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Annual Report, 2019

White Lake Township



Annual Report 2019 Calendar Year

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Chief of Police



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June 1, 2020

To: Rik Kowall, WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR
Topic: 2019 (calendar year) ANNUAL POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT

Attached is the annual White Lake Township Police Department activity report for the calendar year of 2019, which summarizes:

- 2019 Community Involvement Highlights
- 2019 Crime Analysis
- 2019 Police Department Goals Accomplished
- 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,

Daniel T. Keller
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The White Lake Township Police Department had an eventful and productive year in 2019. We worked hard to initiate and incorporate new programs and policies for the benefit of our community, we have continued to improve operations and procedures, and finally, we saw a few changes to our staff.

Most of the changes in our staffing came as the result of the retirement of one of our veteran officers, Lieutenant Larry Sheldon in the beginning of 2019. We subsequently promoted Sergeant Matt Ivory to the rank of lieutenant and Officer Ross Wagonmaker was promoted to the rank of sergeant. In addition to the promotions, we hired one new officer and one new clerk in the records department.

Our department focused heavily on introducing new programs in 2019. One of the programs, in which we are very proud to participate, took several years of dedication and hard work. We became one of only sixteen police departments in the state to be accredited through the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Program and the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police. This esteemed accreditation represents the progressive and proven methods our department incorporates to calculate and improve overall performance through the implementation of written directives, policies, and procedures that are conceptually sound and operationally effective. Another program we initiated was the addition of body cameras on all officers and in all patrol vehicles. This was a huge effort that involved creating policies and procedures for saving, reviewing, and disseminating video footage.

Although 2019 brought about new programs, we continued our efforts to improve upon some of the community-based programs that have been introduced in previous years. One of which is the Michigan State Police based Teaching, Educating, and Mentoring (T.E.A.M) School Liaison Program. This year, we created a new, comprehensive workbook for our 5th grade students. We also held multiple fundraising events and received two separate grants through the White Lake Police Foundation, a 501(3)c, which promotes drug abstinence and crime prevention amongst children and teens. Finally, we continued our, "One Team, One Fight" mission 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, PACT (Police and Community Together), the aforementioned T.E.A.M (Teaching, Educating, and Mentoring) and many others. These endeavors have helped to ensure the low crime rate and high quality of life that the citizens of White Lake Township enjoy.

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"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."

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White Lake Township Police Department Sworn Personnel

Patrol Officers

Jeffrey Barber	Ronald Rogowicz	Charles Brandt
Ed McNulty	Greg Hartner	Kevan DiClaudio
Roxanne Ostrowski	Wade Swalwell	Michael Knapp
Michael Race	Kristopher Mesaros	Michael Kaz-Mikha
Jarrett Hinmin	Dylan Matthews	Michael Pence

Investigative Officers

Tom Sarasin
Steve Moore
Jeff Sutton

School Officers

S.R.O. Jessica Snow
T.E.A.M. Shawn Kidle

Shift Sergeant

Sgt. Brad Connell
Sgt. Gregory Gondek
Sgt. Jeffrey Way
Sgt. Ross Wagenmaker

Administrative Division

Sgt. Matthew Silverthorn

Investigation Division

Lt. Christopher J. Hild

Patrol Division

Lt. Matthew Ivory

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White Lake Township Police Department Civilian Personnel

Communications

Kolleen Hendin
Shelby Dominick
Jill Harrison
Brianna Buzzell
Emily Ebaugh

Communications Coordinator

Anna Cross

Records

Marilyn McDonald
Holly Kidle
Betsy Kettler

Cadet

Steve Bohez

Ordinance Enforcement

Jason Hudson

Executive Secretary

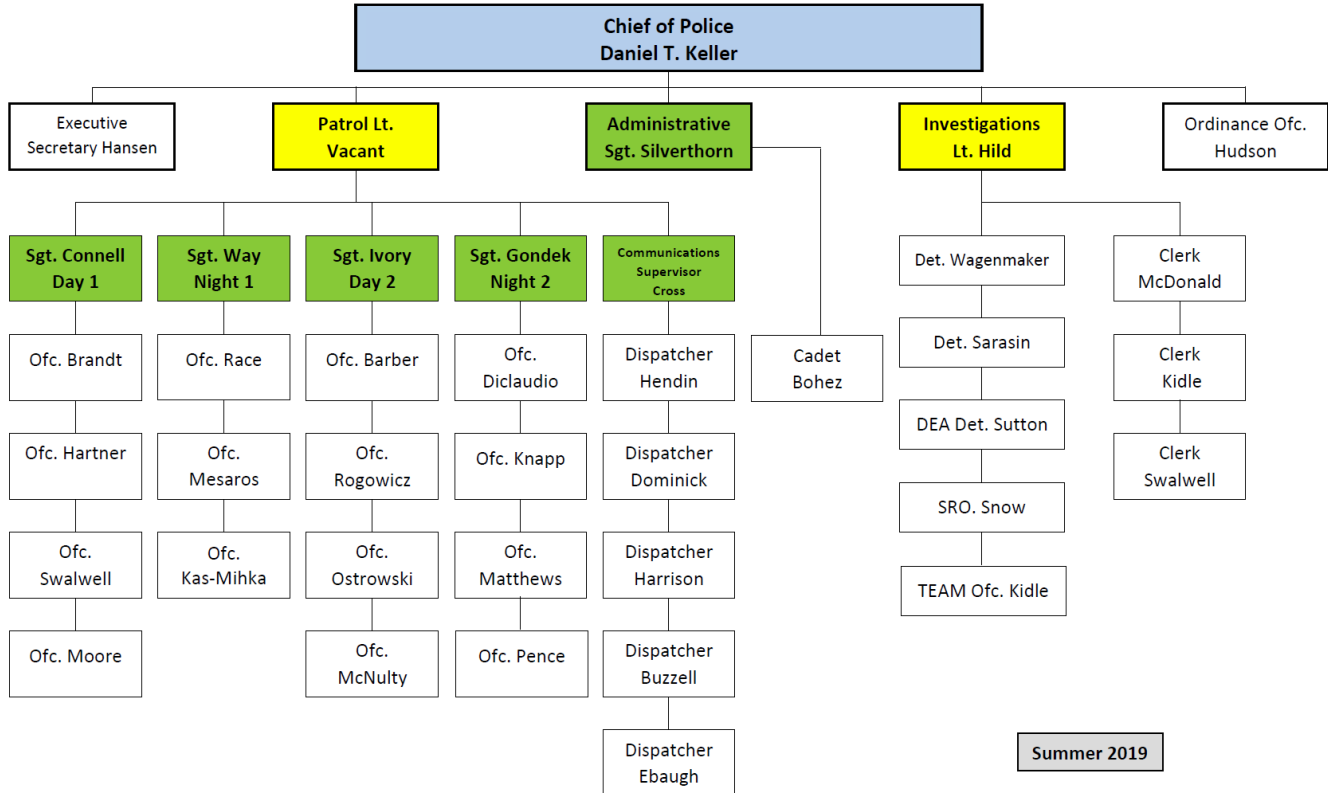
Jennifer Hansen



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White Lake Township Police 2019 Organization Chart



Summer 2019

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Officer of the Year

Sergeant Matthew Silverthorn

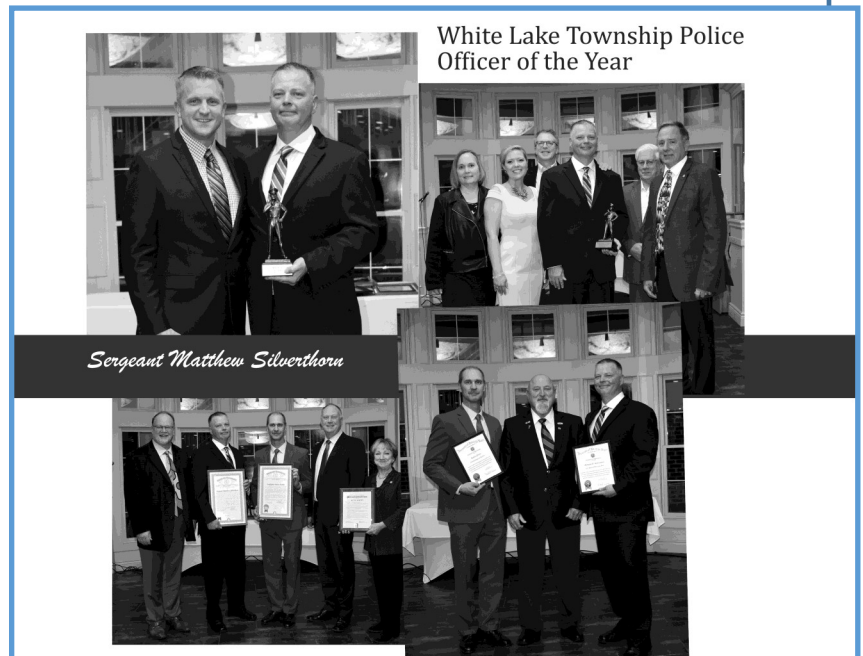
Matthew Silverthorn graduated from Central Michigan University in 2015 where he earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration. Sergeant Silverthorn also holds a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Ferris State University and an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice from Washtenaw Community College. He also graduated from the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command in 2013.

Sergeant Silverthorn served in the U.S. Army as an Air Assault trained Cavalry Scout and Intelligence Analyst as a member of the 10th Mountain Division. After graduating from the Washtenaw County Police academy he worked as a part-time Police Officer for one year for the City of Howell. He began his career with WLTPD in 1996.

During his career at WLTPD, he has held the positions of Patrol Officer, Detective, Patrol Sergeant, and Administrative Sergeant. He has also performed several other duties for WLTPD, such as Field Training Officer, Special Response Team, Evidence Technician, Property Room Manager, Union President and Vice President, and other various duties.

Sergeant Silverthorn is an active member of community and participates in several community service events. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Joe Kocur Foundation for Children that has raised over a million dollars for charities in the Lakes Area. He created and manages a public service scholarship at Lakeland High School which has provided over \$50,000 in scholarships. He also works with local and state Special Olympics at various events. He recently received a Community Service Award from FOP 128 Lodge for his community efforts.

In late 2017, WLTPD created the Administrative Sergeant position with the goal of a complete restructuring and redesign of department policies and training, and acquiring accreditation with MACP. Sergeant Silverthorn has served as the WLTPD Administrative Sergeant since the inception of the position. The department purchased and implemented the PowerDMS system to manage internal policies and training. Sergeant Silverthorn has ensured that the department's policies and procedures were updated and issued in 2018 to either meet or exceed the MACP Accreditation standards.



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2019 No Shave 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 donated 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 Township Police Department would like to thank The Joe Kocur Foundation, Browning Surveillance, and all of the individual donors who made this Christmas special for our adopted family!



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Crime Analysis

Reported crime in White Lake Township for 2019, is 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 2019 statistics for part A and B crimes, in comparison to 2018. 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 and identity theft is a national issue and with the creation of new and innovative ways to steal personal identifying information, our township's citizens need to remain vigilant. We continue to offer education and risk assessment at street level and command level to combat this issue.

The charts on page 10 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 2019.

The FBI statistics (page 8) along with charts show comparisons between communities in Michigan, as well as nationally. Overall, the reported crime in White Lake Township, demonstrate a 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 2020 is expected to be lower than in 2019. The violent crime rate for White Lake Township in 2016 (*last recorded data*) 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 2016 (*last recorded data*) 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%.

Marijuana was decriminalized in Michigan beginning in 2019. As a result, arrest for violations of the control substance act decreased dramatically.

The amount of retail fraud complaints have increased as more businesses moved into the township. As a department, we have focused on arresting and prosecuting retail fraud offenders to discourage reoffence.

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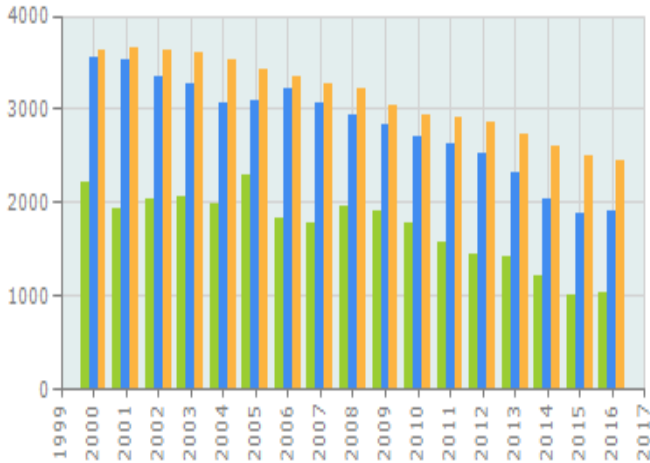


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FBI Crime Statistics

White Lake Property Crime Index

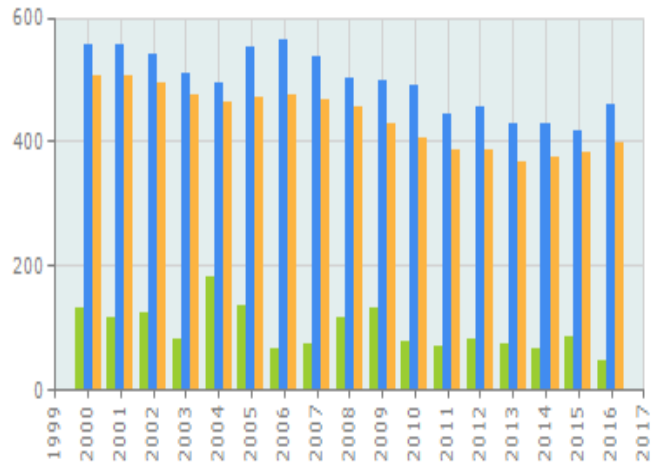


White Lake Township Michigan National

Crime Index corresponds to incidents per 100,000 inhabitants

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White Lake Violent Crime Index

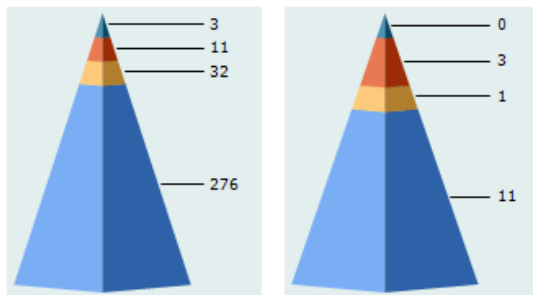


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White Lake 2016 Crime

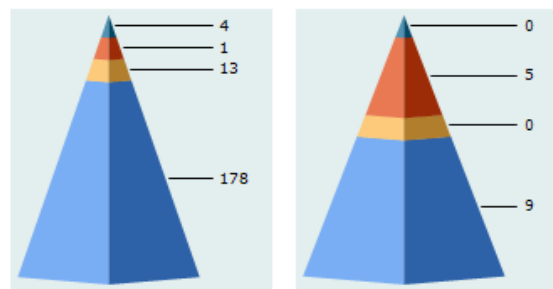


Property
 Arson
 Motor Vehicle Theft
 Burglary
 Larceny and Theft

Violent
 Murder and Manslaughter...
 Rape
 Robbery
 Aggravated Assault

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White Lake 2020 Crime (Projected)



Property
 Arson
 Motor Vehicle Theft
 Burglary
 Larceny and Theft

Violent
 Murder and Manslaughter...
 Rape
 Robbery
 Aggravated Assault

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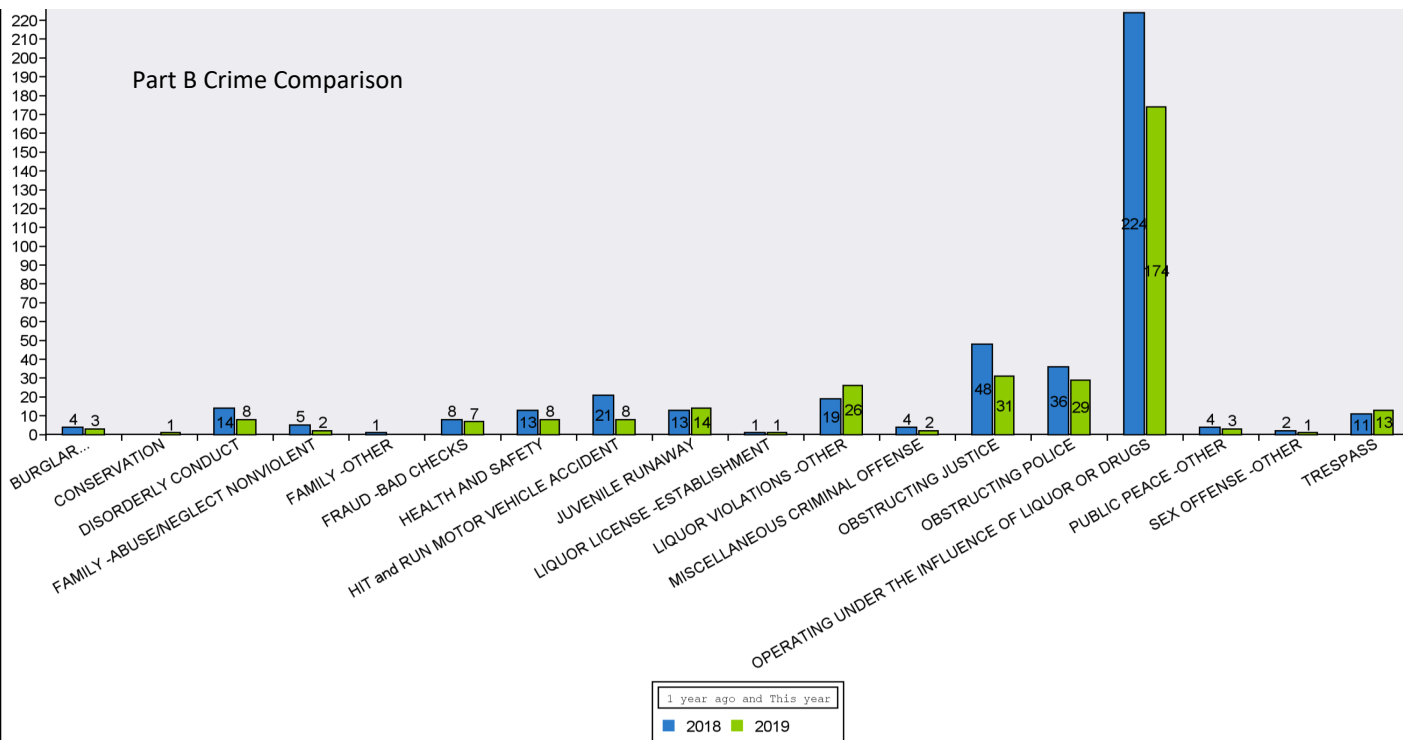
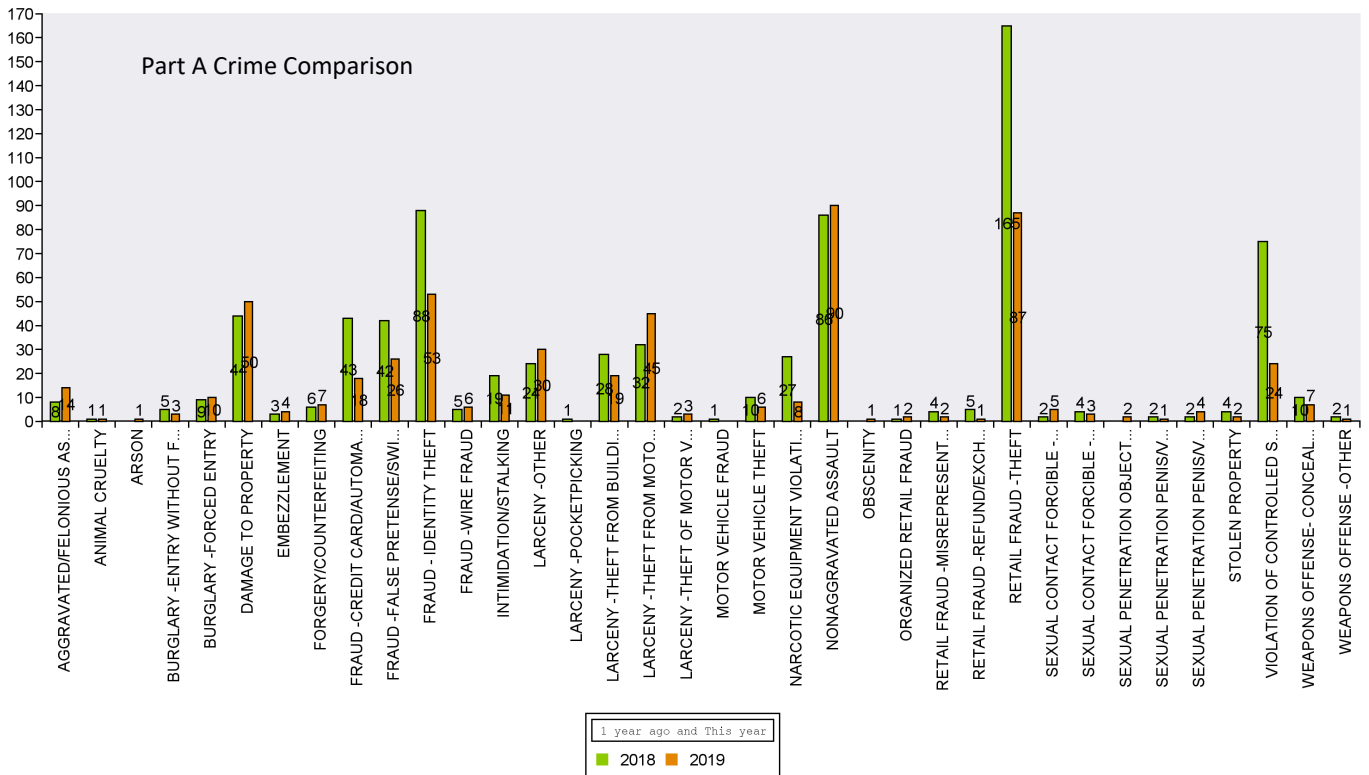
* The source of **actual** data on this White Lake Township, Michigan crime rate report is the **FBI Report of Offenses Known to Law Enforcement** for the corresponding year or years. Arson numbers are reported inconsistently. Zero values may indicate the data was not available. The **projected** crime 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 2020 was projected from 18 years of actual reported data. The last year of actual available crime data, as reported above, was 2016.

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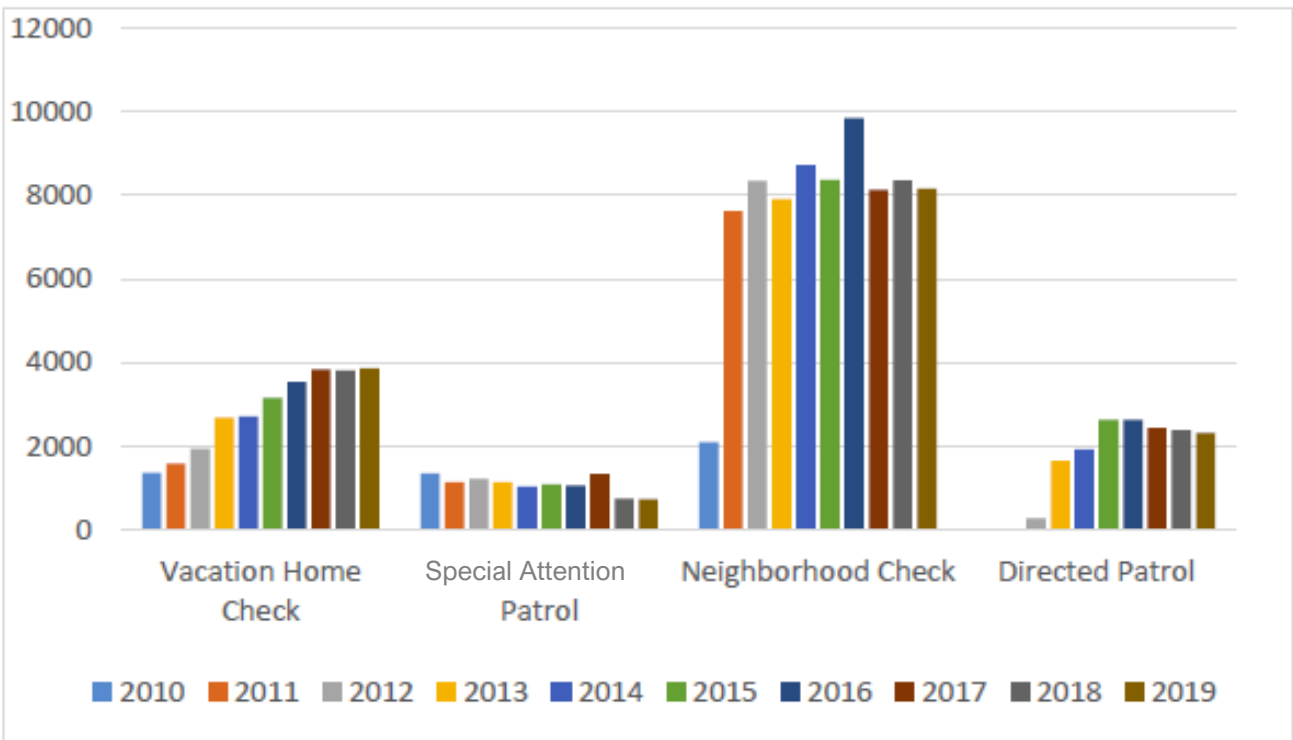
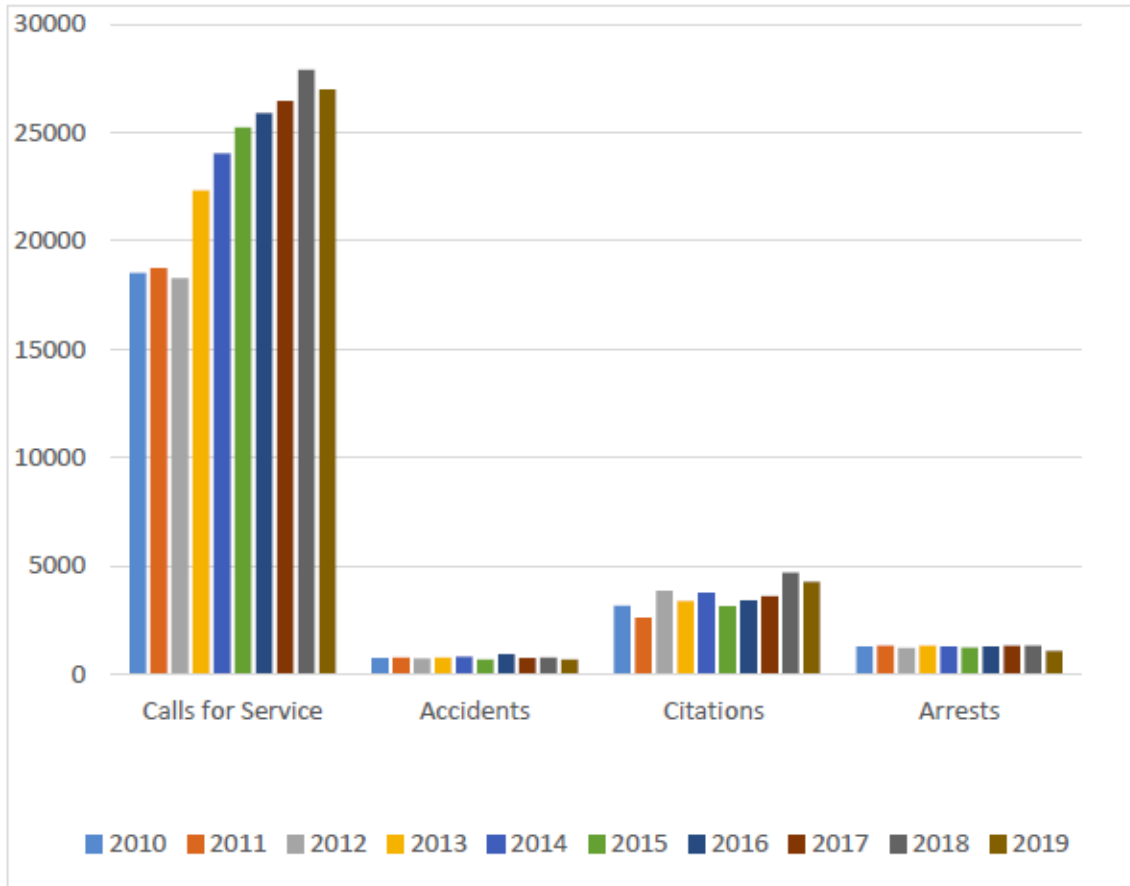


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Police Department Training

In 2019, White Lake Township Police Officers completed a large amount of their training through Oakland Community College, which was paid for using Law Enforcement Distribution funds of \$4,552.20. A portion of the police department budget was also used for training outside of OCC.

Dispatchers completed a total of 192 hours of training. Subject matter included: Emergency Telecommunicator Course, Child Callers, Domestic Violence, Homeland Security, Ethics and Liability, Despondent or Suicidal Callers, Emergency Fire Dispatch, Customer Service, Criminal Law, Active Shooters, and the Communications Training Officer Program.

An effort was made to focus training on high risk situations. Officers attended training in areas such as Traffic Stop Tactics, Defensive Tactics, De-escalation Training, Weapons training, and Communications. In 2018 and 2019, training was added to address managing mental health crises. As a result, data in 2019 showed that the number of situations where physical action was required in mental health crisis situations was significantly reduced.



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Community Involvement



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TIA Award



The TIA is the organization that administers grant money for the Operating While Intoxicated and Distracted Driving grants. White Lake Township Police Department was the only agency in the state to be recognized for their efforts in the area of drunk driving enforcement and distracted driving enforcement. In 2019, your White Lake Township police officers worked an additional 348 hours of traffic enforcement because of the grant money provided. During those grant hours, officers made 439 traffic stops, which resulted in 256 citations, 32 arrests for operating while intoxicated, 37 misdemeanor arrests, and 4 felony arrests. The department is proud to have received this award and will be displaying it for the public. We are happy to continue working for you to keep the citizens of White Lake safe, both at home and on the go.

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Fraternal Order of Police Award



Congratulations Officer Swalwell for receiving the Fraternal Order of Police 2019 Heroism Award. Officer Swalwell received the award for his actions and calm negotiating skills during a barricaded gunman situation. Through his actions, along with efforts of other officers, the situation was brought to a peaceful resolution. Thank you Officer Swalwell for your dedication and service.



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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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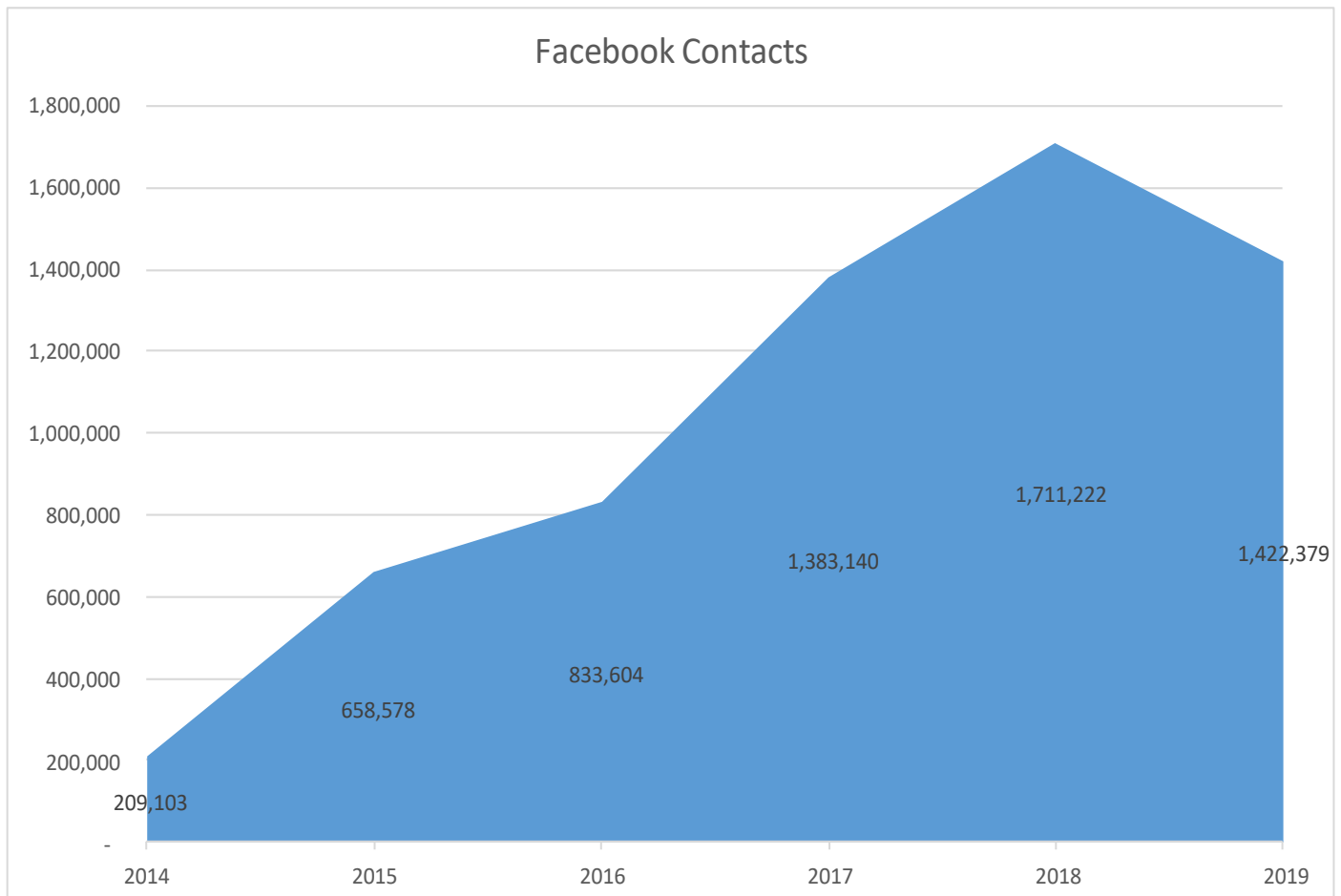
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Social Media

In 2019 our Facebook posts reached 1,295,259 people. We increased our followers from 6,649 at the beginning of the year to 7,434 by December 31, 2019, an increase of 788 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 affect our residents. We have 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 utilize social media to improve our relationship with the community and improve public safety.



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Community Events

The White Lake Township Police Department makes community events a part of our culture and will continue to do so in 2020 with plans to expand our collaboration with the community. The Police Department held, or was involved in, several community events such as Special Olympics, WLTPD Golf Outing, 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
- WLTPD Golf Outing
- Youth Police Academy
- C.E.R.T.
- Self Defense Classes



The Police Department will continue to host these events, in order to build our relationships and earn trust while gaining social capital within our community.



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Women's Self Defense Classes



Detective Jessica Snow received training to instruct self defense techniques. The White Lake Township Police offers this to women in our community free of charge. This program has been very well received. The class fills within a day of being opened to registration. Participants have reported how much they enjoyed the program and how professional and knowledgeable Detective Snow is as the instructor. Notifications for the class are made on Facebook or by contacting Detective Snow at jsnow@whitelakepolice.com

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Citizens Academy

The White Lake Township Police Department, in conjunction with the Township Board of Trustees and Township Fire Department, created the White Lake Citizens' Academy in 2004. The Citizens' Academy is a 30-hour block of instruction provided to approximately 25 citizens per class, twice per year. During the 13-week program, citizens receive hands-on instruction in the following areas:

- Police, Fire, and Township Operations Patrol Operations and Criminal Investigation,
- Fire Operations and Fire investigation
- Firearms and Defensive Tactics
- K9 Unit and Aviation Unit
- Medical Examiner's Office Operations
- Bomb Squad and Explosive Investigations

The White Lake Township Citizens' Academy program is one of the crowning achievements of the police department and, is a much revered and sought after offering of the police department.



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Shop with a Cop

Approximately 75 children were able to participate for Christmas 2019. T.E.A.M. Officer, Shawn Kidle paired kids with volunteer police officers and dispatchers from our department as well as officers from surrounding communities. Each child received a \$100.00 gift card donated by Meijer or Walmart to be used to shop, not only for themselves, but their families, and to experience the satisfaction of giving to others. Police officers accompanied and helped them shop for their families. Volunteers were on hand to gift wrap all the presents chosen by the children. Shop with a Cop is an amazing event that we are extremely proud to be a part of year after year!



Each holiday season, police officers around the country take on a different role. Instead of tracking down bad guys, they help kids track down items on their Christmas list. It's all part of the annual "Shop with a Cop" event.

Each child receives a certain amount of money to spend on whatever items they like. Sometimes, they choose to spend the money on someone other than themselves.

The goal of "Shop with a Cop" is to break down barriers, with the hopes of developing better relationships between the community and police. In White Lake, it has been a long-standing tradition for nearly 20 years.

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White Lake Township Police Annual Open House



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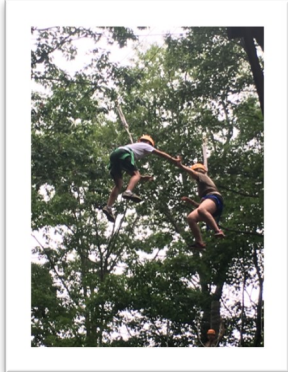
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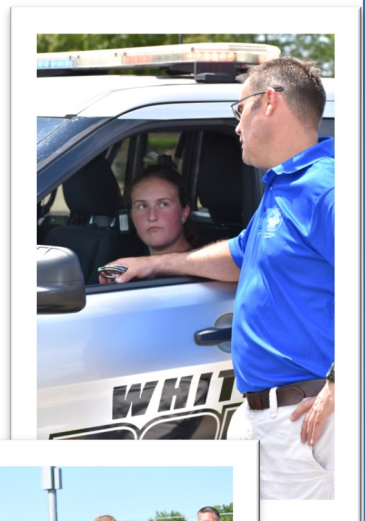


The White Lake Township Police Department once again hosted its Youth Police Academy. There were 36 young adults from White Lake Township and surrounding communities.

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



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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 T.E.A.M. 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 includes lessons such as:



- 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
- Bullying and Harassment.



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White Lake Township Police Employee Community Support



The Shannon Gaber Silverthorn Memorial Foundation once again presented college scholarships to local High School Grads!!!

During the Lakeland High School Honors Night, in conjunction with the Joe Kocur Foundation for Children, we presented the Shannon Gaber Silverthorn Memorial Scholarships this year for \$2,000 each, the recipients were:

- Lilly Clymer
- Caitlyn Johnson
- Jordan Cook
- Brennan Surman



Lieutenant Silverthorn and Sergeant Connell accepted the Law Enforcement Torch Run 2019 Sapphire Award and 2019 Oakland County Community Run Award for the Police Departments continued effort towards fundraising for Special Olympics of Michigan. Additionally, Sergeant Connell was honored with the Raising Star Award for his individual efforts and commitment. We love and look forward to continuing our partnership with both Team Huron Valley Special Olympics and Special Olympics of Michigan.



Officer Ostrowski participated in the 48th year of Operation Good Cheer and delivered presents to area airports for local children in foster care. Operation Good Cheer is an annual event put on by Children and Family Services of Michigan.

The White Lake Township Police Department team took in two 1st place trophies at the Fire Truck Pull and helped raise money for Special Olympics at the same time!

Sergeant Way and our new CERT Team had its first big event, Search and Rescue at Indian Springs! Residents from around the Township have been undergoing specialized training to assist Police and Fire in the event of an emergency! We were able to be part of a coordinated effort that involved Oakland County Homeland Security and surrounding agencies. Thank you to the almost 100 volunteers that came out to be victims! Everyone did a great job!



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We would like to thank, Walmart, Meijer, the Joe Kocur Foundation, Good Fellows, Alvin Jensen, and everyone else who helped make this happen. Through everyone's generous donations and our officers' No Shave November campaign, we helped make Christmas a little easier for one special family.



Gleaners

White Lake Township Police partnered with Kroger and helped support Gleaners Food Bank. We were honored to take part in their Zero Out Hunger campaign. With your help, we were able to fill three police cars with non-perishable food.



Great Work Team Donut!!! Sgt. Connell and his team raised over \$3,000 for Special Olympics of Michigan at the Polar Plunge!!! We reached our goal to raise over \$5,000.00 in 2019 for this important cause!

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Community Emergency Response Team C.E.R.T.

The C.E.R.T. emergency preparedness course, is designed for all citizens, and prepares attendees to manage large-scale disaster type incidents that could impact the White Lake area, and trains them in basic disaster response skills. These skills include fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using this training, C.E.R.T. members can assist others in their neighborhoods or workplaces following incidents when professional responders are not immediately available to help. C.E.R.T. members are also encouraged to support response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in the White Lake community, for information on this program, contact Sgt. Jeff Way at the White Lake Township Police Department, via email, at jway@whitelakepolice.com.



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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 attend 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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Goals Accomplished in 2019



- ◆ To Gain Accreditation – Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police. We are participating as one of a handful of agencies in the State of Michigan.
- ◆ C.E.R.T. Program – Developed a Citizens Emergency Response Team.
- ◆ Initiated Guardian Tracking to track performance of our officers.

- ◆ Acquired new in-car and body cameras.
- ◆ Participated in 2019 Special Olympics Michigan Program.



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