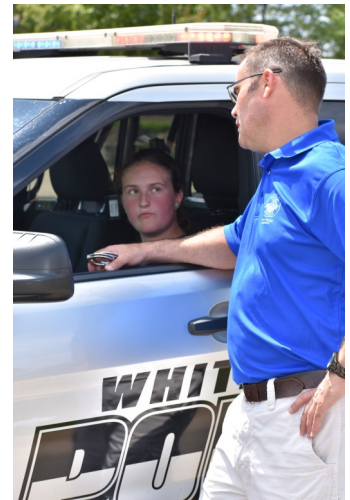


The White Lake Township Police Department once again hosted its Youth Police Academy. There were 36 young adults from White Lake Township and surrounding communities.

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 2019 Y.P.A. can be obtained through the White Lake Township Police Department.



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5K Run Donut Dash



The Fourth 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 111 participants.



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



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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 and PACT Sergeant attends the annual meeting of each neighborhood association every year. We also encourage all of our residents to Like us on Facebook, where we also do community outreach.



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2019 Goals

- ◆ To Gain Accreditation – Michigan Association of Chief’s of Police. We are participating as one of a handful of agencies in the State of Michigan.
- ◆ CERT Program – Develop a Citizens Emergency Response Team
- ◆ To initiate Guardian Tracking to track performance of our officers.
- ◆ To acquire new in-car and body cameras.
- ◆ Participation in 2019 Special Olympics Michigan Program



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