



# 2025 ANNUAL REPORT



# WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



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# Letter from the Chief



In 2025, the commitment of the Police Department was “Sustainability and Growth”. We established ourselves as the number one safest community in Michigan and the 15<sup>th</sup> safest community in the country with a population over 30,000. This accomplishment is something that we take with great pride, but also a sense of duty to continue holding that ranking. Each day, the members of the Department work hard, alongside our residents, businesses, and visitors, to identify community problems and provide sensible solutions.

In keeping with the long-standing tradition of transparency and best-practices, the Department sought re-accreditation through the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission. In February of 2025, at the Michigan Association of Chief’s of Police winter Conference in Grand Rapids, the Department was awarded its third consecutive accreditation from the Commission, complying with all 128 standards set forth by the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission.

With the drive to sustain our community ties, came the opportunity for department growth. This past year we saw the graduation of two officers from the Oakland Police Academy. Former Cadet, Lance Green, was sworn into the agency as a fully-empowered police officer and Officer Daniel Zimmerman was brought in after graduating from the Oakland Police Academy. Officer Green successfully completed his field training program and began patrolling the streets of White Lake Township. Officer Zimmerman is expected to complete field training by the end of February 2026 and will join Officer Green and the rest of our officers who protect our great community. Despite having multiple new officers join the force, White Lake PD also saw the retirement of Lt. Matthew Silverthorn, a 28-year veteran of the agency. Lt. Silverthorn continued his service to the people of the State of Michigan by being selected as the new Director of Accreditation for the Michigan Association of Chief’s of Police.

Understanding that responding to calls for service and conducting traffic enforcement is only one piece of the puzzle, the Department decided to expand our services after seeing a need for more efficient mental health response. The Department was able to obtain a grant from the State of Michigan in excess of \$300,000 to bring on a mental health Co-Responder. Seeing the opportunity to benefit the greater White Lake community, we partnered with Oakland Community Health Network, Walled Lake PD, Wolverine Lake PD, and Wixom PD to provide Co-Responder staffing on a regular basis. The benefits that this partnership has provided cannot be overstated.

We are excited that not only has our department’s strength been bolstered, but our new Public Safety Building is making great progress toward completion. We ended the year by seeing the new facility take shape, and are excited to announce that we anticipate completion of the project by the third quarter of 2026.

I take great pride in serving as the Chief of Police for White Lake Township for a decade now and anxiously await what 2026 has to bring. I will continue to work diligently toward our proud tradition of service to the community, as always following our department motto: One Team, One Fight!!!





# Department Organization



Daniel T. Keller  
Chief of Police



Executive Secretary  
Petru



Lieutenant  
Sarasin  
Patrol



Lieutenant  
Ivory  
Administrative



Lieutenant  
Way  
Investigations



Sergeant  
Connell  
Day 1

Vacant  
Nights 1



Sergeant  
Gondek  
Day 2



Sergeant  
Snow  
Nights 2

Communications

Records



Detective  
Swalwell



Officer  
Sutton



Officer  
Kas-Mikha



Officer  
Kidle



Officer  
DiClaudio



Communications  
Coordinator  
Cross



Clerk  
Grubb



Detective  
Mesaros



Officer  
Moore



Officer  
Grosser



Officer  
Bohez



Officer  
Hunt



Dispatcher  
Hendin



Clerk  
Marques



SRO Detective  
Wagenmaker



Officer  
Terry



Officer  
Wright



Officer  
Uhazie



Officer  
McCrumb



Dispatcher  
Skaglin



Cadet  
Thompson



TEAM Detective  
Welling



Officer  
Saunders



Officer  
Demaray



Officer  
Green



Officer  
Lynch



Dispatcher  
Stogdill



Cadet  
Lawson

DEA TFO



Officer  
Zimmerman



Dispatcher  
Payne

SOU Detective



Dispatcher  
Gonzalez



# Department Organization

## Sworn Personnel



### Patrol Officers

Jeffrey Sutton	Kevan Diclaudio	Shawn Kidle	Steve Moore
Mathew Kas-Mikha	Steven Bohez	Brittany Lynch	Christopher Grosser
Natalie Uhazie	Frank Wright	Marcus Hunt	Isabella McCrum
Ann Demaray	Timothy Terry	Kelsey Saunders	Lance Green
Daniel Zimmerman			

### Shift Sergeants

Sgt. Bradley Connell  
Sgt. Gregory Gondek  
Sgt. Jessica Snow

### Investigative Officers

Det. Kristopher Mesaros  
Det. Wade Swalwell  
Det. Jarrette Hinman  
Det. Mikael Ziegler

### School Officers

T.E.A.M. Kyle Welling  
S.R.O. Ross Wagenmaker

### Patrol Division

Lt. Thomas Sarasin

### Investigative Division

Lt. Jeffrey Way

### Administrative Division

Lt. Matthew Ivory

### Chief of Police

Daniel T. Keller



# Department Organization



## Communications

**Anna Cross**

**Kolleen Hendin**

**Helen Skaglin**

**Ivy Stogdill**

**Michelle Payne**

**Priscilla Gonzalez**

## Records

**Rhonda Grubb**

**Kelly Marques**

## Executive Secretary

**Amy Petru**



# Personnel Changes



**Lieutenant Matthew Silverthorn**  
Retired  
28 ½ Years of Service



**Promotion to Sergeant**  
**Jessica Snow**



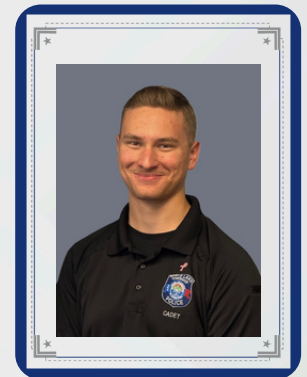
**Promotion to Lieutenant**  
**Thomas Sarasin**



**New Officer**  
**Lance Green**



**New Officer**  
**Daniel Zimmerman**



**Cadet**  
**Griffin Lawson**



**Records Clerk**  
**Kelly Marques**



# Patrol Division



The White Lake Township Police Department's Patrol Division, the largest within the department, is the cornerstone of our community's safety and well-being. Comprising 16 dedicated road patrol officers and 4 patrol sergeants, the division serves a 37.18 square mile area, supporting over 31,000 residents and 150 local businesses. Handling approximately 24,000 calls-for-service annually, or about 66 daily, including traffic enforcement, the division's scope extends far beyond basic patrol duties.

In addition to responding to calls and investigating criminal activity, the Patrol Division is deeply committed to proactive community engagement, offering a wide array of programs:

**PACT (Police And Community Together):** A subdivision HOA outreach program fostering collaboration between residents and law enforcement.

**Vacation House Checks:** Residential house checks during extended vacancies, providing peace of mind to homeowners.

**Focused Patrols:** Targeted patrols and enforcement in problem areas where suspicious or illegal activity has been reported.

**Directed Patrols:** Data-driven patrols in specific areas to reduce traffic crashes, violations, and crime.

**Radar Trailer Deployment:** Strategic placement of speed measurement devices in high-traffic or problem areas.

**Community Policing Details:** Regular patrol officer checks of all subdivisions and residential areas within the township.

**Business Watch Program:** Regular checks and walk-throughs of businesses, both during and after hours.

**Neuro-Diverse Citizens Program:** Documented awareness of neuro-diverse residents, guiding officer response, and actions.





# Investigations Division



White Lake Township continues to maintain its standing as one of the safest communities in the state and the nation. According to the most recent comprehensive data cycles, White Lake has been recognized for its low crime rates, notably being ranked as the 15th safest city in the United States by national safety studies. These findings highlight that the probability of being a victim of crime in the township remains significantly lower than both state and national averages.

The Investigations Division, currently under the command of Detective Lieutenant Jeffrey Way, serves as the primary investigative arm of the White Lake Township Police Department. On average, the division manages approximately 650 criminal case assignments annually, ranging from misdemeanor offenses to complex major crimes such as homicide. This diligent investigative work results in the procurement of over 400 arrest warrants each year. The division is staffed by two full-time Detectives who oversee the entirety of the judicial process for their cases, including managing court proceedings for defendants in custody and collaborating closely with prosecutors to ensure successful litigation.

To combat organized and high-level crime, the Investigations Division allocates personnel to specialized regional units. One Detective is assigned to a joint DEA Task Force, investigating narcotics trafficking at the local, state, and federal levels. Additionally, a Detective is assigned to the Special Operations Unit (SOU), a collaborative team comprised of White Lake and Waterford Detectives who focus on suppressing local crimes such as robbery, burglary, theft, and fraud. The SOU also serves as a critical resource for the Patrol Division by providing additional personnel and forensic expertise at major crime scenes. To ensure the integrity of evidence at any time, the division maintains an on-call Detective trained as an Evidence Collection Technician to provide 24/7 response capabilities.

The division's impact is further extended through the School Resource Officer (SRO) and the Teaching, Educating, and Mentoring (TEAM) Officer, both of whom function as Detectives in addition to their specialized school assignments. The SRO maintains a consistent presence within the schools, providing security during regular hours as well as at extracurricular sporting events and dances. The TEAM Officer implements a specialized curriculum across all five White Lake elementary schools and maintains dedicated office hours at White Lake Middle School. Together, the SRO and TEAM Officer serve as certified instructors in active shooter response protocols, delivering vital ALICE and "Run, Hide, Fight" training to students, faculty, and various local organizations.





# Administrative Division



The Administrative Division serves as the support division of the department, encompassing the Communications Center, Records Bureau, Training Unit, and Professional Standards.

## **Communications Center (PSAP)**

Functioning as the township's Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP), the Communications Center is the primary 24/7 link between the community and emergency services. It is staffed by one full-time Communications Coordinator and five full-time Communications Officers who manage all initial requests for Police, Fire, and EMS assistance.

## **Records Bureau**

The Records Bureau manages the department's extensive daily documentation. Open Monday through Friday (7:00 am – 5:30 pm) and staffed by two full-time Records Secretaries, this unit provides essential public services, including:

- FOIA request processing
- Gun permits and background clearances
- Court paperwork management
- Notary Public services

## **Training Unit**

Led by the Administrative Lieutenant, the Training Unit utilizes a team of specialized in-house instructors. These full-time employees provide expert training across various law enforcement disciplines, ensuring all personnel remain compliant with state licensing requirements and evolving professional standards.

## **Professional Standards & Accreditation**

The department has maintained Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (MLEAC) status since 2018. Under the direction of the Administrative Lieutenant, the department adheres to 128 rigorous state standards. By submitting annual proof of compliance and following industry best practices, the department ensures a high level of accountability and professional excellence.





# Communications



The Communications Division is staffed by one Communications Coordinator and five full-time dispatchers who provide round-the-clock coverage. The division serves as the primary link between White Lake residents and the Township's emergency services, ensuring continuous and reliable communication.

Dispatchers handle both emergency and non-emergency calls and coordinate responses for Police, Fire, and EMS. Beyond call-taking and dispatching, they perform a wide range of support and clerical duties, including entering and canceling warrants, processing vehicle impounds, entering stolen property, verifying sex offender registrations, scheduling vacation house checks, monitoring prisoners, and assisting officers as needed.

Dispatchers also serve as the first point of contact for visitors and callers with both police-related and general inquiries. The Communications Division remains committed to delivering exceptional service, ensuring public safety, and supporting the operational needs of White Lake Township.

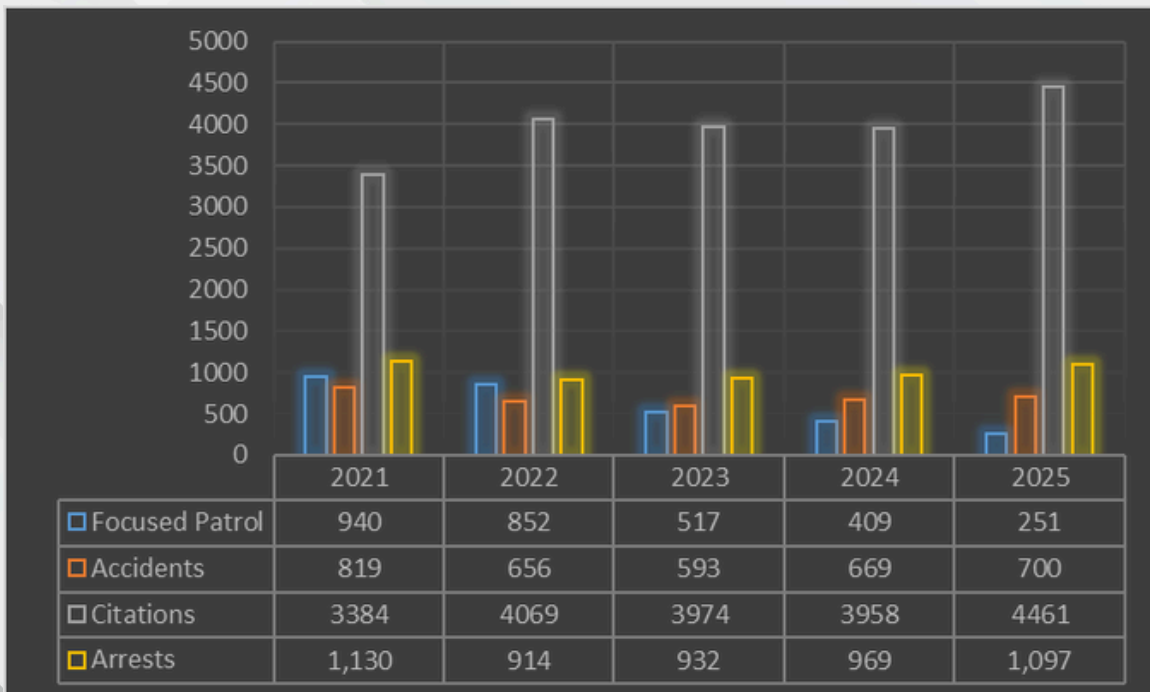
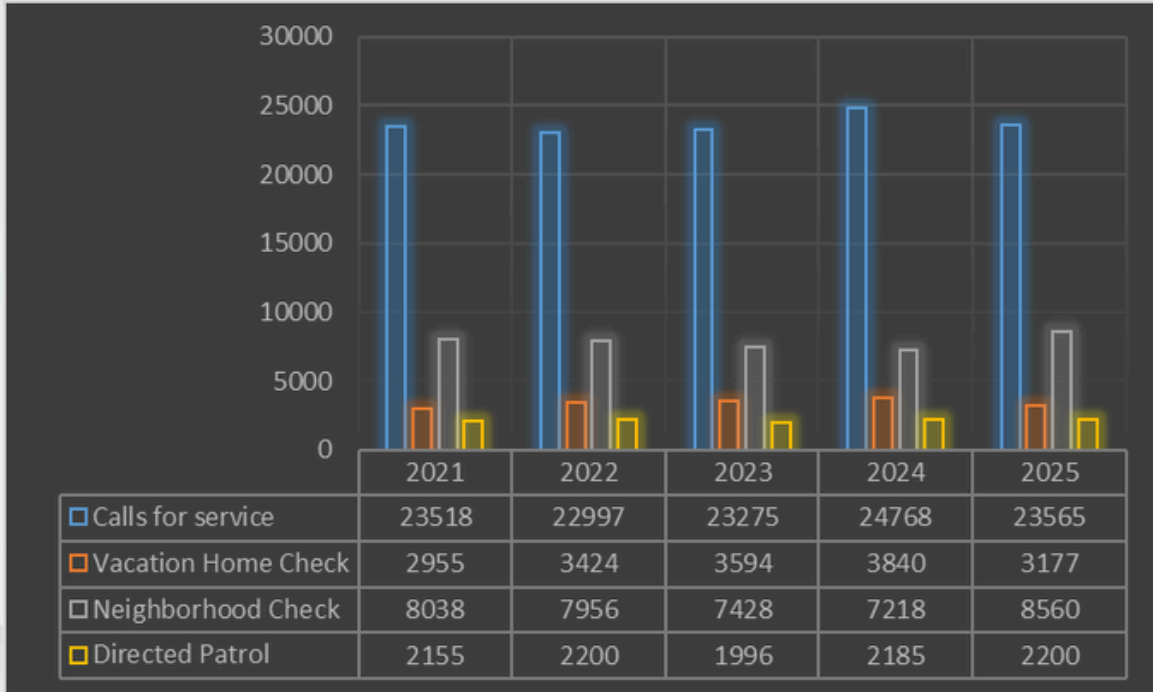
## 2025 Activity Highlights:

- 911 Calls: 7735
- Non-Emergency Calls: 30,204
- Text-to-911: 404
- Police Calls Dispatched: 23,563
- Fire Calls to Dispatch: 3388





# Statistics





# Statistics



## Top 50 Safest Cities in the U.S.

### How Is the Safest Cities List Determined?

To compile its list of the safest cities, NeighborhoodScout looks at FBI statistics for property and violent crime in cities across the country that have a population of 25,000 or more. This list now includes areas with a township form of government, which has resulted in a larger pool of locations and many newcomers to the list. (See the full list of 100 safest cities on the [NeighborhoodScout](#) site.)

### Key Points

- The safest cities in the U.S. are determined based on the number of violent and property crimes per 1,000 inhabitants in each city.
- Factors such as low crime rates, strong law enforcement presence, and proactive community initiatives contribute to a city's safety.
- The safest cities can vary by region and population size, with smaller cities often ranking higher.
- Safety rankings can help individuals and families make informed decisions about where to live and raise children.

## 15. White Lake, Michigan

### #1 Safest City in Michigan

Population: 30,990

Total Crime Rate (per 1,000 residents): 4.2

Chance of Being a Victim: 1 in 233

Major City Nearby: Detroit

Information courtesy of

[https://www.sofi.com/learn/content/safest-cities-in-the-u.s./](https://www.sofi.com/learn/content/safest-cities-in-the-u.s/)



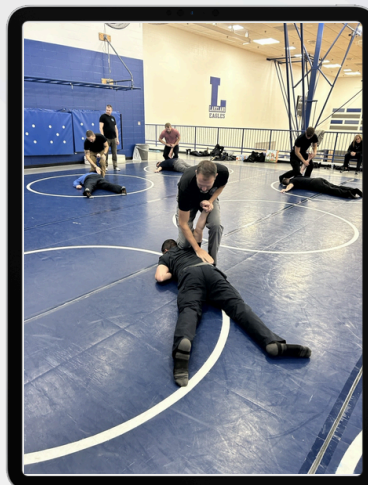
# Department Training



The White Lake Township Police Department strives to provide our officers with professional and continuous training throughout the year. In addition to standard yearly training in core competencies, the Department also utilizes in-house, highly trained instructors in various aspects of law enforcement. This mission to enhance our effectiveness was bolstered by receiving funding through the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards for Continuing Professional Education. On-top of our normal training, each officer received over twenty-four hours of CPE credits in the area of mental health awareness and crisis response. Additionally, the Department subscribed to Virtual Academy, which allows officers to have near daily training on various topics, right from their computers.

## **Core Training**

- Response to Resistance
- Hazardous Materials Training
- De-escalation
- Mental Health
- Legal Updates
- Firearms
- Ethics and Diversity
- Taser Trainings



## **Advanced Training**

- FTO Training
- Firearms Instructor
- Crisis Intervention
- Run, Hide, Fight
- Critical Incident Stress Management
- Interview and Interrogation Techniques



# Co-Responder



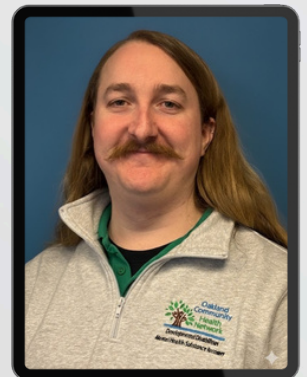
White Lake Township began employing a Clinical Social Worker contracted through the Oakland Community Health Network, as a co-responder, in partnership with Law Enforcement Departments from Wixom, Walled Lake and Wolverine Lake Village. White Lake Township's co-responder works on the CoRe team from Oakland Community Health Network, which employs and supervises ten co-responders across twenty jurisdictions in Oakland County.

The Oakland Community Health Network also provides Crisis Intervention Team Training to law enforcement officers from across the county, including White Lake Township Police Department. OCHN recently received the highest level of certification available from CIT International in 2025: Platinum. Oakland Community Health Network has been partnering with Law Enforcement agencies in Oakland County since August of 2021, with White Lake Township's co-responder beginning on April 1, 2025.

The Co-Responder for White Lake Township and its three partnering communities is Turner Smith, LMSW, and he works under the supervision of Detective Lieutenant Jeffrey Way in White Lake Township. Turner responds to calls alongside law enforcement officers when there is a mental health or substance use concern. Turner also receives referrals from law enforcement officers to follow up with individuals who come into contact with Law Enforcement when he is not available. Turner was involved in 278 dispatched calls in White Lake Township between 4/1/25 and 12/31/2025, either at the time of call or as follow-up. Turner was also involved in 298 dispatched calls from our partnering jurisdictions during the same time period.

The CoRe program allows White Lake Township to provide citizens with access to a licensed clinical social worker when they, or their family members, are experiencing symptoms related to psychotic disorders, substance use disorders or suicidal thoughts. The co-responder works to assess citizens in the community and connect them to mental health providers and social service resources in the community. The co-responder also provides support and resource information to families who are working to support their loved ones.

The co-responder program was able to provide community resources or connection to mental health services in 136 interactions between April 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025. In many cases, individuals that the Law Enforcement departments interact with are already receiving services, and the co-responder then attempts to coordinate with their providers when it is appropriate to do so. Additionally, the co-responder has assisted on scene with family members when a citizen has passed away. The co-responder will provide a brief training to the White Lake Township Police Explorers, ages 15 through 19, and also helps educate first responders on mental health disorders and available resources when appropriate.





# Cadet Program



The White Lake Police Department Cadet Program is a part-time opportunity for students and aspiring professionals to gain practical insight into law enforcement. Cadets work alongside sworn officers, dispatchers, and records personnel to support department operations and engage with the community.

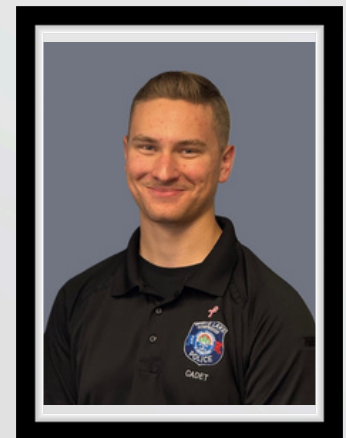
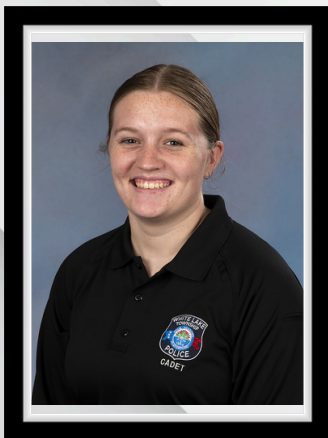
## Professional Benefits

- **Direct Mentorship:** Work closely with experienced personnel who provide career guidance and industry insight.
- **Skill Development:** Build a foundation in professional communication, problem-solving, and leadership.
- **Career Advancement:** Gain a competitive edge for future law enforcement applications and network with local professionals.
- **Comprehensive Exposure:** Explore the diverse facets of the profession, from patrol to administrative infrastructure.

## Primary Responsibilities

Cadets perform a variety of roles to ensure a well-rounded experience, including:

- **Operational Support:** Assisting with dispatch, records management, data entry, and administrative tasks.
- **Field Experience:** Participating in ride-alongs (as available) and observing active police work.
- **Community & Facilities:** Supporting outreach initiatives, crime prevention programs, and the maintenance of police facilities and equipment.





# Explorer Program



In 2025, the White Lake Township Police Department continued its successful Police Explorer Program. Affiliated with Scouting America, the program is designed to introduce young people (ages 14–21) to law enforcement as a potential career. Explorers meet monthly to train in various police disciplines, including traffic stops, dispute resolution, building searches, and crash investigations. They are also afforded the opportunity to participate in the department's ride-along program and assist with community policing efforts.

Facilitated by department members, the program currently consists of over 20 Explorers. Throughout 2025, these young men and women actively contributed to the community by participating in key events such as the Police Department Open House and "Shop with a Cop." A major highlight of the year was their assistance with the 2025 Youth Police Academy—a program that often serves as a pipeline for new Explorers.

Additionally, White Lake Explorers were once again selected to represent their peers at the annual Scout Day at the Capitol in Lansing. This event allows participants to give presentations to elected leaders and gather with representatives from across Michigan. The Explorers also engaged in local fundraising, hosting a hot dog and soda sale at the White Lake Walmart to fund uniforms and equipment. Furthermore, the Explorer color guard recently had the honor of presenting the colors at a Scouting America District meeting.

The Explorers remain a vital part of the White Lake Police Department family. Currently, two Explorers serve as Department Cadets; one of these individuals, who is also enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserves, is being sponsored by the department to attend the Oakland Community College Police Academy.





## Teaching, Educating, and Mentoring T.E.A.M.



Building Stronger Communities Through Education: The T.E.A.M. Program

This year, our schools partnered with local law enforcement to bring the T.E.A.M. (Teaching, Educating, and Mentoring) Program to fifth and seventh graders—a 10-week initiative designed to empower students with knowledge and skills to stay safe and make smart choices.

During the 2024–2025 school year, more than 700 students participated in interactive lessons led by Detective Welling. Together, they explored real-world topics to educate our youth, including:

Crime in our community

Rules and laws

Staying safe

School violence prevention

The dangers of drugs and vaping

Internet safety

Gun safety

The T.E.A.M. program isn't just about education—it's about building trust, fostering positive relationships, and creating a safer environment for everyone.

Thank you to our dedicated officers and schools for making this program a success!





## *Community Emergency Response Team*

### *C.E.R.T.*



The White Lake Township Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is a volunteer organization dedicated to enhancing public safety through preparedness, response, and recovery support. The primary goal of the program is to provide a well-trained auxiliary force that can assist the Police and Fire Departments during large-scale emergencies, disasters, or community events. By educating volunteers in disaster preparedness and basic response skills—such as fire safety, light search and rescue, and team organization—CERT ensures that its members can effectively support professional first responders and assist their neighbors when immediate help is needed. Currently, the team is comprised of 31 dedicated volunteers who embody a commitment to the safety and resilience of White Lake Township. Building on this mission, White Lake CERT maintained a rigorous schedule of training and service throughout 2025. The team prioritized advanced emergency response skills, beginning the year with a Leadership Meeting and first-quarter training sessions. Specialized training highlights included Active Shooter Response (conducted with Waterford PD), Threat Evaluation and Reporting, and ALICE training. The team also focused on regional cooperation, participating in Red Cross Shelter Training and Cribbing & Fire Extinguisher exercises with Rochester Fire, culminating in a Large-Scale Exercise in September. A significant technical milestone for the year was the completion of both Phase 1 and Phase 2 of Aviation Responder Training. In addition to technical training, White Lake CERT remains a visible and supportive presence at community events. Volunteers assisted with Bike Safety Day, the Police and Fire Department Open House, and the Oakland International Airport Airshow. The team also continued its tradition of seasonal service, supporting Rocking' the Farm, Trunk or Treat, Halloween Patrols, and the Fisk Farm Christmas Tree Lighting. The year concluded with the team's participation in two Shop with a Cop events, followed by a year-end appreciation Christmas party. These diverse activities underscore CERT's commitment to both professional preparedness and community engagement.





## *Police & Community Together*

### **P.A.C.T**



The White Lake Township Police Department started the Police and Community Together (PACT) program to make it easier for community leaders and officers to stay connected. Each leader is paired with a specific liaison officer, so they have a direct point of contact they can reach out to every month. It's a simple way for the department to share updates about safety, local programs, and anything happening around town — and just as importantly, it gives community leaders a clear path to share their own concerns or questions. The Chief of Police and the PACT liaisons also make a point to attend neighborhood association's annual meeting, which helps keep those relationships strong. And for everyday updates, residents can follow the department's Facebook page, where they post community news and outreach efforts.





## White Lake Police Foundation

The White Lake Police Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the well-being of our community. Our mission is to support programs that improve the lives of children and adults throughout White Lake Township by:

Encouraging drug-free lifestyles and crime prevention among youth.

Providing meaningful programs, events, and educational opportunities.

Creating a safe, supportive environment where children can simply enjoy being children.

To bring this mission to life, we proudly support initiatives such as T.E.A.M., Citizens Academy, Open House, Youth Police Academy, Shop with a Cop, Adopt-a-Family, and many others that strengthen the bond between residents and local law enforcement.

The generosity of our community fuels everything we do. Your support—through donations, participation, and our various fundraisers—directly empowers us to continue making a positive, lasting impact in White Lake Township.



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WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



# Open House



This past June, the White Lake Police Department hosted its most successful Open House to date, welcoming well over 1,200 community members for a day of engagement and family-friendly fun.

The event featured a wide array of attractions, including popular police car rides, a rock-climbing wall, and a dunk tank. Residents also enjoyed face painting and behind-the-scenes tours of the police station. This annual tradition aims to strengthen the bond between law enforcement and the public in a relaxed, celebratory environment.

We are incredibly grateful for the overwhelming support! The Department would like to give a special thank you to our generous sponsors and dedicated volunteers who make White Lake Township such an exceptional place to live, work, and play."





# Golf Outing



64 Teams. 2 Courses. 1 Great Cause!  
Our 2025 White Lake Police Foundation golf outing was a massive success, raising more than \$42,000 to support the heart of our community. From "Shop with a Cop" to our Youth and Citizens Academies, every swing on the green helps fund the programs that make White Lake a safer, more connected place to live. Thank you to everyone who stepped up to the tee to support our mission!



Since 1995



# Youth Police Academy



Building on many years of community partnership, the White Lake Township Police Department proudly hosted our Youth Police Academy (YPA) for the summer of 2025.

Since its founding in 2008, the YPA has become a cornerstone of local outreach, successfully graduating its thirteenth session.

The week-long program, held in July, invites 7<sup>th</sup>- and 8<sup>th</sup>-graders to step behind the yellow tape. Under the direct mentorship of officers, detectives, and the Chief of Police, cadets learned hands-on skills such as crime-scene processing and defensive tactics. Beyond the badge, the academy focuses on the "human" side of the job: integrity, teamwork, and leadership. The experience kicks off at the Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center and concludes with a formal graduation ceremony.





# Citizens Academy



In 2025, the White Lake Township Police Department proudly celebrated the graduation of its 41st Citizens Academy class. This landmark 11-week program continues to serve as a vital bridge between local government and the community.

## The Experience

Led by seasoned professionals, the academy provides residents with an immersive, "behind-the-scenes" look at the complexities of public safety. Each three-hour session is designed to be both educational and interactive.

## Program Curriculum

The academy covers a diverse range of critical public safety functions, including:

Emergency Communications: The lifeblood of first response.

Police Operations: In-depth looks at investigations and patrol tactics.

Fire & Township Integration: Understanding how local government and fire services coordinate during crises.

## Beyond the Classroom

To provide a truly comprehensive perspective, the program includes several high-impact field trips:

Forensic Insight: A visit to the Oakland County Medical Examiner's Office.

Aerial Support: An exclusive tour of the Aviation Unit.

Practical Skills: A hands-on session at the Gun Range.

**Our Goal:** To foster enduring community ties, enhance departmental transparency, and empower residents with a thorough understanding of the services that keep White Lake Township safe.





# Coats and Backpacks for Kids



## Winter 2025 Impact Initiative

At the heart of the White Lake Police Foundation is an unwavering commitment to our local youth.

This year, the Foundation successfully executed a dual-track program focused on physical protection and nutritional security, ensuring that no student was left behind as temperatures dropped and schools closed for the holidays.

## Annual Winter Gear Distribution

In partnership with local business leaders, we fulfilled our mission to outfit students with the essential gear needed to navigate a Michigan winter safely and with dignity. We equipped nearly 150 kids at Dublin, Houghton, Keith, Lakewood, and Oxbow Elementary. Providing brand-new coats, snow pants, boots, hats, and gloves, thanks to the support of our local partners, Mulligan's Heating & Cooling, Szott Auto Group, JW Restoration Concepts, and St. Pat's Knights of Columbus.

## Winter Break Backpack Program

Now in its second year, this initiative has transitioned from a pilot project to a cornerstone Foundation tradition. Originally proposed by Board Member Todd Miller, the program bridges the gap for students who rely on school-provided meals. Reaching 60+ kids, food-filled backpacks delivered. Ensuring food security for at-risk students during the extended holiday break.

Successfully maintained and expanded in its second year of operation.



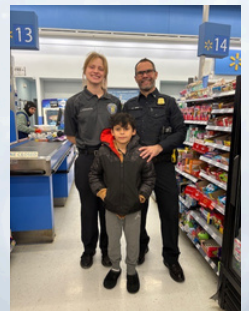


# Shop with a Cop



In our 25th year, Shop with a Cop lit up the season once again, shining as one of our most cherished holiday traditions. With the heartfelt generosity of Meijer and Walmart, just over 100 students enjoyed a magical shopping experience. Each child received a \$150 gift card, giving them the joy of choosing Christmas gifts for themselves and the loved ones on their lists.

What makes this event truly special is the mentorship that forms between the officers and the children. Throughout the evening, students spent one-on-one time with their assigned officers — building bonds that have a lasting impact. The laughter, conversations, and genuine connections created moments of warmth that captured the true spirit of giving. It was a day filled with excitement, gratitude, and community pride — a beautiful reminder of what this season is all about.





# Adopt a Family



This year, the White Lake Police Department continued its tradition of service beyond the badge through the Adopt-A-Family program. During the holiday season, officers and staff raised funds by participating in their annual “No Shave November” campaign to support two local families facing extraordinary challenges, ensuring they experienced hope and relief during a difficult time.

One family included a mother who suffered a sudden brain infection that resulted in a prolonged hospital stay, significant memory loss, and an inability to return to work. With three children at home, the family faced immense uncertainty during the holidays. The second family included a fourth-grade student courageously battling a rare form of lymphoma, placing emotional and financial strain on the entire household.

The Department was honored to provide gifts, necessities, and encouragement to both families. This is the 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of the Adopt-A-Family program. The Department was blessed to be able to support two families this year.





# Community



At the Heart of Everything we do, we love this community. Whether we're out on the streets for Halloween or working behind the scenes honoring our Vets, our heart is always right here at home. But we know we don't walk this path alone. To everyone who has donated, volunteered, or simply shared a kind word: thank you. You are the backbone of White Lake Township, and we are so incredibly grateful for the way you show up for us every single day.





## *Mission Statement*



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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.**