



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Annual Report, 2021

White Lake Township POLICE



Annual Report 2021 Calendar Year

Daniel T. Keller
Chief of Police

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August 23, 2022

To: Rik Kowall, WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR
Topic: 2021 (calendar year) ANNUAL POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT

Attached is the annual White Lake Township Police Department activity report for the calendar year of 2021, which summarizes:

- 2021 Community Involvement Highlights
- 2021 Crime Analysis
- 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
Chief of Police



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Letter from Chief Keller

It was with great pride and renewed spirit that the White Lake Township Police Department started 2021. After a full year of separation and extreme caution due to COVID-19, the police department was finally able to get back into the community, face-to-face, engaging with the citizens that we serve. During the year, we saw in-person training begin to resume, families coming together for picnics, and numerous invites from citizens to attend functions and meetings.

Despite a long hiatus, we were able to host our annual White Lake Police Foundation Golf Outing, which saw record numbers of golfers supporting the foundations fundraising efforts. Because of this generosity, we were able to provide a family who had recently seen a terrible tragedy with a Christmas that they desperately needed and deserved. Continuing with that trend, we once again held two Shop with a Cop events, one at Meijer and one at Walmart. The Police Department had previously been able to shop for families through COVID, but the feeling of community and giving was not the same. Members of the department showed up in droves to support these events and many valuable memories were made.

The end of 2021 also brought about the end of the White Lake Township Police Department's first three year reaccreditation cycle through the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission. This meant a full review of three years of proofs that the department was complying with all 108 Commission Standards. Exhaustive work was done in the weeks leading up to the on-site assessment. Over the course of two days, outside assessors from the State were at the department combing through our policies and procedures. In the end, White Lake Township received a recommendation for full accredited status once again through the MLEAC. That reaccreditation status will be awarded at the 2022 Michigan Association of Chief's of Police Conference in February. Not only is full accredited status for three years being recommended, but the department was able to comply with all 108 standards, which is something that only a couple of police agencies have been able to accomplish since the program's inception. The department works hard to be the best at serving the community and will continue to do so, both with a sense of vigor and in keeping up with the high standards set by the Accreditation Commission and the residents which we serve.

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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

Ronald Rogowicz	Roxanne Ostrowski	Kevan Diclaudio
Michael Race	Kristopher Mesaros	Wade Swalwell
Dylan Matthews	Michael Pence	Jarrette Hinman
Steve Bohez	Brittany Lynch	Kyle Welling
Marsela Shpati	Christopher Grosser	

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

Lt. Matthew Ivory

Investigation Division

Lt. Matthew Silverthorn

Patrol Division

Lt. Christopher Hild

Chief of Police

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White Lake Township Police Department Civilian Personnel

Communications

Anna Cross
Kolleen Hendin
Helen Skaglin
Holly Kidle
Ivy Stogdill

Records

Marilyn McDonald
Betsy Kettler
Rhonda Grubb

Cadet

Marcus Hunt

Ordinance Enforcement

Jason Hudson

Executive Secretary

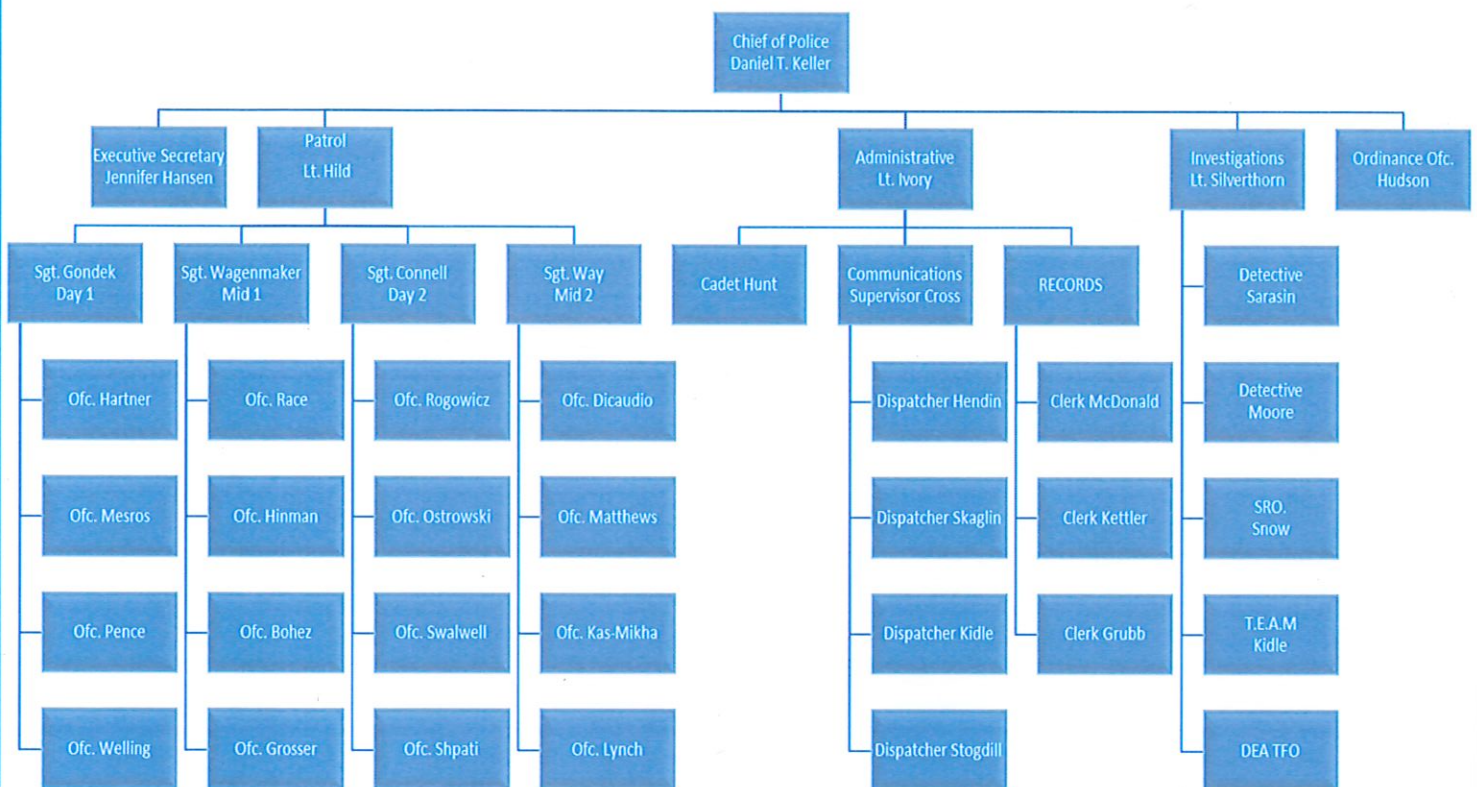
Jennifer Hansen



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Organizational Chart



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White Lake Township Police Department Retired and New Hires



Jeffrey Barber, Retired Officer



Christopher Hild,
Retired Lieutenant



Christopher Grosser, New Officer



Rhonda Grubb, Records Clerk
Ivy Stogdill, Dispatcher



Marsela Shpati, New Officer

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Crime Analysis

Reported crime in White Lake Township for 2021, is similar to what our region is experiencing, with some notable differences in this year's statistics from last.

The charts on page 10 show the total number of accident reports, citations issued, arrests, calls for service, vacant home checks, focused patrols, and neighborhood checks performed by the White Lake Township Police Department from 2011 to 2021.

The FBI statistics (page 11) along with charts show comparisons between communities in Michigan, as well as nationally. White Lake Township crime statistics report an overall downward trend in crime based on data from 21 years with violent crime decreasing and property crime decreasing. Based on this trend, the crime rate in White Lake Township for 2022 is expected to be lower than in 2019. The city violent crime rate for White Lake Township in 2019 was lower than the national violent crime rate average by 79.12% and the city property crime rate in White Lake Township was lower than the national property crime rate average by 68.46%.

In 2019 the city violent crime rate in White Lake Township was lower than the violent crime rate in Michigan by 81.89% and the city property crime rate in White Lake Township was lower than the property crime rate in Michigan by 58.01%.

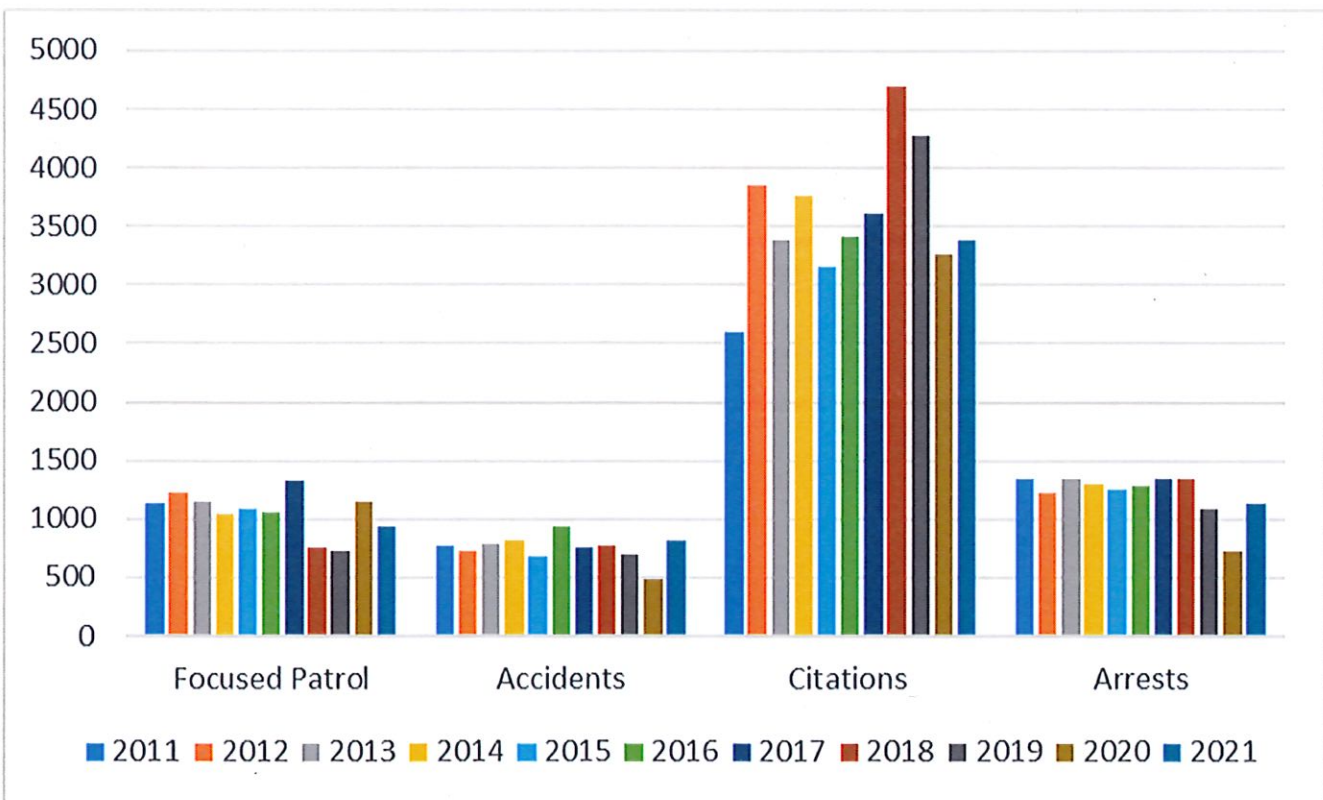
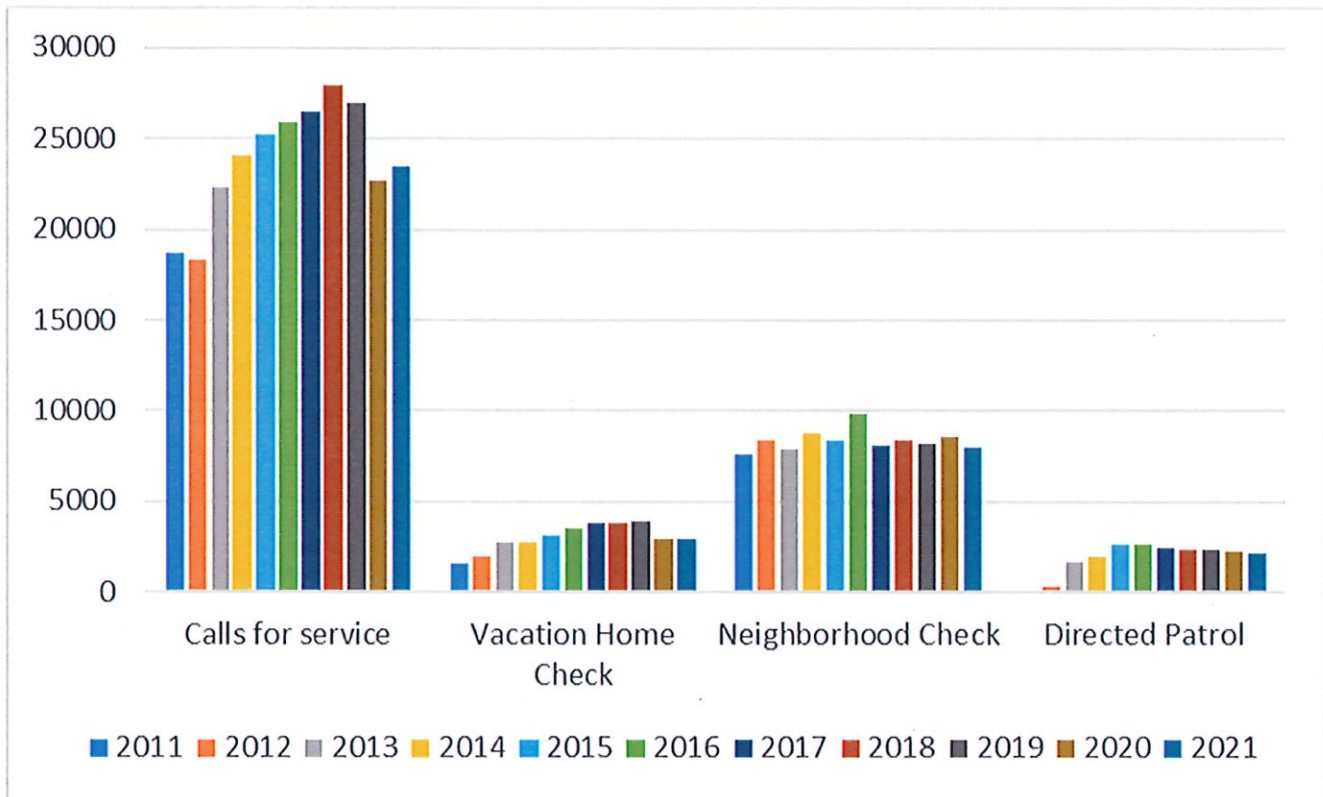
Marijuana was decriminalized in Michigan beginning in 2019. As a result, arrests for violations of the controlled substance act have decreased dramatically in the past two years.

Due to the increase in the amount of retail business, retail fraud rates have increased slightly. This is presumably also an increase from 2020 because most of the retail businesses were shut down due to COVID in the previous year. The White Lake Township Police Department is committed to combating retail fraud offenses through high visibility directed patrols in our known retail fraud areas.



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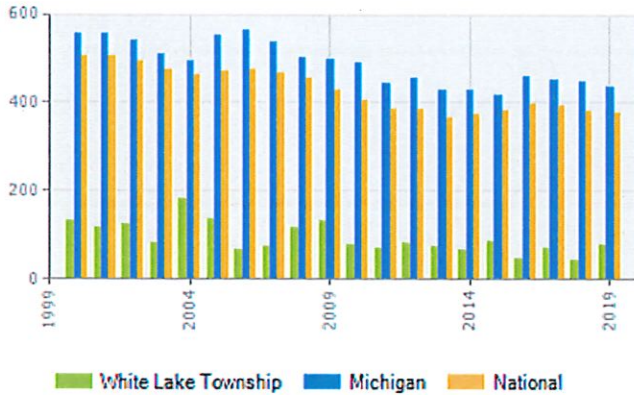


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FBI Crime Statistics

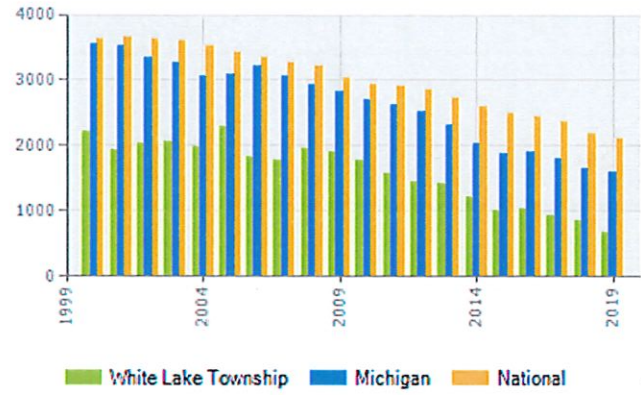
White Lake Violent Crime Index



Crime Index corresponds to incidents per 100,000 inhabitants

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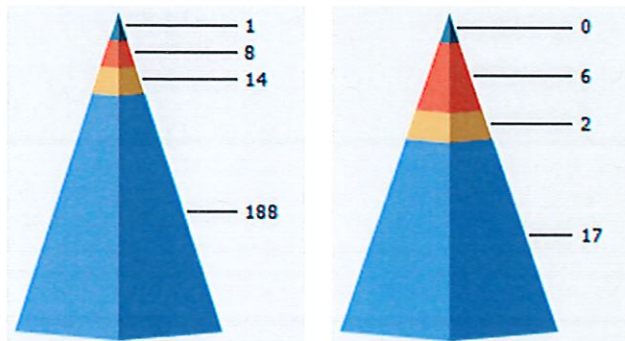
White Lake Property Crime Index



Crime Index corresponds to incidents per 100,000 inhabitants

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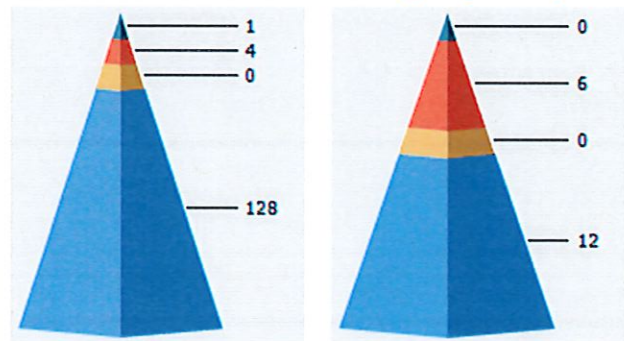
White Lake 2019 Crime



- | | |
|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Property | Violent |
| Arson | Murder and Manslaughter |
| Motor Vehicle Theft | Rape |
| Burglary | Robbery |
| Larceny and Theft | Aggravated Assault |

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White Lake 2022 Crime (Projected)



- | | |
|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Property | Violent |
| Arson | Murder and Manslaughter |
| Motor Vehicle Theft | Rape |
| Burglary | Robbery |
| Larceny and Theft | 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 2022 was projected from 21 years of actual data. The last year of actual available crime data, as reported above, was 2019.



Police Department Training

During 2021, The White Lake Township Police Department got back into the full swing of in-person training. With COVID-19 restrictions being lifted, officers were once again able to attend a myriad of training both outside the department and within. White Lake Officers were able to continue training in the core law enforcement competencies, as well as advanced training. Training topics included:

- Response to Resistance
- Legal Update
- Hazardous Materials Training
- CPR/First Aid
- Firearms
- De-Escalation
- Ethics and Diversity
- Mental Health

Advanced training included:

- Staff and Command Training
- FTO Training
- Interview and Interrogation Techniques
- Cyber Crime Investigation
- Firearms Instructor





Traffic Improvement Grant

The White Lake Township Police Department was awarded and participated in the FY21 TIA / OHSP Traffic Enforcement Grant. Our department originally received \$24,058.00 in finances to participate in the grant. On August 9, 2021 I was advised that up to an additional 40-80 hours (up to \$5,000 more) of funding could be used by our agency for the Labor Day Impaired wave, thus awarding us a total of \$29,058.00 for the FY21 grant. We scheduled times during all the mandatory time periods between October 30, 2020 and September 6, 2021.

In total, the White Lake Township Police Department used 438.50 of patrol hours, accounting for \$27,307.61 of grant funds. This averages to a wage rate of \$62.27 per hour.

White Lake Township Police Department participated in all the following eight (8) mandatory mobilization enforcement periods:

- October 30, 2020 – November 1, 2020; OWI & seatbelt enforcement
- November 10, 2020 – November 29, 2020; seatbelt enforcement
- December 11, 2020 – January 1, 2021; OWI enforcement
- February 7, 2021 – OWI enforcement
- March 15, 2021 – March 21, 2021; OWI enforcement
- May 17, 2021 – June 6, 2021; seatbelt enforcement
- July 1, 2021 – July 24, 2021; OWI & seatbelt enforcement
- [August 16, 2021 – September 6, 2021; OWI enforcement](#)

During all enforcement periods, we promoted the enforcement on our social media platforms (Facebook / Twitter) and hung the provided OHSP banners in front of the police department on Highland Rd (M-59) near the intersection of Porter Road.





Traffic Improvement Grant

In total, the White Lake Township Police Officers stopped 605 vehicles, issued 315 citations and made 54 arrests during the grant. The breakdown is as follows:

Hours Billed: 438.50

Vehicles Stopped: 605

Seat Belt Citations: 15

Speeding Citations: 119

Moving Violation Citations: 64

Non-Moving Citations: 117

OWI Arrest / OWI High BAC: 8 (3 were felonies also)

Felony Arrest: 4 (2 of these were OWI 3rd and 1 was OUID heroin)

Misdemeanor Arrest: 45

The White Lake Township Police Department completed and returned all reports to our grant coordinator, Monica Yesh by the required date. Our department cancelled one enforcement date on July 24, 2021 due to a tornado causing severe damage throughout White Lake Township. During the enforcement periods, the community / citizens did not voice any complaints, but on several occasions thanked us and provided positive feedback on our enforcement efforts, including several positive social media responses.

One major arrest during this period was on July 23rd, 2021 at approximately 8pm. A White Lake Township Police Officer working the OHSP grant came across an injury accident at the intersection of Union Lake Rd and Elizabeth Lake Rd. The officer found that the responsible driver, identified as a 28-year-old female White Lake resident, was unresponsive behind the wheel of her crashed vehicle. The officer determined that the driver was overdosing on an unknown substance. The driver was removed from the vehicle where the officer then administered Narcan. The driver became responsive and was treated on scene by medics. The officers subsequent search of the responsible vehicle produced a bundle of heroin. The driver was arrested for OUID and Possession of heroin.

The impact of this grant and the enforcement hours provided is tremendously important to our enforcement efforts and our community. Our department relies on this grant for the majority of our overtime available for traffic enforcement. I believe that without the grant, almost all the stats provided above, would not have occurred.



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Thank you White Lake for all your support this year!!!



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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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Community Involvement

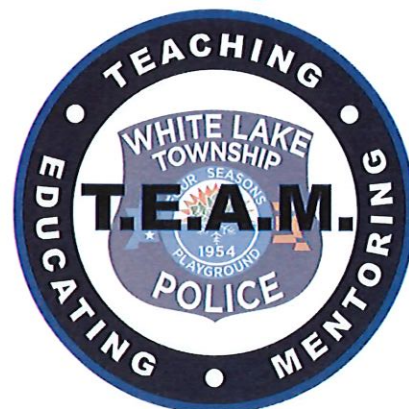




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T. E. A. M.



T.E.A.M. is a 10-week school-based, "law related" program, taught to fifth and seventh grade students. Each student receives a T.E.A.M. t-shirt at the conclusion of the program. In 2021, over 750 students were taught about topic including:

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|------------------------|-----------------|
| Rules and laws | Staying safe |
| Crime in our community | School violence |
| Drugs/vaping | Internet safety |
| Gun safety | |



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Social Media

In 2021, our Facebook posts reached 345,999 people, which is up 209.2% from 2020. Through those posts, we increased our followers from 8,381 in the beginning of the year to 9,839 by the end of the year. Social media was utilized in many different forms, from keeping in touch with the community, publicizing community events in which the Department participated, and preventing crime. Numerous cases were closed by our Detective Bureau with the assistance of citizens who responded to posts of photographs of suspects. Another accomplishment of the Facebook page was reuniting lost pets with their owners.

The Department's Twitter feed is followed by 1,114 people and is typically used as a daily news ticker for the Department. Department tweets for 2021 were retweeted and interacted with 72,199 times.

In 2021 the Department became active on "The Neighbors App", which provides our agency with another tool to help us better engage with and inform the community. Neighbors is a meeting place for every community member, where we can post information about crime and safety alerts, view, and comment on public posts within our jurisdiction. We can also create a "Request for Assistance" post on Neighbors asking the community to assist with an active investigation. Ring users can choose to share information or video recordings in response to a Request for Assistance Post.





White Lake Police Foundation



Protect and Serve

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.

[Learn More](#)

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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Community Events

The White Lake Township Police Department makes community events a part of our culture and will continue to do so in 2022 with plans to expand our collaboration within the community. Covid-19 brought a pause to most of our events and fundraisers and we have sorely missed them. Once it is safe to do so, the Police Department will resume our wonderful programs.

Citizens Academy

Shop with a Cop

Open House

WLTPD Golf Outing

Youth Police Academy

C.E.R.T.

Self Defense Classes

No Shave November

Santa's Vault



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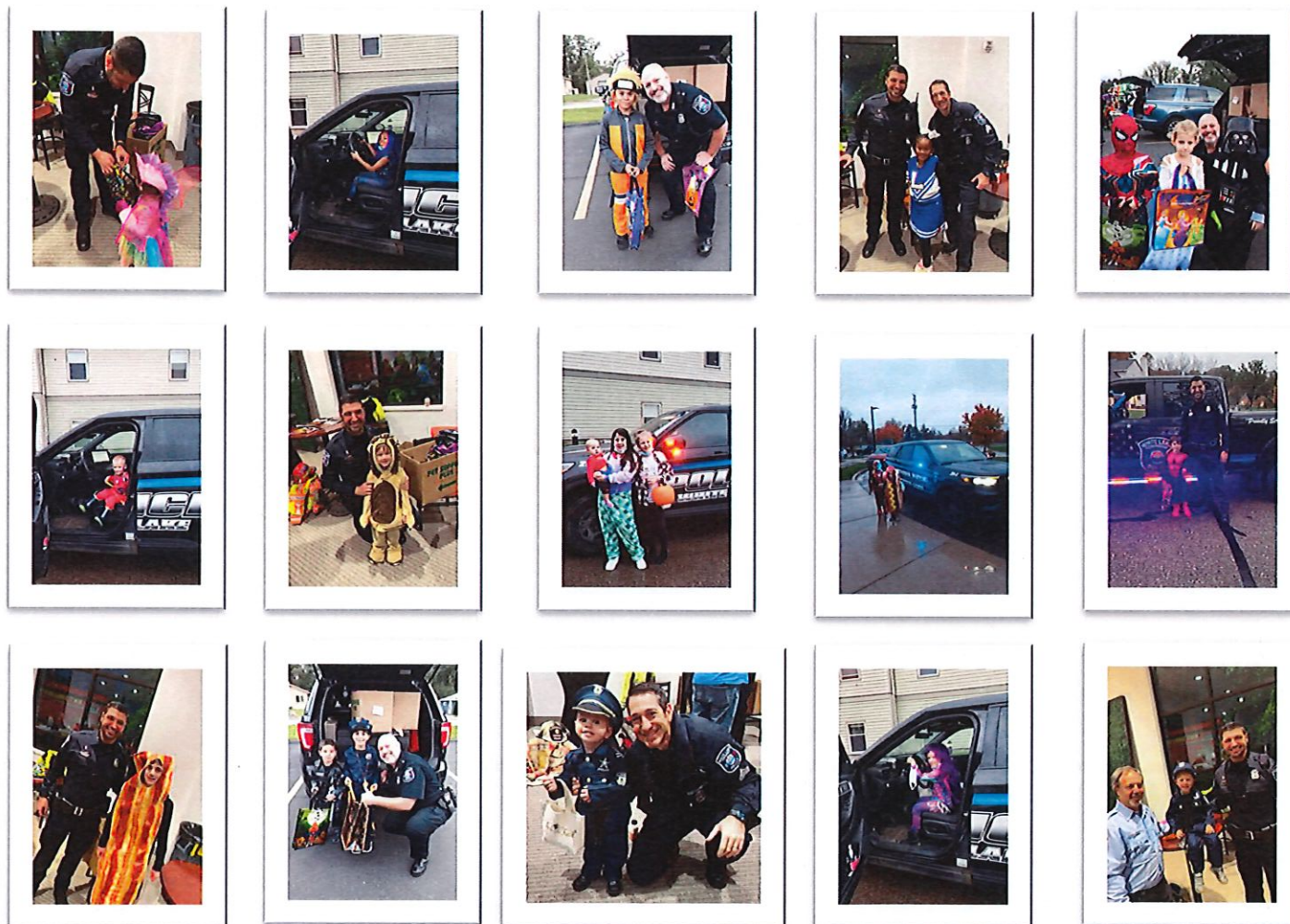


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Trunk or Treat

Thank you to all the community partners that invited us to their Trunk or Treats. We had a great time at Woodside Bible Church White Lake, St. Patrick Parish of White Lake, The Neighborhoods of White Lake and The Woods HOA!



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2021 Adopt a Family

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 fourth year the department has adopted a family for the holidays.

This year we selected a local family struggling with medical bills after their nine-year-old son suffered extreme injuries after being attacked by two dogs. Thanks to the support of our community, we were able to raise over \$30,000 for the family.



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Shop with a Cop

Shop with a Cop was another success this year. Each year, this is one of our most popular events. With the support of Meijer and Walmart, we were able to allow 75 students to go through the program. Each student was given a \$100 gift card to purchase Christmas presents for themselves and their family members.





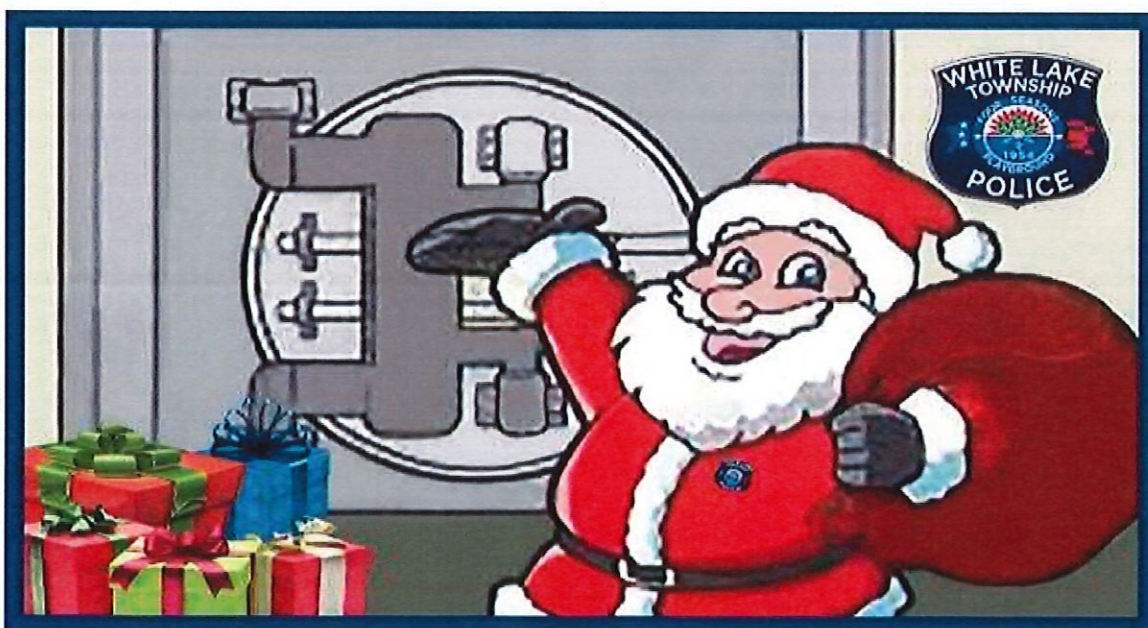
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The White Lake Township Police Department is proud to announce Operation Santa's Vault. Starting November 1st and running through December 21st, White Lake Township residents may opt to use the police department's address (7525 Highland Rd, White Lake Twp., MI 48383) when purchasing packages online. The police department is offering this service to residents in order to lower the number of package thefts from front porches. Residents may pick up their packages from the police station, 8:30am through 5:15pm, Monday through Friday. There is no charge for this service.

OPERATION SANTA'S VAULT



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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 Lt. Jeff Way at the White Lake Township Police Department, via email, at jway@whitelakepolice.com.





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Law Enforcement Torch Run For Special Olympics

In January of 2021, Lieutenant Matt Silverthorn and Sergeant Brad Connell accepted the Law Enforcement Torch Run 2020 Ruby Award and the 2020 Oakland County Community Run Award for the Police Department's continued effort towards fundraising for Special Olympics of Michigan. Additionally, Sergeant Connell was honored with the 2021 Top Fundraising 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.

The 2021 Polar Plunge was a great success with White Lake Township being one of the top law enforcement teams! White Lake Township Police Department staff raised over \$10,000 for Special Olympics.

The department also hosted a Fire Truck pull for the first time in September which resulted in the department staff raising over \$13,500 for Special Olympics.





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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 the respective neighborhood. The representative from the Police Department and the representative from the neighborhood will have contact on a monthly basis. In doing so, our department will be able to provide up-to-date information for neighborhoods regarding the numerous community programs we have available, safety tips, and topics of concern pertaining to each 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 liaisons 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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