



# WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

# 2022 Annual Report

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## WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP POLICE

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To: Rik Kowall, WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR  
Topic: 2022 (calendar year) ANNUAL POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT

Attached is the annual White Lake Township Police Department activity report for the calendar year of 2022.

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



## WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP POLICE

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## DANIEL T. KELLER CHIEF OF POLICE

This past year seems as if it was here and gone in the blink of an eye. With COVID-19 a distant memory, the White Lake Township Police Department continued to do what we do best: serve the citizens of this great community through engagement projects, proactive crime control practices, and professionally aggressive patrols to keep criminals at bay. The year was filled with many great things, such as the hiring of newly graduated officers, continued commitment to our adopt-a-family campaign at Christmas, embedding an officer into a local joint task force (which has seen large dividends in the closing of numerous theft cases), and the start of planning for the new public safety building. As with all good things, there were some trying times mixed in. In May, White Lake Officers responded to the scene of a double homicide in one of the local mobile home communities. Two families lost loved ones through the senseless act and the departments' resources were taxed. In the end however, through dedicated teamwork justice and good prevailed and two suspects were arrested within 24 hours of the crime. Both have since been convicted of this heinous act and a third coconspirator has been charged. The past year also brought with it closure for another family with the conviction and subsequent life sentence in the Susie Zhao murder case, another shining example of the professional excellence that the citizens of White Lake have come to, and should, expect from their police department.

The Police Department looks forward to what 2023 has in store. We will continue our dedication to our set of high professional standards, working with the citizens to make this Township the best and safest place it can possibly be. All the while keeping in mind and living by our motto: One Team, One Fight!!!

Daniel T. Keller  
Chief of Police







## ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION LT. MATTHEW IVORY

The Administrative Division is comprised of the Records Bureau and the Communications Center. The Communications Center operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week and serves as a constant contact point between the citizens of White Lake and the Township's Emergency Services. The Communications Center is staffed by five full-time Communications Officers and one full-time Communications Coordinator.

The Records Bureau is the central clearing house for all department records. The Records Bureau is staffed Monday through Friday from 7:00am until 5:30pm (excluding government holidays). The Records Bureau is staffed by two full-time Records Secretaries who handle the day-to-day paperwork of the Police Department. Each one is also assigned to various other functions of the Patrol and Detective Bureaus. The Records Bureau handles FOIA requests, gun permits, clearance letters, notary public services, and general records requests.

The Administrative Division is currently under the command of Lieutenant Matthew Ivory.







## INVESTIGATION DIVISION LT. MATTHEW SILVERTHORN

In an average year the Investigations Division handles approximately 400 criminal case assignments. Cases can range from minor crimes to major crimes, such as homicide. The Division obtains over 300 arrest warrants per year. There are two full-time Detectives assigned to the Division. The Detectives handle court proceeding for arrested persons who are in custody. They also work with prosecutors throughout the court process of their investigation.

The School Resource Officer (SRO) and the Teaching Educating And Mentoring (TEAM) Officer are also assigned to the Division and function as Detectives in addition to their regular duties. The SRO spends time at both Lakeland High School and Harbor High School. In addition to regular school hours, the SRO attends sporting events and school dances. The TEAM Officer teaches a curriculum at all five White Lake Elementary Schools and keeps office hours at White Lake Middle School. The TEAM Officer and SRO both teach active shooter response through either ALICE or Run, Hide, Fight, to several schools and organizations.

A Detective is assigned to a DEA Task Force. The Task Force investigates local, state, and federal cases related to drug trafficking. A Detective is assigned to the Special Operations Unit (SOU). The SOU is comprised of Waterford and White Lake Detectives who investigate local crimes such as robbery, burglary, theft, and fraud. The SOU is also able to assist Patrol at crime scenes where more personnel are required.

The Division maintains an on-call Detective that is trained as an Evidence Collection Technician to respond to crime scenes at any time 24/7, when a Detective is not on duty.

The Investigations Division is currently under the Command of Detective Lieutenant Matthew Silverthorn.







## PATROL DIVISION LT. JEFFREY WAY

The White Lake Township Police Department Patrol Division is the largest division within the Police Department and serves as the backbone of police services. The Patrol Division is currently staffed with a Lieutenant, four Sergeants, and fifteen patrol officers (authorized for sixteen). The Patrol Division handles on average 27,000 calls for service per year and is responsible for patrolling White Lake's 37 square mile area. In addition to daily patrol duties and responding to calls, the patrol division is responsible for the following details and programs:

- PACT Program (Police and Community Together)
- Senior Welfare Check Program (Conducting regular checks on seniors in need)
- Vacation House Check Program (Residential house checks during times of vacancy)
- Focused Patrol (Detailed enforcement effort when suspicious activity is known)
- Directed Patrol (Data driven patrols in a specified area to reduce both crashes and crime)
- Radar Trailer Deployment (Speed measurement device)
- Community Policing Details (Regular checks of all subdivisions in the Township)
- Business Watch Program (Regular checks and walkthroughs of businesses, both while open and after-hours)
- Neuro-Diverse Citizens
- CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)
- Police Explorers
- Youth Police Academy
- Recruitment

The Patrol Division takes pride in providing high quality services to the residents, businesses, and guests of White Lake Township. We operate with a community service-based philosophy and actively enforce traffic law in a professionally aggressive manner in order to reduce crashes and criminal activity. The Patrol Division operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The Patrol Division is currently under the command of Lieutenant Jeff Way.







## WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP POLICE

### White Lake Township Police Department Sworn Personnel

#### Patrol Officers

Ronald Rogowicz	Roxanne Ostrowski	Kevan Diclaudio	Kristopher Mesaros
Wade Swalwell	Dylan Matthews	Mathew Kas-Mikah	Steve Bohez
Brittany Lynch	Kyle Welling	Marsela Shpati	Christopher Grosser
Natalie Uhazie	Frank Wright	Marcus Hunt	

#### Investigative Officers

Jeff Sutton  
Jessica Snow  
Steve Moore  
Jarrette Hinman

#### School Officers

T.E.A.M. Shawn Kidle  
S.R.O. Michael Race

#### Shift Sergeant

Sgt. Brad Connell  
Sgt. Gregory Gondek  
Sgt. Ross Wagenmaker  
Sgt. Thomas Sarasin

#### Administrative Division

Lt. Matthew Ivory

#### Investigation Division

Lt. Matthew Silverthorn

#### Patrol Division

Lt. Jeffrey Way

#### Chief of Police

Daniel T. Keller





## WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP POLICE

### White Lake Township Police Department Civilian Personnel

#### Communications

Anna Cross  
Kolleen Hendin  
Helen Skaglin  
Ivy Stogdill  
Michelle Payne  
Priscilla Gonzalez

#### Records

Rhonda Grubb  
Catherine Ashley

#### Cadets

Isabella McCrum  
Julio Lopez

#### Executive Secretary

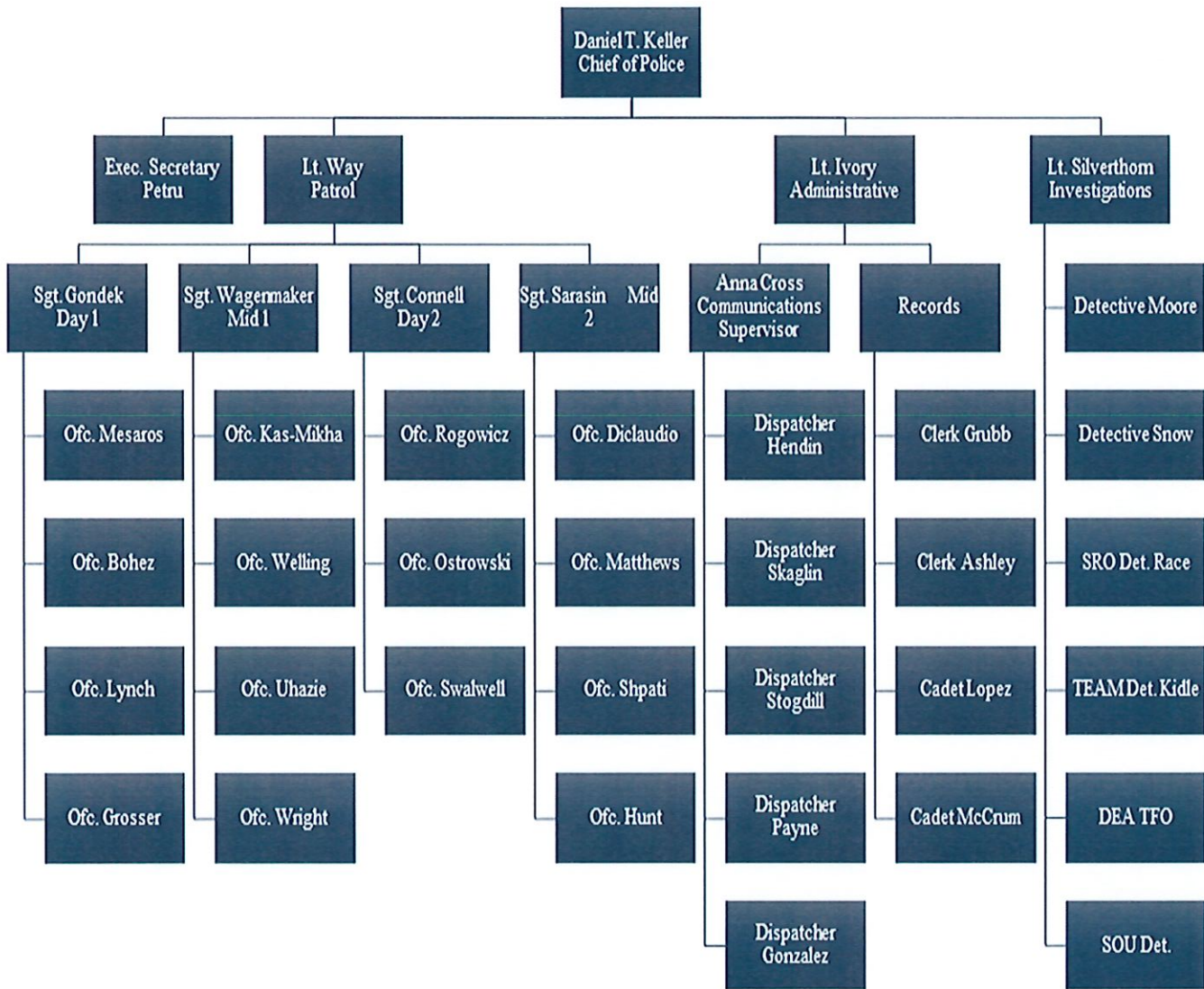
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# WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP POLICE

## ORGANIZATIONAL CHART







# WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP POLICE

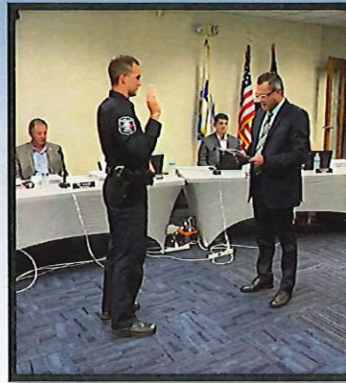
## Retired, Promotions, and New Hires



Gregory Hartner  
Retired Officer



Jeffrey Way  
Promoted to Lieutenant



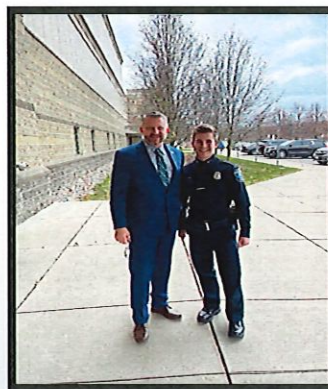
Thomas Sarasin  
Promoted to Sergeant



Marilyn McDonald  
Retired Records  
Clerk



Natalie Uhazie  
New Officer



Marcus Hunt  
New Officer



Frank Wright  
New Officer



Michelle Payne  
Dispatcher



Priscilla Gonzalez  
Dispatcher



Catherine Ashley  
Records Clerk

Julio Lopes  
Cadet

Isabella McCrum  
Cadet







## WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

# Crime Analysis

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 2023 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%

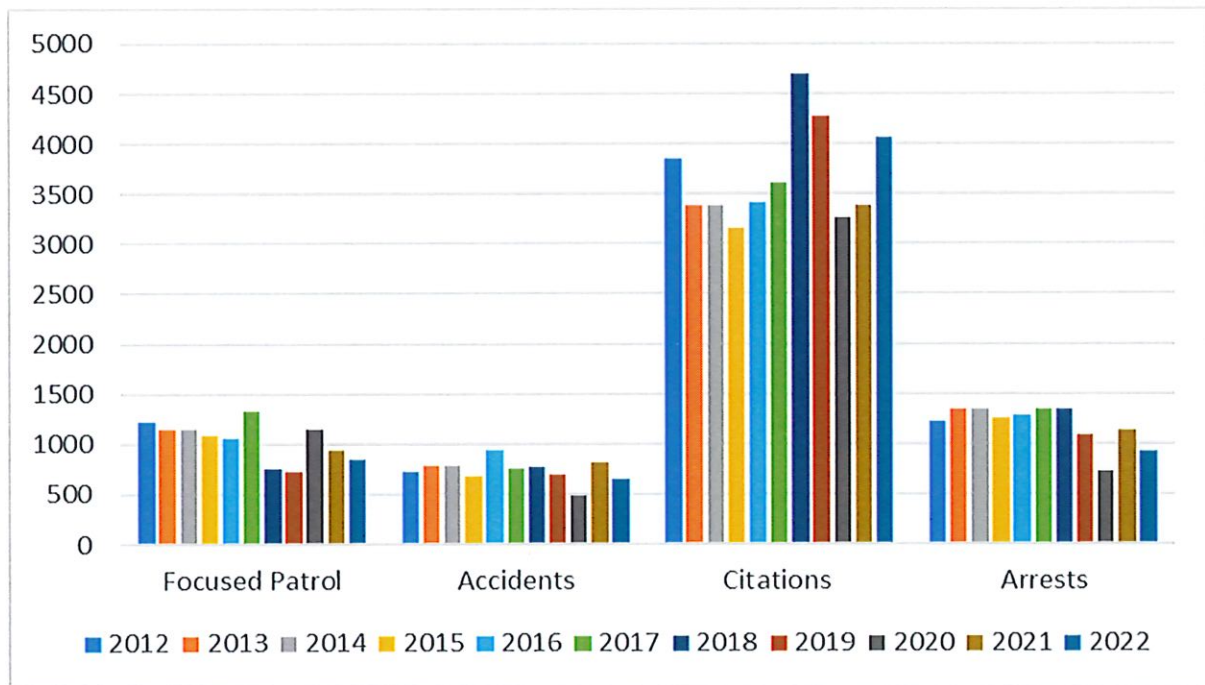
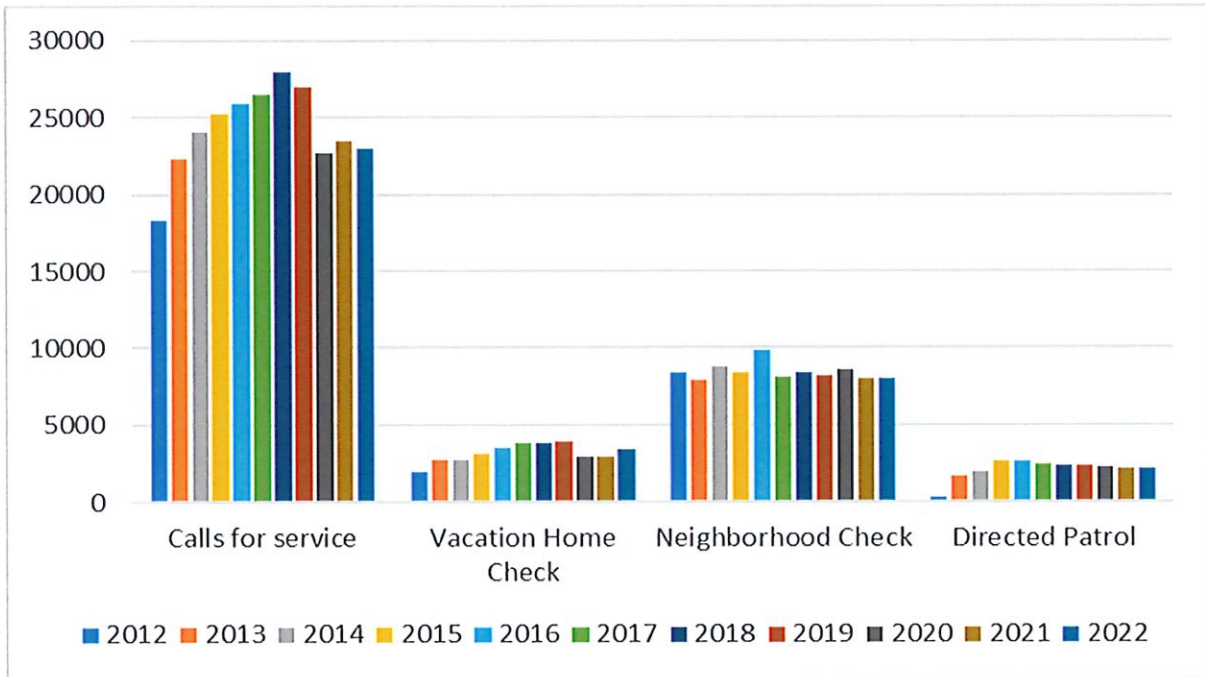






# WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Statistics







## POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAINING

In the tradition of extensive, in-depth training, 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:

- FTO Training
- Interview and Interrogation Techniques
- Firearms Instructor
- CIT
- Evidence Tech
- Run, Hide, Fight







## TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT GRANT

The White Lake Township Police Department was awarded and participated in the FY22 TIA / OHSP Traffic Enforcement Grant. Our department received \$29,958.00 in finances to participate in the grant. We scheduled times during all the mandatory time periods between December 1, 2021 and September 5, 2022.

In total, the White Lake Township Police Department used 433 of patrol hours, accounting for \$28,799.20 of grant funds. This averages to a wage rate of \$66.51 per hour.

White Lake Township Police Department participated in all the following six (6) mandatory mobilization enforcement periods:

- December 1, 2021 – December 16, 2021; Speed enforcement
- December 17, 2021 – January 1, 2022; Impaired Driving enforcement
- January 2, 2022 – February 28, 2022; Speed enforcement
- May 16, 2022 – June 5, 2022; Seat Belt enforcement
- July 1, 2022 – July 31, 2022; Impaired Driving & Speed enforcement
- August 12, 2022 – September 5, 2022; Impaired Driving 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.

In total, the White Lake Township Police Officers stopped 587 vehicles, issued 342 citations and made 46 arrests during the grant. The breakdown is as follows:

- Hours Billed: 433
- Vehicles Stopped: 587
- Seat Belt Citations: 21
- Speeding Citations: 171
- Moving Violation Citations: 54
- Non-Moving Citations: 96
- OWI Arrest / OWI High BAC: 10 (1 was felony OWI 3rd also)
- Felony Arrest: 5 (2 poss meth)
- Misdemeanor Arrest: 31

The White Lake Township Police Department completed and returned all reports to our grant coordinator, Monica Yesh by the required date. Our department cancelled two enforcement dates in February, 2022 due to snow and two dates in August, 2022 due to a mass power outage throughout White Lake Township following a storm. During the enforcement periods, the community / citizens did not file any complaints, but on several occasions thanked us and provided positive feedback on our enforcement efforts, including several positive social media responses.







## TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT GRANT

Two traffic stops during this period led to possession of methamphetamine arrests. One incident was 12/16/21 where a traffic stop led to the arrest of the driver, a 28-year-old White Lake resident, for Driving While License Revoked. A search of the vehicle led to several pills and pipes being located. The pills were tested and were positive for methamphetamine. The case was sent to the Oakland Co Prosecutor's Office and one count of possession of methamphetamine was issued. Another incident was on 6/1/2022 when officers again made a traffic stop and found the driver, a 29-year-old Davison resident, to be suspended. A search of the vehicle led to the discovery of several pieces of tin foil and glass pipes. A test of the items located revealed the presence of fentanyl and methamphetamine. The case is still currently at the Oakland County Prosecutors Office pending formal charges.

Another arrest during this period was on 7/30/22. An officer working the OHSP grant made a traffic stop on a suspected intoxicated driver. The officer found that the driver, a 33-year-old, female, Clarkston resident, was intoxicated. While trying to handcuff the driver, she became resistant and fled into a wooded area on foot. The officer tased the driver when she continued to resist arrest and failed to listen to commands. During the investigation it was discovered that the driver has 2 prior OWI convictions and she provided a false name to the arresting officer. The case was submitted to the Oakland County Prosecutors Office and the driver was formally charged with OWI 3<sup>rd</sup>, false information to police, resisting officer and DWLS.

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. That's 10 additional drunk / impaired drivers that could have injured themselves or someone else. I cannot put a statistic on how many injuries we may have prevented or lives we potentially saved, but I do know this; "This grant and these added patrol hours, make a difference. One stop at a time, one citation at a time, one arrest at a time, we make the roadways safer with less distracted and intoxicated / impaired drivers".



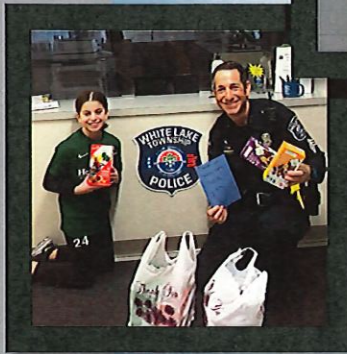




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## Community Support

Thank you White Lake Community for the continued support throughout the year!







# T.E.A.M

T.E.A.M. Teach, Educate, and Mentor is a 10-week school-based, “law related” program, taught to fifth and seventh grade. Each student receives a T.E.A.M. t-shirt at the conclusion of the program. In 2022, over 750 students were taught about topic including:

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







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# White Lake Police Foundation



The White Lake Police Foundations a 501C(3) 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 Citizens Academy, Open House, Golf Outing, Youth Police Academy, Shop with a Cop, Adopt-a-Family, and more!

Our purpose is to promote drug abstinence and crime preventions amongst children and teens. To provide the citizens of White Lake Township programs and events to enrich their community and increase quality of life.







# CITIZENS ACADEMY

In 2022 the White Lake Township Police Department Citizens Academy returned. The White Lake Township Police Department in conjunction with the Fire Department and the Township hosts an outstanding program known as the Citizens Academy. The Citizens Academy runs 11 weeks with approximately three hour sessions each week. Each session consists of engaging and informative lessons taught by the professionals from each of the topics covered. Topics include Communications, Police Department Operations and Investigations, Patrol Tactics, and Fire Department and Township Operations. We also visit the Oakland County Medical Examiners Office and the Aviation Unit, as well as trip to the Gun Range. It all culminates with a Graduation Ceremony. This year we held our 31st session, and we graduated 23 citizens of White Lake.







# WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

## OPEN HOUSE

Over a thousand White Lake residents turned out for a fun-filled day at the annual Open House in June. We hosted police car rides, dunk tank, tours of the station, face painting to rock-wall climbing. Thank you to everyone who attended and the numerous sponsors and volunteers; you really make White Lake Township a great place to live, work and play!

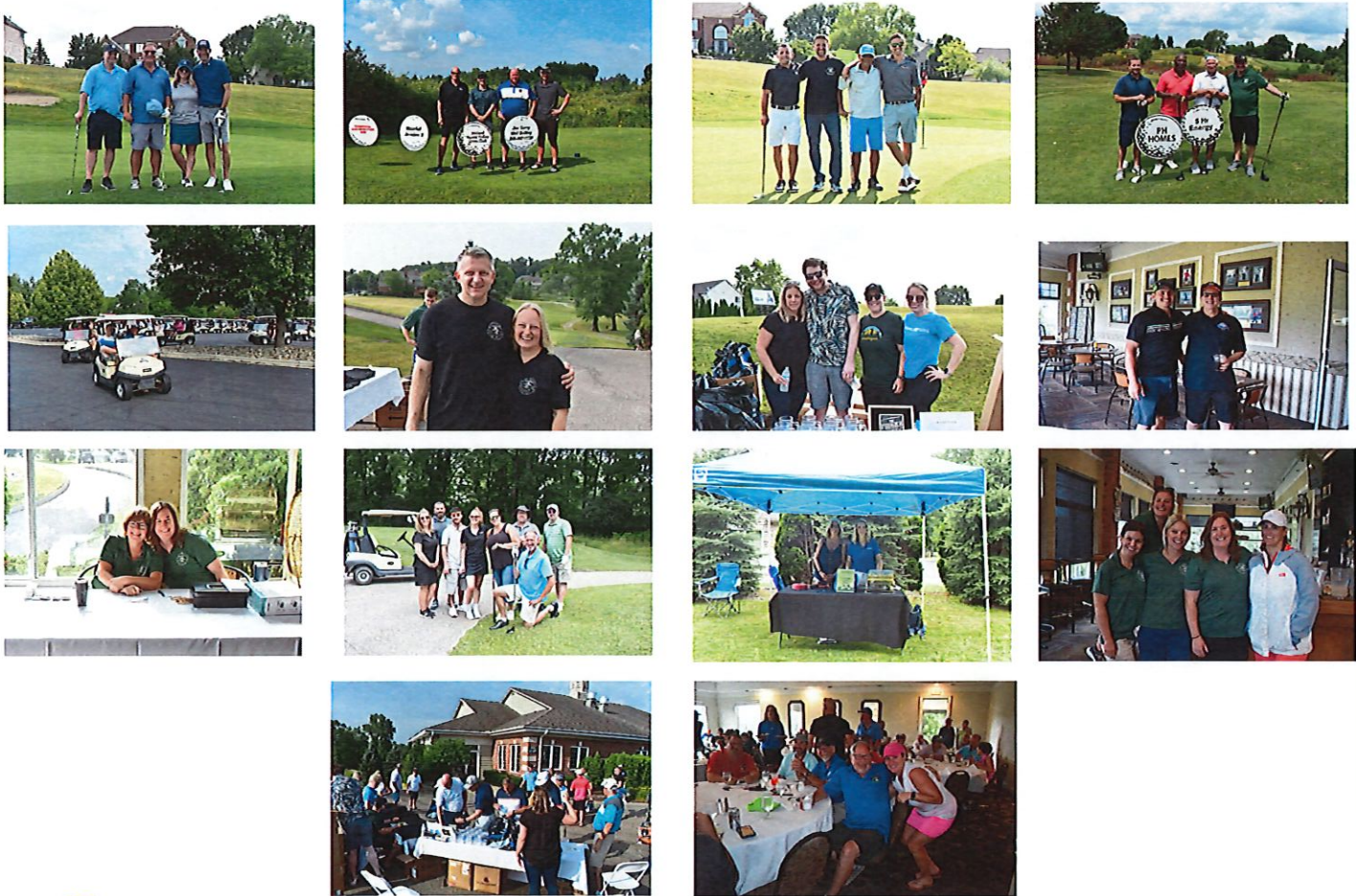






# GOLF OUTING

Every July, 64 teams fill two golf courses for our annual White Lake Police Foundation golf outing. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. In 2022, we raised over \$26,000 to fund our community events. The golf outing pays for TEAM expenses, shop with a cop, open house, youth police academy, citizens academy, and more.







# YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY

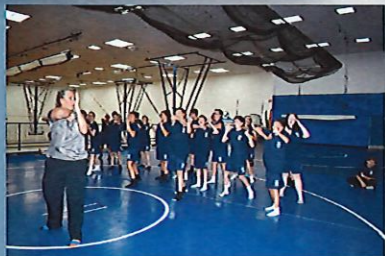
YPA is a free event for all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students interested in Law Enforcement. This week-long program is designed to help students learn more about law enforcement, and what police officers do on a daily basis.

During YPA, students will learn about:

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

Teaching topics will include:

- Team Building
- Crime Scene Investigation
- Driving Course (with golf carts)
- Traffic Stops
- Self-Defense (handcuffing, striking, pressure points)











# 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 83 students to go through the program. Each student was given a \$100 gift card to purchase Christmas presents for themselves and their family members.







# Community Events

Feed Hungry Families  
R.A.D. Training  
Coats for Kids

Last Day of School  
Trunk or Treat  
Wreaths Across America

Fire Truck Pull  
Veterans Day  
Santa's Vault







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

2022 was a busy year for the White Lake Township Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). White Lake CERT members fulfill numerous emergency and service functions for the community, as well as the police and fire departments. CERT participants volunteer at various community events, respond to police and fire emergencies, and participate in regular emergency management training simulations. White Lake CERT also works as part of a greater southeastern Michigan emergency preparedness and response group, and were appreciative of the opportunity to work with other local emergency agencies and CERT groups throughout 2022. White Lake Police hosted a CERT Basic Training that resulted in the addition of 20 CERT members to our current team. White Lake CERT is currently 36 members strong. White Lake CERT will be scheduling another CERT Basic Training session in 2023.

In 2022, White Lake CERT participated in various emergency preparedness training simulations as well as numerous community events. White Lake CERT members participated in two separate CPR/AED and First Aid training sessions, assisted in the White Lake Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) hosted by the White Lake Township Fire Department, as well as the Rochester Fire Department CERT tornado disaster training simulation and assisted Rochester CERT with their water main break emergency response. White Lake CERT also assisted in parking organization, crosswalk assistance, first aid, and other various jobs at several White Lake community events, such as the annual White Lake Historical Society Christmas Tree Lighting, two White Lake Twp. Police Department Shop-with-a-Cop events, the police and fire department Open Houses, the Fisk Farm Trunk-or-Treat event, and CERT assisted on Halloween by providing extra foot patrols in several White Lake neighborhoods.







# Torch Run for Special Olympics

In 2022, The White Lake Police Department continued their efforts of fundraising through the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Michigan. The year started with a bang as White Lake PD was the host department of the Oakland County 2022 Polar Plunge. Several employees fundraised and took a dip in the frozen waters of Walled Lake while raising an astounding \$22,648 for Special Olympics. The department was recognized as the top fundraising law enforcement team. Additionally, Detective Shawn Kidle was recognized at the event for being the top fundraising law enforcement individual.



In September the department hosted the 2022 Oakland County Fire Truck Pull for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time. This 4-hour event was a huge success and raised another \$10,700 for Special Olympics Michigan.



Lieutenant Matt Silverthorn and Sergeant Brad Connell attended the annual conference and accepted the Law Enforcement Torch Run 2022 Emerald Award. This award recognized White Lake Township Police Department as the Top Fundraising Local Police Agency in the state for 2022. Several members throughout the year also volunteered their time, coaching, playing Unified Sports, and presenting medals to our local Special Olympic Athletes. We love and look forward to continuing our partnership with both Team Huron Valley Special Olympics and Special Olympics of Michigan.







# Police & 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.







# WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

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.”