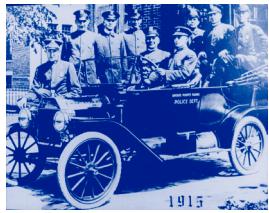




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To: Shane Reeside, City Manager

From: John Hutchins, Director of Public Safety

Re: 2024 Public Safety Annual Report

Sir,

The enclosed, through narrative, statistical comparison and graphic description, identifies criminal occurrences, clearances and arrests. The report also indicates violations of local ordinances, identifies ambulance and fire responses, hazards, traffic statistics, programs and emphasizes major areas of public safety concern and involvement during 2024. In its entirety, the Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Department annual report represents a record of occurrences and achievements, as well as shortfalls and problems yet to be resolved. As such, it creates a database to assist in planning and provides a means by which realistic goals and levels of service may be established for the years ahead.

Respectfully Submitted,


John Hutchins
Director of Public Safety
Chief of Police

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CHAPTER I

POLICE DIVISION



PUBLIC SAFETY OCCURRENCE SUMMARY
FOR THE YEAR 2024

Major Crimes

Major crimes include: criminal homicide, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, arson, burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft-and their attempts.

Major crime did not have any change in 2024 (120 incidents) from 2023 (120 incidents).

Major Violent Crime

Major violent crimes include: criminal homicide; forcible rape; robbery; aggravated assault; arson-and their attempts.

Major violent crime decreased by 3 incidents in 2024 (5 incidents) from 2023 (8 incidents). Major violent crime accounts for 4.16% of all major crime reported in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Major Property Crimes

Major property crimes include: burglary, larceny and motor vehicle thefts-and their attempts.

Major property crime did not have any change in 2024 (114 incidents) from 2023 (114 incidents). Major property crime accounts for 95 % of all major crimes reported in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Ambulance Response

MedStar Ambulance Advanced Life Support responded to 658 calls for service in 2024, a decrease of 82 calls from 740 calls for service in 2023.

In addition, MedStar Ambulance was stationed at Grosse Pointe South High School for all home football games and participated in our school safety program.

GROSSE POINTE FARMS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

DETECTIVE BUREAU

DETECTIVE BUREAU REPORT



Detective Lieutenant Antonino Trupiano



Detective Derek Lazarski



Detective Roger Wierszewski

Grosse Pointe Farms Detective Bureau

The Grosse Pointe Farms Detective Bureau is a well-trained professional team. We pride ourselves on our tenacity to solve the various crimes that occur within our city. The responsibilities that are listed below are just some of the duties that we are tasked with on a daily basis.

Responsibilities of the Detective Bureau

The Detectives work to apprehend lawbreakers, investigate criminal cases, and solve crimes. They are responsible for investigating crimes such as burglaries, homicides, assaults, and other incidents to find and implicate perpetrators. They compile evidence by observing suspects, interviewing witnesses and suspects, and examining physical evidence.

- Investigate criminal acts such as homicides, sexual assaults, armed robberies, home invasions, and property crimes such as burglaries.
- Collect and use forensic evidence to solve crimes.
- Interview informants, suspects, and witnesses to ascertain alibis, clues, time frames, and possible suspects.
- Keep detailed records.
- Bag evidence carefully and ensure it gets sent to proper department.
- Send specimens to laboratory to obtain DNA.
- Run fingerprints through database to obtain matches.
- Collect evidence to support a court case against a criminal.
- Process crime scenes.
- Follow up on leads.
- Prepare investigative reports.
- Explain to a jury the significance of evidence as it relates to proof.
- Maintain an in-depth knowledge of federal and state statutes, court cases, agency rules and regulations.
- Obtain search warrants.
- Perform surveillance and monitor suspects.

Grosse Pointe Farms Detective Bureau

- Analyze laboratory findings.
- Exchange information and coordinate activities with other departments.
- Record physical information about suspects.
- Take fingerprints at crime scene.
- Juvenile criminal investigations.
- Juvenile offender deferment program.
- Non-criminal investigations.
- Background investigations for new hires of the City of Grosse Pointe Farms.
- Maintain pistol sales records for residents of Grosse Pointe Farms.
- Yearly registration and home checks for sexual offenders.
- Compliance checks for licensed liquor and tobacco sales.
- Internal affairs investigations of all complaints against members of the Public Safety Department.

Respectfully,

Detective Lieutenant Antonino Trupiano

Detective Roger Wierszewski

Detective Derek Lazarski

DETECTIVE BUREAU INVESTIGATIONS 2024

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2024 Uniform Crime Reporting
Part One Offenses

Index is a term for the grouping of selected types of crimes which are recognized nationally as more stable indicators of crime measurements and trends than usage of all other crimes. Index crimes include murder, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft, and arson. They include attempts as well as the actual commission of the crimes themselves. Comparison purposes are calculated at the rate of occurrence per 100,000 population, with a Grosse Pointe Farms population of 10,000.

INDEX CRIME COMPARISON

Annual Report Index Crime	2024 Grosse Pointe Farms-rate per 100,000 population	2023 State of MI-rate per 100,000 population	2023 United States-rate per 100,000 population
Criminal Homicide	0	.51	.64
Rape	10	3.96	2.96
Robbery	0	3.66	6.33
Aggravated Assault	0	29.1	23.45
Burglary	110	214.3	269.8
Larceny	850	88.26	127.47
Motor Vehicle Theft	180	20.76	28.31
Arson	0	1.24	.93
Totals	1150	361.79	459.89

The governmental statistical source used was **National Incident-Based Reporting System 2023**. Data was compiled by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Data compiled represents the crime totals for the year 2023 which are made available in the fall of 2024.

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Prepared and submitted by: Detective Lieutenant Antonino Trupiano

Uniform Crime Reporting Part One Offenses



Index Crimes Reported

2024

2023

Annual Report Index Crime	Number of Occurrences for the year	Number of occurrences for the year	Change in number of occurrences from
<i>Criminal Homicide</i>	0	1	-1
<i>Rape</i>	1	1	0
<i>Robbery</i>	5	0	5
<i>Aggravated Assault</i>	0	6	-6
<i>Burglary</i>	11	6	5
<i>Larceny</i>	85	80	5
<i>Motor Vehicle Theft</i>	18	22	-4
<i>Arson</i>	0	0	0
Totals	120	118	2

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2024 Uniform Crime Reporting

Part One Offenses

INDEX CRIMES CLEARED

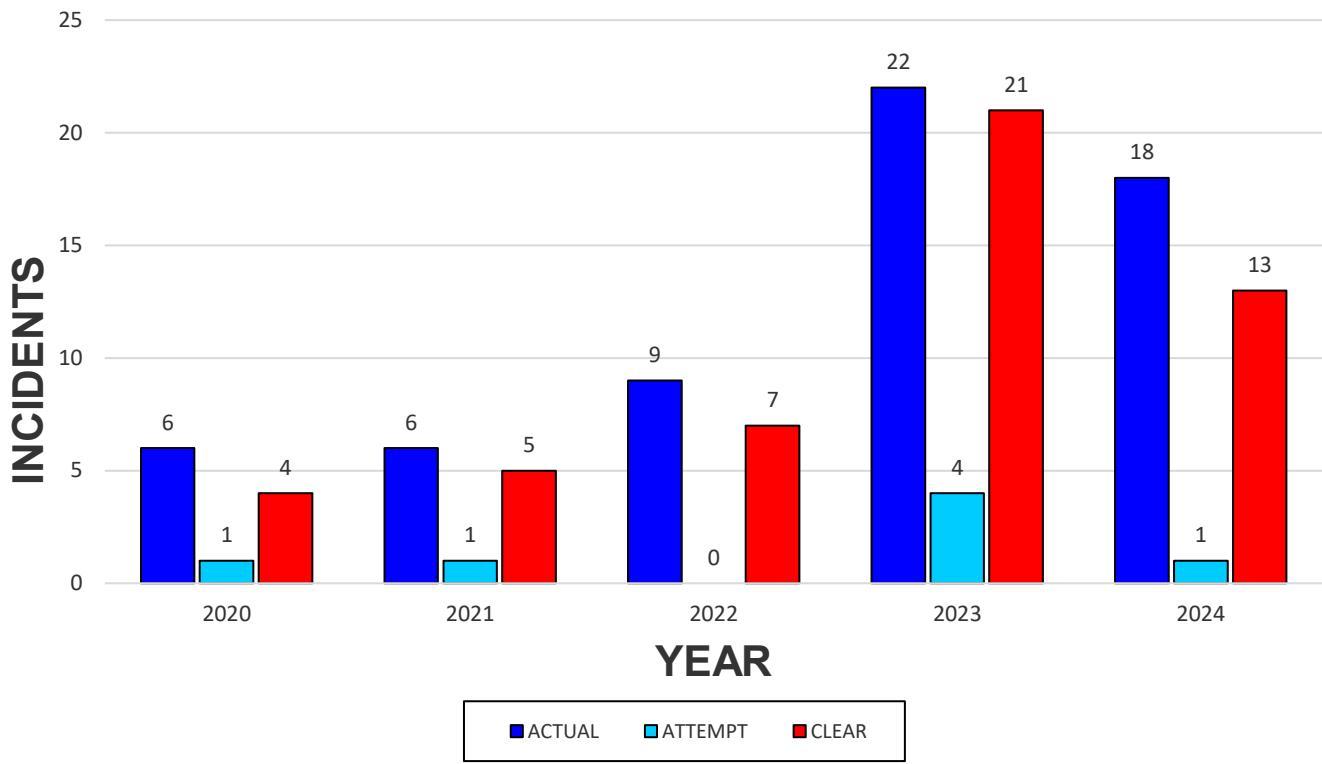
Annual Report Index Crime	2024 Number of occurrences for the year	2024 Number of cases cleared	2024 Clearance Rate for GPFDPs	2023 Clearance Rate for United States
Criminal Homicide	0	0	N/A	57.8%
Rape	1	1	100%	26.9%
Robbery	5	5	100%	27.6%
Aggravated Assault	0	0	N/A	46.1%
Burglary	11	2	18.2%	14.4%
Larceny	85	28	32.9%	15%
Motor Vehicle Theft	18	13	72.2%	8.2%
Arson	0	0	N/A	26.9%
Totals	120	49	64.66%	31.6%

Clearance rates reflect law enforcement's response to crime. Clearances can occur by means of arrest or by exceptional means, whereby some element beyond law enforcement's control precludes the placing of formal charges against the offender. The arrest of one person may clear multiple offenses. Sometimes months and years pass by before offenders are apprehended which, in turn, can affect the numerical clearance rate for any given year.

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**GROSSE POINTE FARMS
PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT**

5 YEAR AUTO THEFT STATISTICS

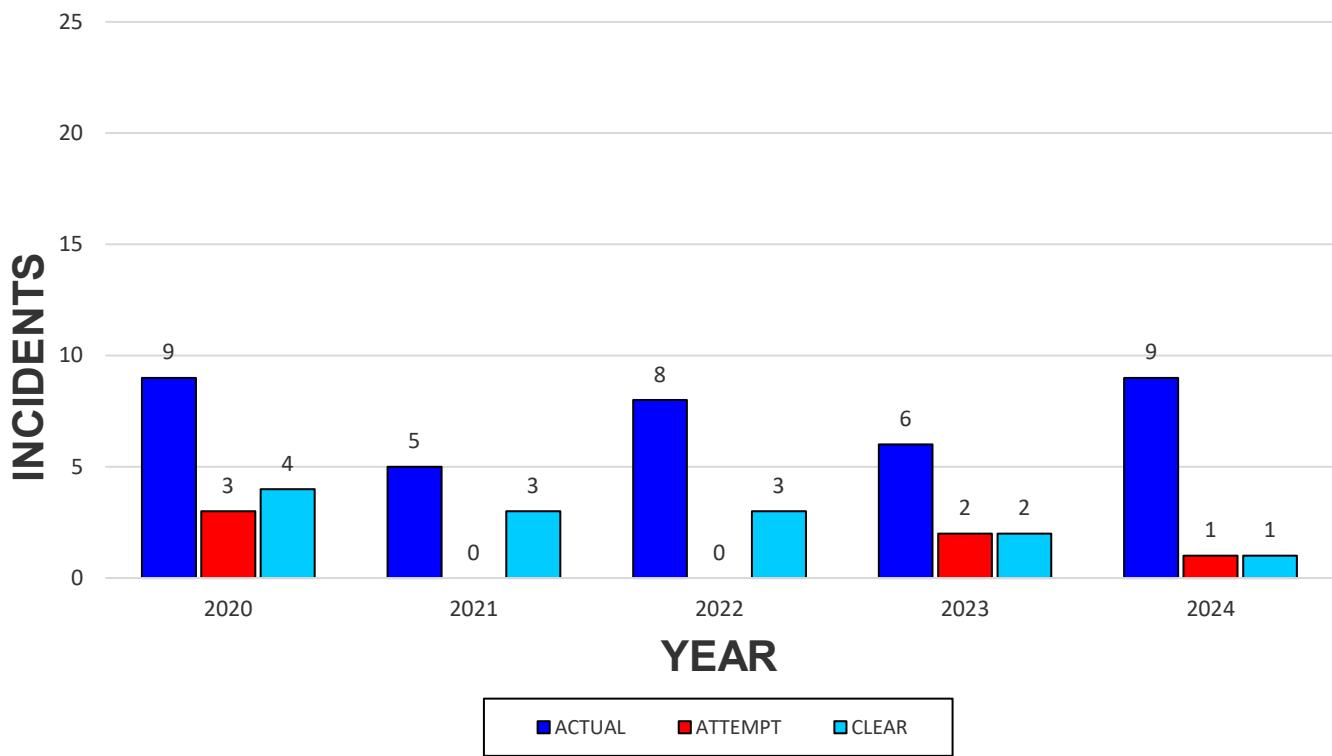


Year	Actual	Attempt	Clear
2020	6	1	4
2021	6	1	5
2022	9	0	7
2023	22	4	21
2024	18	1	13

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PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT**

5 YEAR BURGLARY STATISTICS DWELLINGS

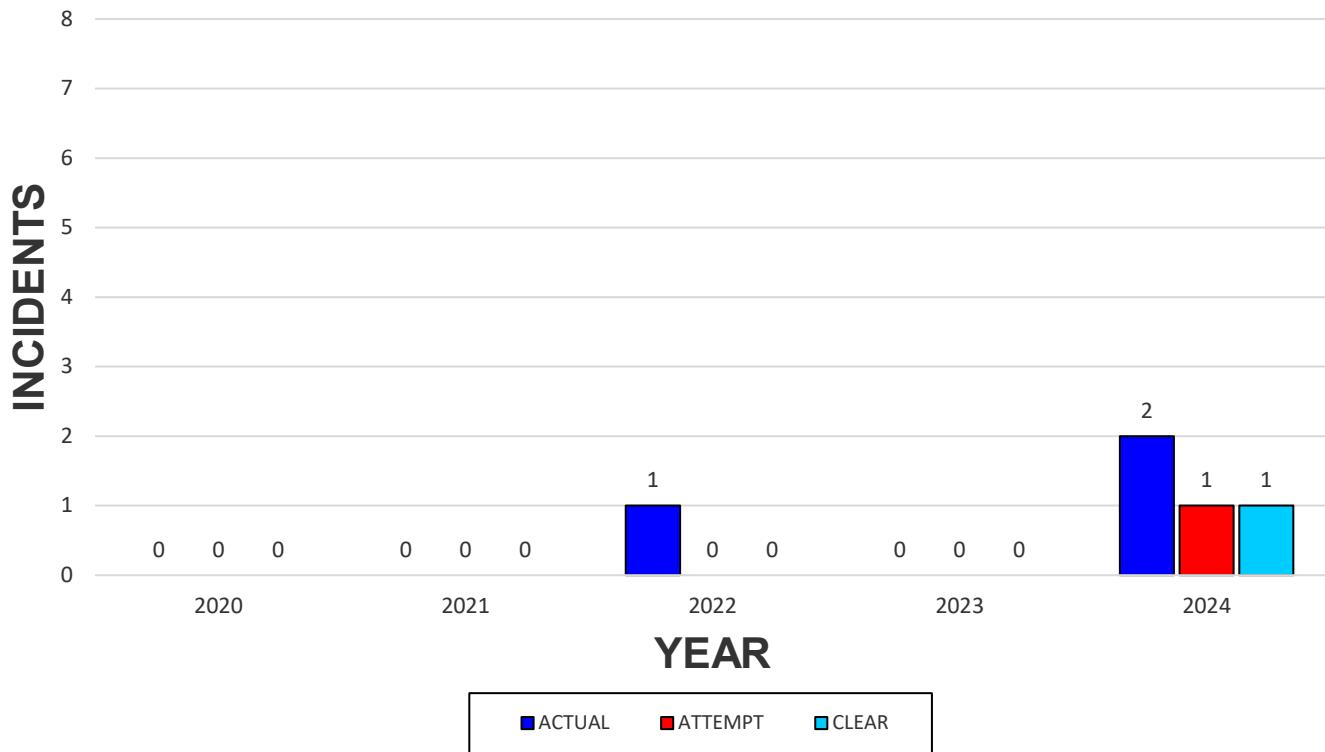


Year	Actual	Attempt	Clear
2020	9	3	4
2021	5	0	3
2022	8	0	3
2023	6	2	2
2024	9	1	1

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PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT**

5 YEAR BURGLARY STATISTICS BUSINESSES

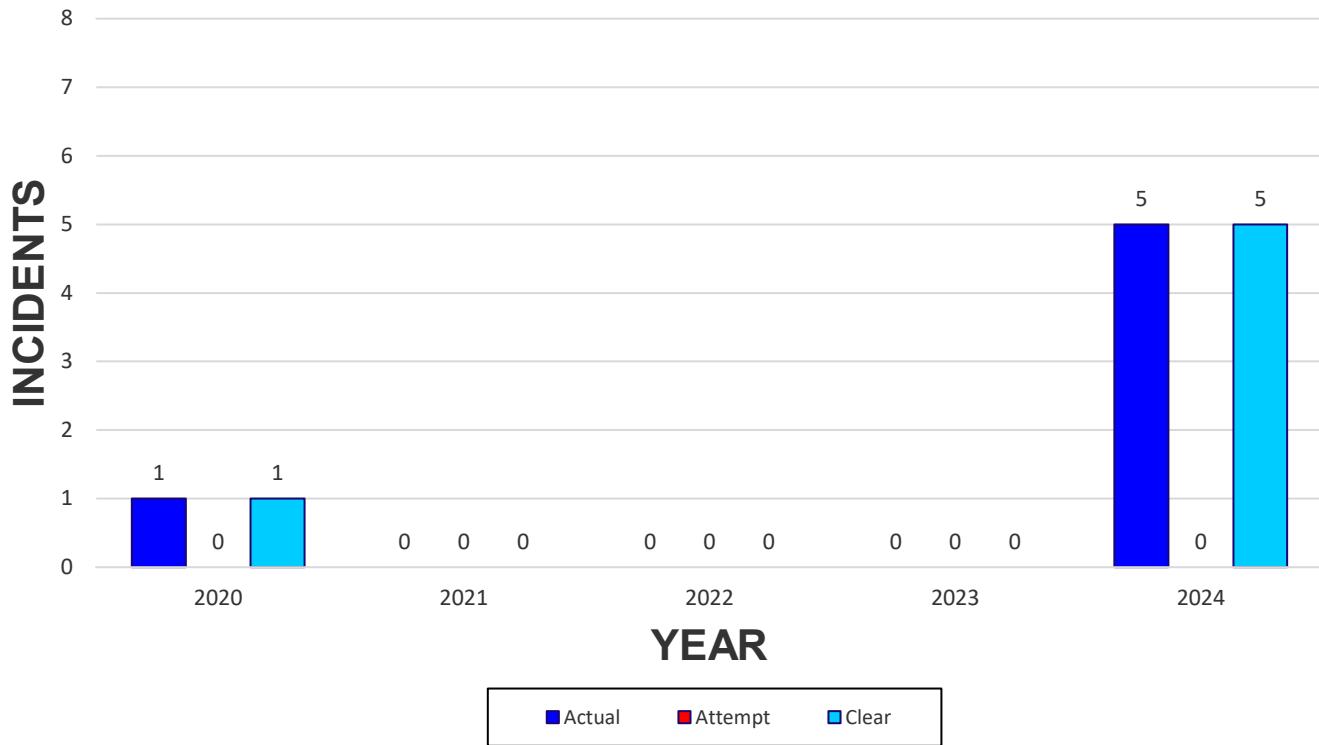


Year	Actual	Attempt	Clear
2020	0	0	0
2021	0	0	0
2022	1	0	0
2023	0	0	0
2024	2	1	1

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**GROSSE POINTE FARMS
PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT**

5 YEAR ARMED ROBBERY STATISTICS

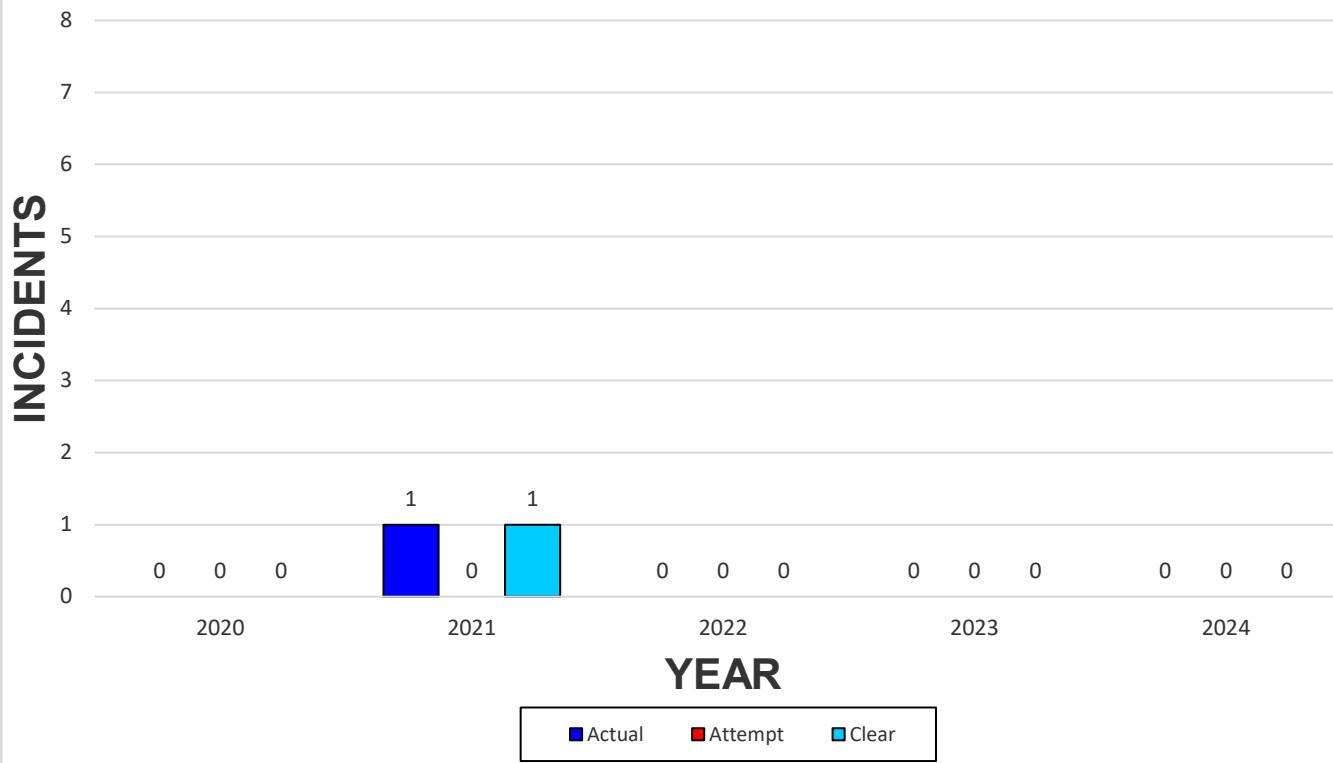


Year	Actual	Attempt	Clear
2020	1	0	1
2021	0	0	0
2022	0	0	0
2023	0	0	0
2024	5	0	5

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**GROSSE POINTE FARMS
PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT**

5 YEAR UNARMED ROBBERY STATISTICS

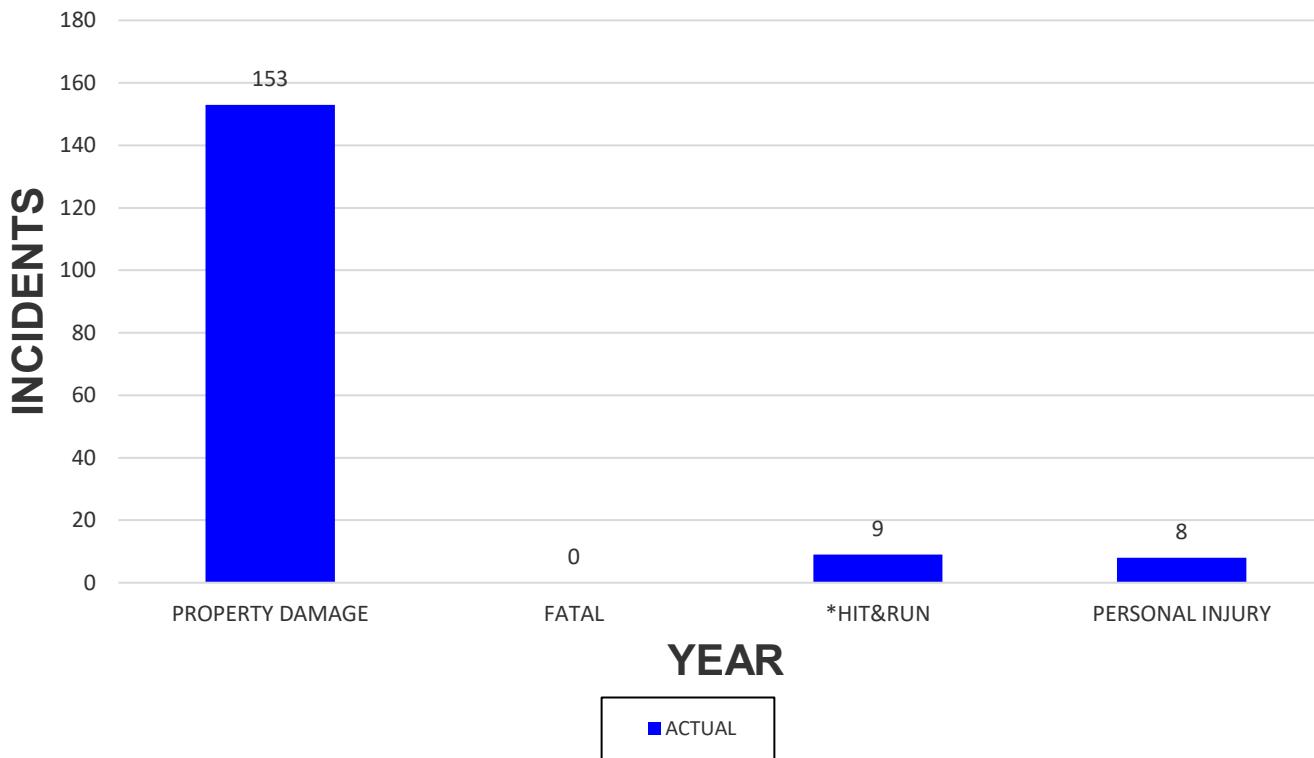


Year	Actual	Attempt	Clear
2020	0	0	0
2021	1	0	1
2022	0	0	0
2023	0	0	0
2024	0	0	0

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2024 ROADWAY ACCIDENT STATISTICS

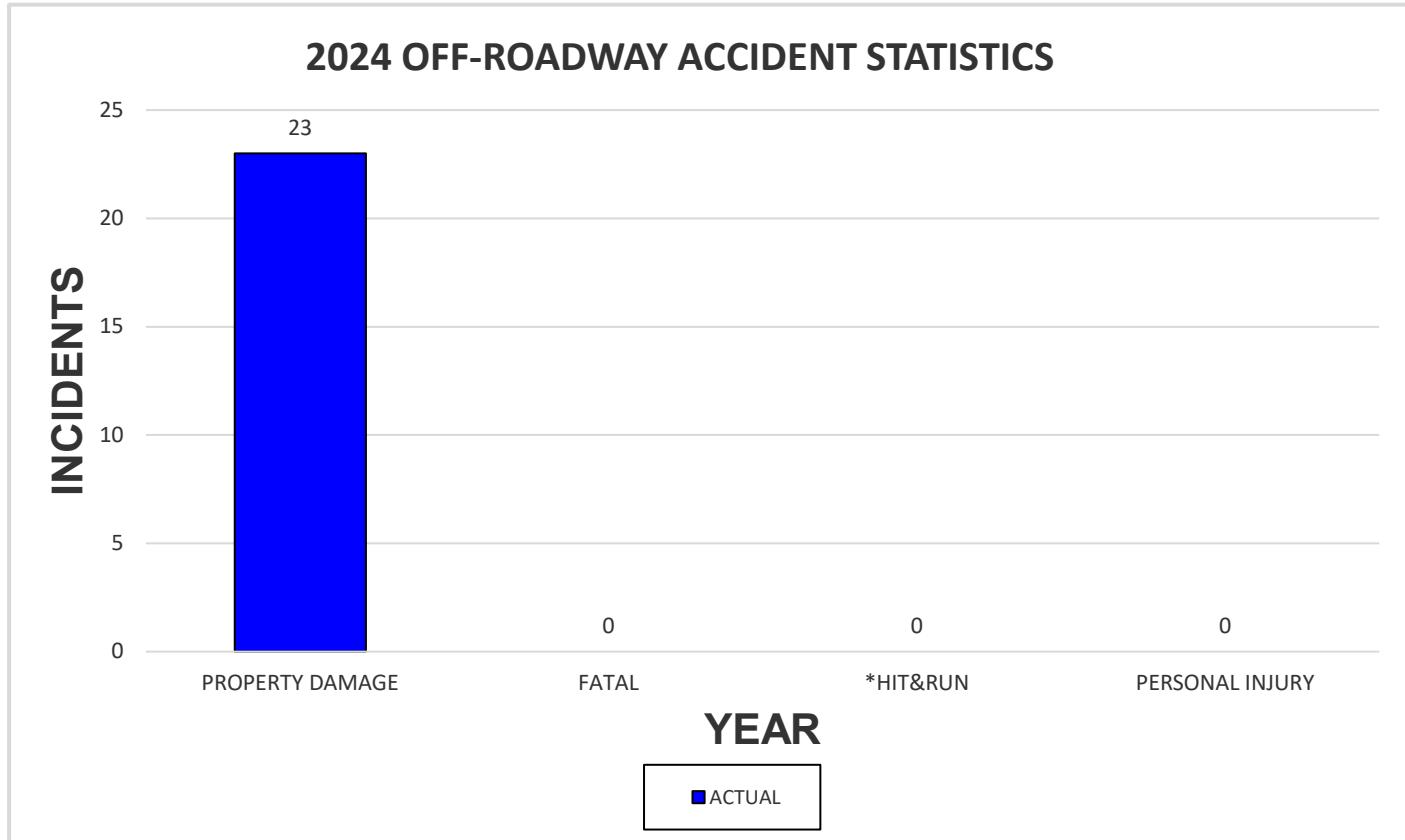


Accident Type	Actual
PROPERTY DAMAGE	153
FATAL	0
*HIT&RUN	9
PERSONAL INJURY	8

*Hit & Runs included in Damage or Injury Accidents

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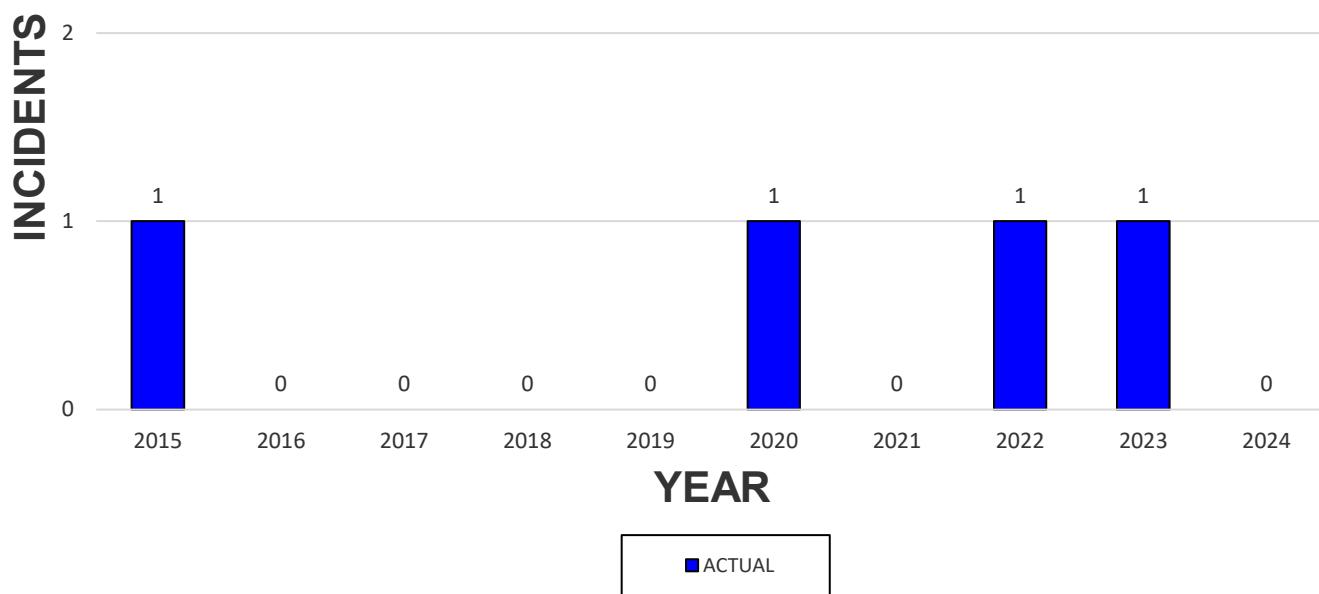
<u>Accident Type</u>	<u>Actual</u>
PROPERTY DAMAGE	23
FATAL	0
*HIT&RUN	0
PERSONAL INJURY	0

*Hit & Runs included in Damage or Injury Accidents

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**GROSSE POINTE FARMS
PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT**

**10 YEAR FATAL MOTOR VEHICLE
ACCIDENTS STATISTICS**



Year	Actual
2015	1
2016	0
2017	0
2018	0
2019	0
2020	1
2021	0
2022	1
2023	1
2024	0

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HIGH INTERSECTION-CROSS WALK TO CROSS WALK

ACCIDENT LOCATION COMPARISON

CALENDAR YEAR 2024

	PROPERTY DAMAGE	PERSONAL INJURY	TOTAL
*(1) MACK/MOROSS	7	0	7

*INTERSECTION THAT REPRESENTS GROSSE POINTE FARMS VENUE ONLY.
(INTERSECTION SHARED WITH DETROIT)

ALL OTHER INTERSECTIONS HAVE 2 OR LESS.

CHAPTER II

FIRE DIVISION

FIRE TRAINING

DIVE TEAM

K-9 UNIT

TRAFFIC UNIT

SRT UNIT

DRONE UNIT



2024 Yearly report for the Grosse Pointe Farms Fire Department

Our four full-time, career firefighters work 24-hour shifts and help ensure the highest level of professional services are provided to the residents of Grosse Pointe Farms. This is accomplished by training for and providing an all-hazards emergency response which includes fire suppression, hazardous materials response, as well as fire prevention and community education. The fire department responds to all fire suppression and rescue calls for service in addition to maintaining all fire apparatus, fire department equipment, as well as every fire hydrant located within the city. Fire department personnel also participate in a wide range of community relations events which include block parties, parades, and other events throughout the community. They also host children's parties, help to educate the public by providing fire safety talks, as well as assist the School Resource Officer with fire safety events in the schools each year.

The year 2024 finished with 363 fire runs, which was a decrease of 80 runs over the previous year's total of 443. Of the 363 total fire runs, 175 were found to be false for various reasons with 125 of a miscellaneous nature. The department responded to 43 carbon monoxide alarms, which is an increase of 2 compared to the prior year. In addition to all fire calls for service, all fire service and civilian injuries/deaths resulting from fire-related incidents are also recorded and reported to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security/FEMA through the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS). In 2024, 2 fire service injuries were reported, with 0 civilian injuries and 0 civilian deaths.

The department responded to a total of 18 structure fires, with 15 of them in residential structures and 3 in commercial buildings. The City of Grosse Pointe Farms reported 5 structure fires within the city, along with 33 miscellaneous fires. The department responded to surrounding communities during requests for mutual aid a total of 20 times throughout the year, with mutual aid received 7 times upon request. The total estimated dollar loss resulting from fires and explosions for 2024 was \$137,620, which was a decrease compared to the total estimated loss of \$147,175 that was documented in 2023.

The Fire Prevention Bureau ensures the highest level of fire prevention services through comprehensive inspections and code enforcement, public education, plan review and fire investigations. The goal of the Bureau is to identify and eliminate all types of hazardous conditions which pose a threat to life, the environment, and property. The Fire Prevention Bureau is under the command of the Fire Chief and employs a Fire Marshal and Fire Inspector to fulfill the Bureau's mission.

In 2024 the Fire Prevention Bureau performed 89 fire inspections, 124 follow up inspections, 12 plan reviews, 71 miscellaneous inspections, 5 fire origin and cause investigations, cited 705 violations, wrote 3 appearance tickets and assisted with the installation of 5 commercial Knox Boxes.

Additionally, in 2024 with the help of the GPF firefighters, a total of 286 smoke and combination smoke/carbon monoxide alarms were installed. These alarms, which are powered by 10-year sealed lithium-ion batteries, were installed in homes throughout the community at no cost to our residents. To date, with assistance from the State of Michigan Bureau of Fire Services (MI Prevention), the GPF Fire Prevention Bureau has obtained close to 500 total alarms which have helped increase the safety of our residents.

Respectfully Submitted by Ray Krause, Fire Marshal

Fire Training

Our personnel undergo continuous training to maintain the highest level of emergency response. The best way to be prepared for low-frequency, high-risk emergencies is to train for those situations. Our department's fire instructors and several outside subject matter experts trained department personnel in numerous areas of fire and emergency response in 2024. Topics covered include:

- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)
- Pump Operations & specialized hose nozzle applications
- Interior Search and Rescue
- Thermal Imaging
- Transitional Fire Attack
- Elevator Rescue Training
- HAZMAT Operations
- CPR and First aid
- Air Quality Monitoring
- Hurst forcible Entry tools
- On-location pre-incident planning
- Ice Rescue Training
- Marina Fire and Boat Fire Training
- Incident Command System
- Vertical Ventilation
- Vent Enter Isolate Search (VEIS)

2024 Season Summary Dive Team

Dive Team Members:

Sgt. Wesley Kipke, Team Leader
Sgt. Timothy Harris, Team Member
PSO Keith Colombo, Team Member
PSO Jonathan Ross, Team Member

During the summer of 2024 the dive team was deployed to assist a stranded boater which sustained a loss of power and was rapidly taking on water. It was reported there were three occupants onboard without life preservers. No exact location could be offered by the captain except they were somewhere in the center of the lake between Saint Clair Shores and Detroit. Utilizing the Wayne County Sheriff's rescue boat located at the Pier Park, dive team officers located the stranded boater and provided assistance until a tow arrived on scene.

There were no other reports of swimmers or boating vessels in distress on the waterway of Lake Saint Clair. The Grosse Pointe Farms Dive Rescue Team has remained committed to high training standards and readiness in the event of an emergency.

The Wayne County Sheriff's Office Marine Division remains in partnership with the city of Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Department in protecting our waterways. The dive team has also remained in contact and coordination with the United States Coast Guard, The Macomb County Sheriff's Office Marine Division and the City of Detroit Police Harbor Master should reciprocal assistance be needed along our waterways.

K-9 Unit



K-9 Rocco

In 2024, Rocco completed his second year with the department. K-9 Rocco and his handler, Sgt Tim Harris, continue to train with Oakland County Sheriff's K-9 Unit, where they train as a team in obedience, tracking, area search, building search, apprehension, and explosive detection. Sgt Harris began integrating Rocco with the Eastern Wayne County Special Response Team (SRT) with the assistance of Border Patrol's Tactical Team (BORTAC) K-9 handlers. K-9 Rocco and Sgt Harris attended a Basic SWAT K9 Integration course instructed by a Canadian Special Forces handler. They were invited back for the advanced course the following week, due to an exceptional performance. Harris and Rocco were requested to assist in teaching a decoy seminar by the Spike's K9 School instructor from the 2023 decoy seminar they attended. Rocco's agility and velocity, paired with Harris' knowledge and experience, assisted in the development of newer handlers and young dogs from across Southeast Michigan in apprehension work. K-9 Rocco and Sgt Harris also attended Spike's K9 School for tracking, instructed by 7th Battalion 3rd Marines handlers. K-9 Rocco and Sgt Harris spent a week training at Camp Grayling with the Eastern Wayne County SRT.

In 2024, K-9 Rocco assisted in locating car thieves from the Country Club of Detroit thefts. Two of the three suspects surrendered immediately upon hearing the K-9 announcements. The third suspect, hiding in a bedroom closet, decided to surrender as Rocco entered the bedroom. Harris and Rocco attended every Public Safety Open House in the Grosse Pointes, where they demonstrated K-9 Rocco's capabilities and answered questions regarding the K-9 Unit. Harris and Rocco continued the tradition of leading the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade.

Sgt Harris and K-9 Rocco will attend community events throughout the Grosse Pointe communities and be available for K-9 demonstrations upon request. They will also attend weekly training and the National K9 Seminar in Alpena in 2025. Rocco remains a member of the Harris family, residing in their home and insisting he is a lapdog.



Eastern Wayne County Special Response Team



The Eastern Wayne County Special Response Team (SRT) is a multi-jurisdictional special weapons and tactics team. Our commitment and primary function are to save lives. The twelve-person team, with two members from each of the respective cities, Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe City, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Shores, Grosse Pointe Woods, and Harper Woods, is dedicated to providing tactical solutions that increase the probability of de-escalation and peaceful resolutions to high-risk incidents. Equipped with specialized equipment and training, we are prepared to accomplish these objectives.

SRT had an eventful year in 2024. To start the year, a new executive committee was created: Chief Bostock from Grosse Pointe Park, Chief Werenski from Grosse Pointe Shores, and Deputy Chief Rogers from Grosse Pointe Farms. Deputy Chief Rogers was appointed the SRT Team Commander. With the resignation of SRT Team Leader Lt. Spina at the end of 2023, the Executive Committee held interviews for his replacement. Sgt Tim Harris from Grosse Pointe Farms was selected as SRT Team Leader. Sgt Harris is a U.S. Navy veteran and has been with Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety for 18 years. He has been with SRT for the last 12 years and has served as a Tactical Medic, Sniper, Ballistic Breacher, K9 handler, and Assistant Team Leader.

With the changing of the guard came new changes. A new Mutual Cooperation Agreement, which outlines the collaborative efforts and responsibilities of each department, was drafted and adopted by the heads of each department. Team Leader Sgt Harris brought changes to the team as well. During the annual week-long training at Camp Grayling, Sgt Harris contracted former U.S. Navy SEAL Matt Johnson of Michigan Civil Defense to train the team and develop tactics, techniques, procedures, and decision-making in-room clearing. The instruction provided has elevated the team's effectiveness, efficiency, and safety of not just the members of the team but of civilians as well. Matt Johnson was with the U.S. Naval Special Warfare SEAL Teams, their Training Detachment and Development Group. Johnson has trained approximately 45 tactical teams across the state of Michigan.

Further, PSO Dukan Gill from Grosse Pointe Woods was appointed Assistant Team Leader due to his continued dedication to the team and leadership abilities. As new members start on SRT, PSO Gill takes the time to bring them up to speed on current tactics and assists in developing their firearms proficiency. PSO Gill expands his knowledge and training on his own time and assists in the planning & facilitating of training. SRT welcomed its newest member, PSO Roybal, from Grosse Pointe Shores. Funding was secured from the six cities for a new raid van to replace the 1986 Grumman bread truck. In October, Eastern Wayne County SRT, with the assistance of the War Memorial and the generosity of the Russell Development Company, hosted the Southeast Michigan Tactical Team Meeting. More than 25 tactical teams were represented, and over 100 tactical operators were in attendance. The team once again provided security and overwatch for the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade, the largest gathering of citizens in the Grosse Pointes, stretching across a mile through two cities.

In 2024, SRT was activated ten times for the following:

- Seven High-Risk Warrant Services / Two Barricaded Gunman / One Security Detail



Traffic Unit



About the Traffic Unit

The Grosse Pointe Farms Department of Public Safety traffic unit uses selective traffic enforcement as one of several methods to reduce traffic collisions, fatalities, and injuries within the boundaries of the city of Grosse Pointe Farms. Traffic officers conduct daily traffic enforcement activities within high crash areas and other areas where complaints are received. These officers focus on traffic-related areas such as speeding, impaired driving, occupant protection, motorcycle enforcement, equipment, registration plate violations, improper lane change or weaving, red-light, right-of-way, pedestrian violations, and commercial vehicle enforcement. A combination of enforcement, public information, and education is utilized to reduce traffic crashes and fatalities.

Speed Signs

In 2024, the Grosse Pointe Farms Department of Public Safety obtained more speed signs for speed measurement/data collection in high-traffic areas and for miscellaneous traffic complaints. The department now has five speed signs. Two are permanently mounted, and three are moveable. Three of the five speed signs collect traffic data. PSO Mark Laquere is responsible for the speed sign program.

Crashes

In 2024, traffic unit officers responded to a total of 176 crashes that occurred within the city of Grosse Pointe Farms. Of the total number of crashes, 13.1% (23) had injuries to people, 7.4% (13) crashes involved commercial vehicles, and 13.1% (23) crashes occurred on private property. Alcohol was suspected in five of the crashes, and drugs were suspected in three of the crashes. In 2023, there were 171 crashes; compared to 2024, there was an increase of five. There were no fatal crashes in 2024.

Operating While Intoxicated

In 2024, a total of 31 drivers were arrested for various degrees of operating while intoxicated. 54.8% (17 violators) were arrested for operating while intoxicated (1st offense), 3.2% (one violator) was arrested for operating while intoxicated (2nd offense), and 16.1% (five violators) were arrested for operating while intoxicated (3rd offense). 16.1% (five violators) were arrested for operating while intoxicated with a high blood alcohol content, and 9.7% (three violators) were arrested for operating while under the influence of drugs. Violators were arrested for operating while intoxicated and were taken off of the public roadways, which prevented possible injuries or death to the public.

Citations

In 2024, the department issued 1,871 citations. Of that total, traffic officers issued 39.2% (734) of the total citations to violators. In 2023, the total number of citations issued for the department was 2,056. Comparing 2023 to 2024, there was a 9.4% (185) decrease in citations issued for the whole department between 2023 and 2024, which shows that the motoring public is observing traffic laws within the city of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Respectfully submitted,

PSO Will Madsen

PSO Paul Reygaert

PSO Mark Laquere

PSO Charity Vanover

Drone Unit



Drone -3

The Grosse Pointe Farms Department of Public Safety developed a Drone program in 2023 and was the first of its kind in our area. The use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs), commonly referred to as drones, have revolutionized modern law enforcement, offering a wide range of benefits that enhance public safety, operational efficiency, and officer safety. They provide a cost-effective and versatile tool to respond to diverse challenges.

One of the primary advantages of drones is their ability to provide real-time aerial surveillance. Equipped with high-definition cameras and thermal imaging, our drone allows officers to monitor large areas quickly and efficiently. Drones also provide an added layer of safety to officers on hazardous scene size-ups.

In 2024, Drone-3 was deployed 39 times across a wide range of critical incidents, demonstrating its invaluable role in enhancing public safety and law enforcement efforts. The drone was instrumental in assisting with the apprehension of suspects involved in domestic violence, car theft, and larceny from auto cases. Additionally, it was utilized in searching for a missing Alzheimer's patient, a runaway juvenile, and a person in crisis, showcasing its utility in search and rescue operations.

Drone-3 also provided vital aerial support during high-stakes situations, including providing overwatch for the Eastern Wayne Special Response Team, monitoring large events like the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade, and supporting an undercover operation that led to the dismantling of an organized stolen car ring. Its versatility extended to environmental safety, where Drone-3 was used to assess a potential hazardous gas spill at the Pier Park Marina and pinpoint the source of a fire during a smoke investigation.

CHAPTER III

GROSSE POINTE FARMS COMMUNITY EDUCATION





COMMUNITY POLICE AND FIRE ACTIVITIES FOR 2024

2024 marked my sixth year as a School Liaison Officer and I have been a Public Safety Officer in Grosse Pointe Farms for 8 years. Personally, I feel I have developed a great relationship with the administration at each school in my district and bolstered the already strong relationship between Grosse Pointe Farms schools and the Public Safety Department. In 2024, the department once again had students running around the building excitedly learning about our police and fire departments, as well as fire safety instructions with the "smoke house." I had the pleasure of attending multiple events and spoke to many classes about various topics. It was a year filled with fun events and a lot of hard work. I am excited to continue to grow in this position and honored to represent this department as a School Liaison Officer.

The following is a brief summary of the activities, programs and services provided by myself and all the dedicated PSO's. I hope that the multitude of programs illustrated in this report will bring an appreciation of this year's efforts and provide a general awareness, positive direction and guidance to the residents and students of Grosse Pointe Farms and surrounding communities.

Respectfully submitted,
Jonathan Ross
School Liaison Officer

REPEATER AT GROSSE POINTE SOUTH: Early in 2024 I began the lengthy process of determining how our radio system could work better inside Grosse Pointe South. As it was, our radios did not work inside the building, which was a huge safety risk if there was an emergency in the school. After speaking with multiple companies, BEARCOM radio services along with OPPERMANN ELECTRIC, began the long process of installing the radio repeaters inside the building. The job continued from late May until September, just before school started. Now the building is no longer a radio dead zone and communication will work at any location inside the building. I am very proud of this accomplishment and believe it was my biggest professional achievement of the year. Today, we continue working with Bearcom and the High School to improve communications and monitor the systems to make sure they are working properly.

GROSSE POINTE SAFETY TOWN: Safety town runs through the summer months. This year, Safety Town was bigger than it ever has been. This past summer we had 10 different sessions; with each session being a weeklong. During safety town, kids are taught fire safety, police and community safety, 911 alert, medical training, water safety and bike safety. At the end of the week, each student gets an opportunity to show what they have learned on the Safety Town drill ground and practice in the fire safety house, use a fire hose and practice first aid. Finally, there is a graduation ceremony where all students receive a safety town certificate. Safety town has been a part of the Grosse Pointe Community for over 30 years.

FIRE PREVENTION: This year our fire prevention training week in the Grosse Pointe Schools was blended into our FIRE PREVENTION PROGRAM to make it easier on the schools and assemblies due to covid. The Fire Prevention Team and I were able to go into each classroom at Kerby, Defer, Richard, Maire, Mason and Ferry Elementary, to talk about the importance of fire safety in the home and in the community. This year I was able to do a fire prevention week talk with St. Paul on the Lake Elementary School, where I presented fire prevention tactics along with engine 30 and then showed them how to escape the fire safety house.

BIKE SAFETY: This year, "Bike Day" at the Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church parking lot had two sessions. There I provided bike inspections where I showed kids where the serial number on their bike is located, as well as inspecting the bike itself to make sure it is safe. I also explained to the students the importance of wearing a helmet and riding a bike safely every time. I also performed bike inspections at Richard and Kerby where Grosse Pointe Farms students, and Grosse Pointe City students received a bike license and had their bikes inspected.

BOOK READINGS: This year, several officers from the day shift and I, enjoyed reading Halloween and Christmas books to students at Richard elementary.

SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS: Jan McMillan and Mary Malone have been wonderful to work with and have done a great job crossing the kids and keeping an eye out for traffic concerns. They have both cemented themselves into their respective school community.

SCHOOL SAFETY: This year I was able to meet with students at St. Paul On the Lake, Grosse Pointe Academy and Brownell, to speak with them about the effects of bullying at school and on social media. During the meeting we spoke about ways to avoid bullying and who you can speak to if you have a problem with bullying. After the horrible incident at Oxford High School, many schools were concerned about the safety of their own school. I had in person meetings with St. Paul, Grosse Pointe Academy, Grosse Pointe South, Brownell, Kerby and Richard to discuss school safety and what can be done differently. The SRO program is focusing on bullying and harassment at the schools and speaking with kids about harassment awareness and preventing issues.

STRANGER DANGER: I spoke to elementary school students about “stranger danger” and safely walking to and from school. Our community is a walking community and it is important that children know what to do for all types of issues they may face.

BOY SCOUTS AND GIRL SCOUTS: This year the boy scouts came to our station on multiple occasions to talk about fire safety and fire prevention tactics. The girl scouts were in need of a detective badge and were shown what fingerprints are, how they’re different and how to dust for fingerprints.

VAPING AND DRUG TALKS: I have done multiple vaping and drug talks to the high school students in health classes. This year, I began talking to the middle school students about vaping and the harmful effects as well. This year myself and SRO LaBeau are working directly with the Family Center and FAN, to help students with drug and alcohol awareness. Our goal is to inform, educate and prevent any issues as teenagers and young adults.

THE AMAZING SHAKE COMPETITION: This year I was asked to be a judge for the “amazing shake competition,” at the Grosse Pointe Academy. This competition is for 5th through 8th graders looking to excel in the business world. It was amazing to see how professional the kids are and how seriously they took the competition. The academy can be proud of the students they’re preparing for the job force.

CERTIFIED CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY TECHNICIAN: We are excited to share that we have a certified Child Safety Technician here at the Grosse Pointe Farms Department of Public Safety. Fire Specialist Williams is our community’s resource for educating caregivers on the proper type, use and installation of child restraints. Families may even receive car seats for each child if they qualify for the Michigan Officer of Highway Safety Planning Car Seat Program. Any questions or concerns about this program or other child passenger safety related questions, please call our department and ask to leave a voice message with F/S Williams.

**SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER
GROSSE POINTE SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL**



SRO James LaBeau

The first semester of the 2024/2025 school year has come and gone. I have been in the school full time now for 6 months, including last year. In those 6 months, I have learned about the many different components of what it takes to be a great SRO. At first (not going to lie) it was intimidating. I went from a department of ten years where I was the big guy on campus, to the "new guy" who has to figure it out for himself.

Those first few months I made it a priority to get to know every teacher, staff member, counselor, administration staff, hall monitor, custodian, etc. I went from classroom to classroom introducing myself and as I got to know the staff members first hand. This also provided an opportunity for staff members to get to know me, answer any questions they may have, and show why I am a beneficial resource for the school.

After getting to know every staff member, I made it a priority to get to know as many students as possible. I want the students to be comfortable with my presence in the school. I made a point of being very approachable and to be someone they can trust.

Daily responsibilities and accomplishments:

- Be the first line of defense for all students and staff. If I am not meeting with a student/parent/ or staff member, I am constantly walking the school (interior and exterior) checking for suspicious activity. I make sure I am noticed by students and staff at all times, to give them reassurance that they are safe while school is in session.
- I am actively part of the counseling team. Counselors include me in student meetings 3 to 4 times per week to offer personal insight, mentorship, and discuss any issues that might be happening outside of school.
- I consider myself the ultimate resource. You will never hear me say, "That's not my job". If anyone needs a helping hand with any task, I always make myself available to help.
- I direct traffic before and after school on Grosse Pointe Blvd. I make it a priority that each and every student gets to and from school safely.

- I work directly with hall monitors who report to me for any suspicious activity. Hall monitors are the eyes and ears of the school at all times and are crucial for the school's safety. We hold weekly meetings to discuss safety plans, identify suspicious activity, and develop a plan of action in the event of an emergency.
- I am part of the Leaders of Tomorrow. We meet monthly in an open forum setting where we discuss with students what it takes to be a great leader, mentor, and pave the way for success after high school.
- I am often a "guest speaker" for Health and Legal classes.
- I am in charge of follow up meetings for students who get caught with tobacco/marijuana/ or alcohol offenses at school. My goal is for students to learn from their mistakes through counseling and a diversion program, which would hopefully make it less likely for a student to commit a second offense.
- With my assistance, FAN (Face Addiction Now) has become a partner of Grosse Pointe South.
- I am in charge of any first aid or medical emergencies that occur in the school.
- I attend after school activities; to show students I am not just a Police Officer, but also part of staff and take pride in their future success.
- I am in the process of implementing a Grosse Pointe Explorer Program.
- I work first hand with administration and give recommendations on all safety concerns.
- The SRO vehicle has been completed and proudly shows off our South school pride.

This is just a snapshot of my last six months at Grosse Pointe South High School. I love that every day is something different, much like policing on the road. This position offers an exciting challenge and I enjoy becoming a better SRO day by day.

Respectfully,
SRO James LaBeau

CHAPTER IV

LIQUOR LICENSES

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSES IN EXISTENCE
WITHIN THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024**

CLASS C LICENSES: Liquor, beer and wine sold for consumption on the premises by the glass.

1. The Bronze Door, 123 Kercheval (with outdoor service)
2. Irish Coffee Bar & Grill, 18666 Mack Avenue, (with outdoor service)
3. Luxe Bar & Grille, 115 Kercheval Avenue, (with outdoor service)
4. Jumps Restaurant, 63 Kercheval Avenue
5. Dirty Dog Cafe, 97 Kercheval (with outdoor service)
6. Café Nini, 98 Kercheval, (with outdoor service)
7. BluFin Sushi, 18584 Mack Avenue (with outdoor service)
8. The Jagged Fork, 18480 Mack Avenue (with outdoor service)
9. Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lake Shore
10. Village Market Bistro, 18330 Mack Avenue
11. Flyleaf, 92 Kercheval Avenue

PRIVATE CLUB LICENSES: Liquor, beer and wine sold for consumption on the premises by the glass.

1. Country Club of Detroit, 220 Country Club Drive
2. Grosse Pointe Club, 6 Berkshire Place

SDM LICENSES: Beer and wine sold for consumption off the premises in the original container.

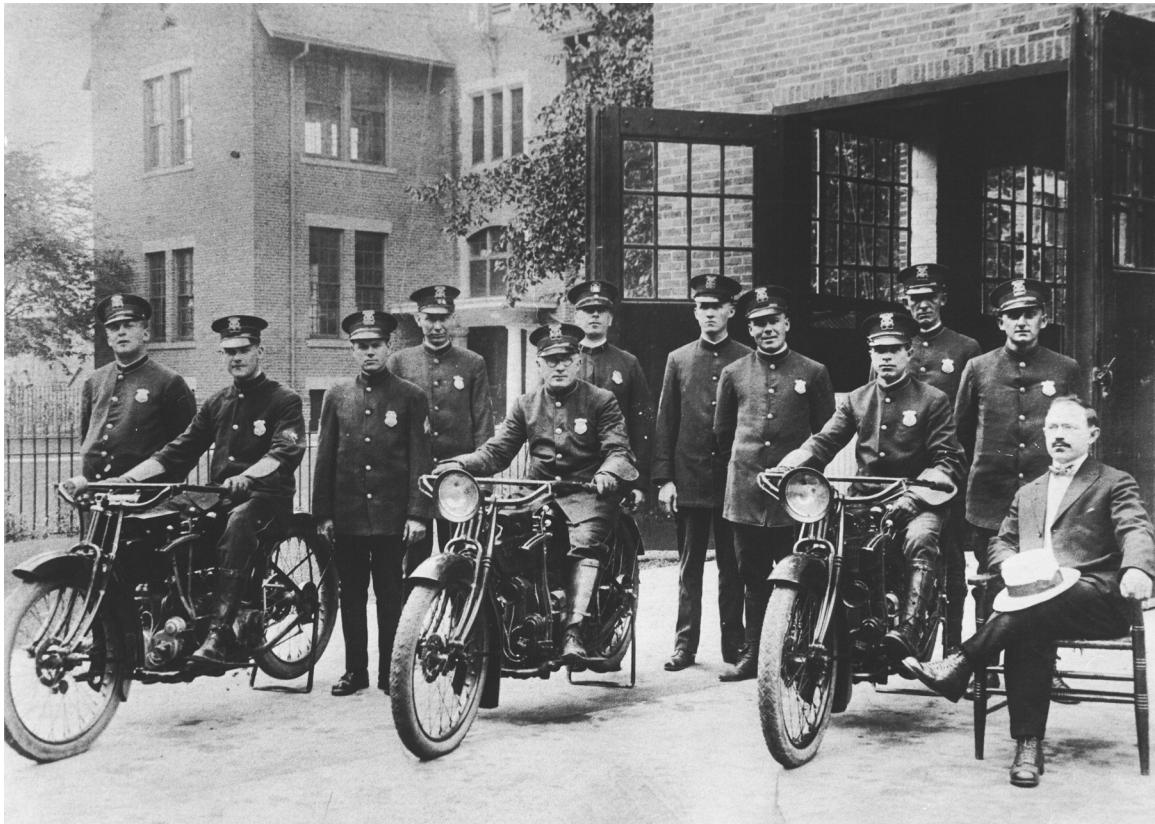
1. Mr. C's Pizza & Deli, 18660 Mack Avenue
2. Jerry's Club Party Store, 381 Kercheval Avenue
3. Mr. A's Party Shoppe, 19210 Mack Avenue
4. Village Food Market, 18330 Mack Avenue
5. The Bronze Door, 123 Kercheval Avenue
6. Luxe Bar & Grille, 115 Kercheval Avenue
7. Dirty Dog Café, 97 Kercheval Avenue
8. BluFin Sushi, 18584 Mack Avenue
9. Grosse Pointe Club, 6 Berkshire
10. Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lake Shore
11. Jumps Restaurant, 63 Kercheval Avenue
12. Jagged Fork, 18480 Mack Avenue (with outdoor service)
13. G.P. Petro (Shell), 19100 Mack
14. Country Club of Detroit, 220 Country Club Drive
15. Flyleaf, 92 Kercheval Avenue
16. Village Bistro

SDD LICENSES: Liquor sold in the original container for consumption off the premises.

1. Mr. C's Pizza & Deli, 18660 Mack Avenue
2. Village Food Market, 18330 Mack Avenue
3. Jerry's Club Party Store, 383 Kercheval Avenue
4. G.P. Petro (Shell), 19100 Mack

CHAPTER V

PERSONNEL

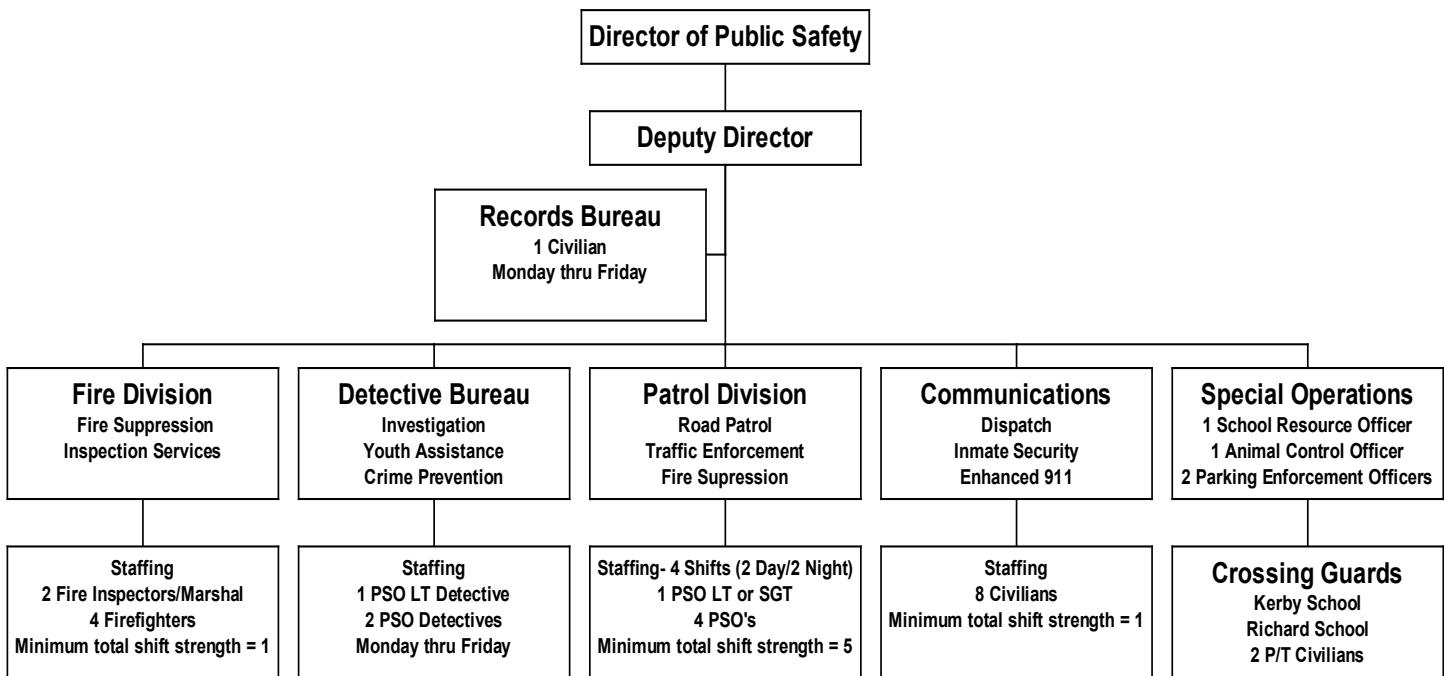


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City of Grosse Pointe Farms

December 31, 2024

Public Safety Department



RECAPITULATION BY ASSIGNMENT

Administration	3
Fire Division	4
Detective Bureau	3
Patrol Division	28
Communications	8
Animal/Code Enforcement	3
TOTAL PERSONNEL	49

Emergency Response

Minimum Personnel Maintained for
simultaneous Fire-Police Response:

Fire	6
Police	0

RANK STRUCTURE

Director	1
Deputy Director	1
PSO Lieutenant (LT)	4
PSO Sergeant (SGT)	3

RECAPITULATION BY CLASSIFICATION

Sworn Personnel	37
Civilian Personnel	12
TOTAL PERSONNEL	49

2024

GROSSE POINTE FARMS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
PERSONNEL ROSTER BY NAME, RANK AND ASSIGNMENT

ADMINISTRATION

DIRECTOR, JOHN E. HUTCHINS

DEPUTY DIRECTOR, ANDREW M. ROGERS

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, KRISTEN BIGHAM P/T

SUBTOTAL: 3

FIRE DIVISION-FIRE SUPPRESSION

FF LAWRENCE STOCKING

FF RAYMOND KRAUSE/FI/FM

FF AMBER WILLIAMS

FF ALEX PATTERSON

SUBTOTAL: 4

COMMUNICATIONS AND INMATE

SECURITY

CID JUDY CHAUVIN

CID CHRIS RICH

CID PATRICK HUGHES

CID ERICA DUFRESNE

CID ASHLEE ADAMS

CID TEISHA HUDSON

CID THERESA PAYNE P/T

SUBTOTAL: 7

INVESTIGATIONS & YOUTH ASSISTANCE

DET LT. ANTONINO TRUPIANO

PSO DET. ROGER WIERSZEWSKI

PSO DET. DEREK LAZARSKI

SUBTOTAL: 3

ANIMAL/CODE ENFORCEMENT

PES MARK JACOB

PES CONNOR FULKS P/T

PES PETE SWENSON P/T

SUBTOTAL: 3

FM FIRE MARSHALL

FF FIRE FIGHTER

FI FIRE INSPECTOR

PSO PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER

CID CIVILIAN INMATE DISPATCHER

PES PARKING ENFORCEMENT SPECIALIST (CIVILIAN)

FTO FIELD TRAINING OFFICER

SRT 6 CITY SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM

RLO RESERVE LIAISON OFFICER

SAR SEARCH & RESCUE

TU TRAFFIC UNIT

VMO VEHICLE MAINTENANCE OFFICER

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

TOTAL FULL TIME PERSONNEL 44

TOTAL PART TIME PERSONNEL 05

PATROL DIVISION

PSO LT. WESLEY KIPKE/SAR

PSO LT. VINCENT FINN

PSO LT. FRANK ZIELINSKI/RLO/VMO

PSO SGT. MATTHEW HURNER/FTO

PSO SGT. TIMOTHY HARRIS/SAR/SRT Team Leader/K9

PSO SGT. VERONICA CASHION/FTO

PSO BRANDON COATS

PSO KEITH COLOMBO/SAR Team Leader/FTO

PSO JAMES CORBETT

PSO KRISTOPHER DESMADRYL/FI

PSO KEVIN KHOURY

PSO JAMES LABEAU/FTO/SRO

PSO JASON LADUKE

PSO MARK LAQUERE/FTO

PSO WILLIAM MADSEN/TU

PSO JOE MAURER

PSO JACK MAXWELL

PSO AMANDA MCNEILL

PSO JASON NEWBERG

PSO BRYAN ORLOWSKI/FTO

PSO PAUL REYGAERT/FTO/TU/VMO

PSO COLIN RODEN/SRT

PSO JON ROSS/ SCHOOL LIAISON & TRAFFIC SAFETY

PSO RICHARD M. ROSATI/FTO

PSO MIKE RYAN

PSO PAIGE THOMAS

PSO CHARITY VANDOVER/FTO

PSO JOSEPH ZAMBARDI

SUBTOTAL: 28

VOLUNTEER CHAPLIN RICHARD SHUBEK

ANDREA SEIDEL PSAP P/T:1

STAFFING REQUIREMENTS FOR

24 HOUR POSITIONS-365 DAYS PER YEAR

FIRE DIVISION: 4.2 FF=S FOR ONE 24 HR POSITION

SHIFT STRENGTH (.98)

POLICE DIVISION: 5.2 PSO=S FOR ONE 24 HR POSITION

SHIFT STRENGTH (5.5)

MINIMUM PUBLIC SAFETY SHIFT STRENGTH 6

MINIMUM PERSONNEL MAINTAINED FOR

SIMULTANEOUS FIRE-POLICE EMERGENCY

RESPONSE

(6) FIRE

(0) POLICE

(1) DISPATCH-INMATE SECURITY

TOTAL: 7

NEW EMPLOYEES



PSO Amanda McNeill

Public Safety Officer Amanda McNeil came to us from Lathrup Village Police Department, bringing with her a wealth of police experience.



PSO Jason LaDuke

Public Safety Officer Jason LaDuke came to us from the Troy DPW. He brought with him firefighting certification and experience as a volunteer firefighter.



PSO Joseph Maurer

Public Safety Officer Joseph Maurer was hired fresh out of the fire academy, after being recommended by current department personnel.



PSO Jack Maxwell

PSO Jack Maxwell was hired immediately after completing the fire academy and upon recommendation of current department personnel.

LEFT SERVICE



PSO Mike Scott

Public Safety Officer Mike Scott retired after 24 years of service. We wish Mike and his family all the best in his retirement.



PSO Geoff McQueen

Public Safety Officer Geoff McQueen retired after 23 years of service. We wish Geoff and his family all the best in his future endeavors.



PSO Mike Hodor

Public Safety Officer Mike Hodor retired after 20 years of service. We wish Mike and his family good health and happiness in retirement.

PROMOTIONS



Lt. Frank Zielinski

Frank Zielinski was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, after serving in the rank of Sergeant in the uniformed division. Congratulations to Frank on a job well done.



Sgt. Veronica Cashion

Veronica Cashion was promoted to the rank of Sergeant, after serving as a Public Safety Officer in the uniformed position. Congratulations to Veronica for all of her hard work and dedication.



PSO Paige Thomas

Paige Thomas was promoted to the position of Public Safety Officer, after serving the department as a full-time dispatcher. Good luck to Paige in her new position on the road.



DEPARTMENT AWARDS

PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR



PSO/SRO James LaBeau

In the Spring of 2024, PSO Jim LaBeau was chosen to become the School Resource Officer at Grosse Pointe South High School. In the months that followed, he grew his newly minted position into a dynamic and multi-layered program which has been well-received by students, parents, faculty and administration.

Jim's weekly responsibilities include campus security, student counseling and mentorship, the public safety diversion program for young offenders, the "Face Addiction Now" program, supervising medical emergencies, guest speaking in classes and serving in the "Leaders of Tomorrow" program, just to name a few. He attends Blue Devil sporting events, dances, school spirit activities and in-service training, all while maintaining his police and fire certifications with the department of public safety.

Jim has stepped into his new role with pride and purpose, reveling in the challenge of building what will hopefully endure as an integral part of life at GP South High School. His commitment to the mission, easygoing demeanor and unbridled enthusiasm have made him a successful SRO and recipient of the 2024 Employee of the Year.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMENDATION



Det/PSO Roger Wierszewski Reserve Officer Ted Roney

On February 15th, a suspect pulled a pistol on an employee of Village Market on Mack, when he was confronted after shoplifting several bottles of liquor. The suspect fled from the location wearing an Amazon blue vest. Detective Wierszewski was informed by Reserve Officer Roney that several days prior, a suspect with a similar description was observed on Ring camera footage stealing packages from a porch, which was posted on the Neighbors App. Also posted was the suspect squatting at a home on Cadieux in the City of Detroit. Det. Wierszewski contacted the owner of house on Cadieux, who stated that the property was supposed to be vacant. The owner gave permission to Det. Wierszewski to enter the location. On February 18th, members of the SRT raided the home and took the suspect into custody, wearing the same jacket and shoes he wore during the robbery. Also located was a black pistol bb gun. The suspect, who is a seven-time convicted felon, was charged by the Wayne County Prosecutors Office with Armed Robbery as a Habitual 4th offender. The officer's attention to detail and responsiveness removed a violent felon from the streets in less than 72 hours.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMENDATION



PSO Jason Newberg



PSO Kris Desmadryl



PSO Jon Ross

On December 5th, officers were dispatched to Grosse Pointe Memorial Church for an adult female armed with a knife attempting to commit suicide. PSO Ross first on scene, attempted to locate the subject and evacuate the immediate area. PSO Desmadryl located the subject in a small kitchen area on the third floor with assistance from PSO Newberg. PSO Desmadryl observed her at the far end of the room, with a knife actively running it against her wrist. He made verbal contact with her and she dropped the knife, turned toward an electric stove and turned the burners on. PSO Newberg prompted PSO Desmadryl for them to approach her and go hands on, taking her to the ground and preventing her from harming herself. PSO Ross also aided in securing her and thankfully she did not have any wounds to her wrists or any part of her body. The female began to calm down when her mother arrived and they walked out to the Medic unit for transport to St. John. These officers are commended for their assertiveness and professionalism in preventing self-harm to a person in distress.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMENDATION



Det/PSO Derek Lazarski



PSO Keith Colombo



PSO Jim LaBeau



PSO Paige Thomas

On July 11th, a suspect exposed himself and masturbated while following a minor female down Moran Road. A quick investigation revealed that the suspect was employed at the Detroit Athletic Club. Detective Lazarski, PSO Colombo, PSO LaBeau and PSO Thomas made the location and immediately took the subject into custody without incident. Their decisive actions took a predator off the streets before he could prey on other unsuspecting children. These officers are commended for their well-coordinated investigation and swift actions.

DIRECTOR CITATION



Detective Derek Lazarski

On November 17th, 2023, a single vehicle crash occurred on Ridge Road near Moran, killing a young passenger. Detective Lazarski painstakingly investigated the case for several months, working with the Michigan State Police and obtaining a warrant through a California Superior Court to retrieve data from an app on the driver's phone. The data revealed repeated incidents of reckless driving at high speeds, ultimately determined to be the cause of the fatal crash. Detective Lazarski secured a charge of 2nd degree murder on the driver through the Wayne County Prosecutors' Office in the summer of 2024. His thoroughness, tenacity and compassion while investigating this unfortunate tragedy is deemed worthy of the Director of Public Safety Citation.

CITATION



Sgt. Veronica Cashion



Det/PSO Roger Wierszewski



PSO Richard Rosati



PSO Bryan Orlowski



PSO Brandon Coats

On July 23rd, PSO Orlowski and Rosati responded to a burglary alarm at Enterprise Rental on Mack. The alarm indicated motion at the front door, garage and office. Upon arrival, PSO Orlowski observed a gray Jeep Wagoneer parked in the alley behind the building with no license plate. The vehicle fled without lights onto W/B Mack at a high speed. Sgt. Cashion and PSO Coats arrived shortly thereafter and observed the front door had been smashed. Officers entered the building to check for individuals inside. Coats and Cashion checked the front office while Rosati and Orlowski entered the garage. Yelling was heard from the garage, and PSO Rosati was observed on the ground, with his department issued weapon aimed at an individual who was under a truck and PSO Orlowski was on the driver's side with his weapon drawn. The suspect initially refused to comply with officer's verbal commands until officers mentioned using a taser and he then moved from under the truck. Orlowski, Rosati and Coats grabbed the suspect, pulled him out and took him into custody. Detective Wierszewski then conducted a thorough and meticulous investigation and tied the incident to a recent string of stolen Jeep Wagoneers from the Warren Stamping Plant. He contacted the Warren PD who believed the suspect was responsible for a string of thefts in Warren and possibly other locations. These officers are commended for their prompt and thorough efforts.

CITATION



PSO Mike Ryan

On December 6th around midnight, dispatch began receiving calls from residents reporting vehicle break-ins. The night shift responded to eight larcenies from auto reports in addition, to several other vehicles found by officers with open doors. At approximately 1am, Grosse Pointe City encountered a suspect vehicle on University with suspects rummaging through a car. As the officer attempted to investigate, the suspect vehicle rapidly sped away toward Lake Shore. Patrolling near Lake Shore, PSO Ryan spotted the suspect vehicle traveling eastbound and confirmed that the license plate matched the LFA suspect vehicle provided by the detective bureau from previous incidents. As PSO Ryan approached the suspect vehicle, it accelerated down Lake Shore toward Grosse Pointe Shores. At the intersection of Lake Shore and Lochmoor, it attempted to make a left turn but lost control. All five occupants jumped out of the vehicle and fled in various directions. The night shift officers with assistance from surrounding departments established a perimeter to locate the suspects. PSO Ryan deployed Drone 3, as officers searched on foot. Drone 3 successfully detected two suspects in the rear of a home on Sunningdale hiding under some foliage, where officers promptly arrested the two suspects. Then Drone 3 indicated another thermal reading at the rear of a house on Lochmoor, where officers located a suspect hunkered down under some bushes. Grosse Pointe Shores officers located the remaining two suspects after receiving calls from concerned residents of them ringing doorbells. PSO Ryan is recognized for his skill in drone operations, while assisting officers in apprehending multiple suspects involved in over a dozen larcenies from vehicles.

CITATION



PSO William Madsen

On March 20th, PSO Madsen made a stop of a vehicle for illegal window tint and no license plate. The driver of the vehicle was suspended and had a warrant out of Grosse Pointe Woods and PSO Madsen took him into custody for the warrant. During an inventory search of the vehicle, Madsen located several credit cards in the names of other individuals and noticed the RFID chip on one had scratches, indicative of the card being tampered with. Det. Lazarski located the owners who lived in West Bloomfield and San Diego, California. Both victims stated that they had recently been victims of identity theft. They also stated they did not give the suspect permission to use their cards. The suspect was subsequently charged by the Wayne County Prosecutors office with a six-count felony warrant. PSO Madsen is commended for his attention to detail and follow up in this case.

DIRECTOR'S UNIT AWARD



Deputy Director Andrew Rogers



Det./Lt Antonino Trupiano



Lt. Wes Kipke



Det/PSO Roger Wierszewski



Det/PSO Derek Lazarski



PSO Keith Colombo



PSO Paul Reygaert



PSO Jason Newberg



PSO James LaBeau



PSO Mark Laquere



PSO Jon Ross



PSO Paige Thomas

GPC Det/PSO Mike Nardozzi -Not Pictured

In June of 2024, an investigation into a criminal enterprise comprised of suspects selling stolen vehicles after retagging them with illegitimate vin numbers was led by Detective Derek Lazarski. Lazarski organized an undercover sting operation on June 26th, consisting of Grosse Pointe Farms detectives, plain clothes and uniformed patrol officers, our drone unit and a detective from Grosse Pointe City. The operation took place in the parking lot at Chase Bank located at Mack/Moross, where an undercover buy of a stolen/retagged vehicle was arranged. PSO LaBeau and PSO Thomas (in plain clothes) met with one of the suspects to affect the transaction, as the suspect's partner looked on from a nearby vehicle and officers surveilled the operation from surrounding areas and overhead with the drone. When the order was given, all officers converged on the suspects, causing one of them to flee on foot toward Mack and Moross.

PSO's LaBeau, Ross, and Thomas, Detectives Lazarski and Narduzzi, Lt. Kipke, Deputy Director Rogers all gave chase on foot, as other officers closed in with their vehicles. Det Lt Trupiano took the fleeing suspect's unsuspecting partner into custody, while he watched the chase unfold. The fleeing suspect was pursued into the intersection of Mack/Moross, where he decided to surrender and was taken into custody without incident, in front of busy mid-day traffic.

The arrests resulted in an 11-county felony warrant, including "Conducting a Criminal Enterprise" which is punishable by 20 years in prison. One of the suspects, who had already served 11 years for carjacking, was arrested again while awaiting our charges for attempting to re-tag two more stolen vehicles.

All involved officers are recognized for their thorough and exhaustive efforts in taking two career criminals off the street. Their tenacity and professionalism are commended and appreciated.

CHAPTER VI

CITIZEN VOLUNTEERS OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS



City of Grosse Pointe Farms **POLICE RESERVE UNIT**

DET. EDWARD WIERSZEWSKI
RESERVE LIAISON OFFICER

LT. FRANK ZIELINSKI
RESERVE LIAISON OFFICER



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John Parnell, Jr.
Vice Commander

Det. Edward Wierszewski
Reserve Liaison Officer

DATE: January 3, 2025

TO: John Hutchins, Director of Public Safety
Andrew Rogers, Deputy Director
Lt. Frank Zielinski, Reserve Liaison Officer
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FROM: Peter C. Swenson, Reserve Unit Commander

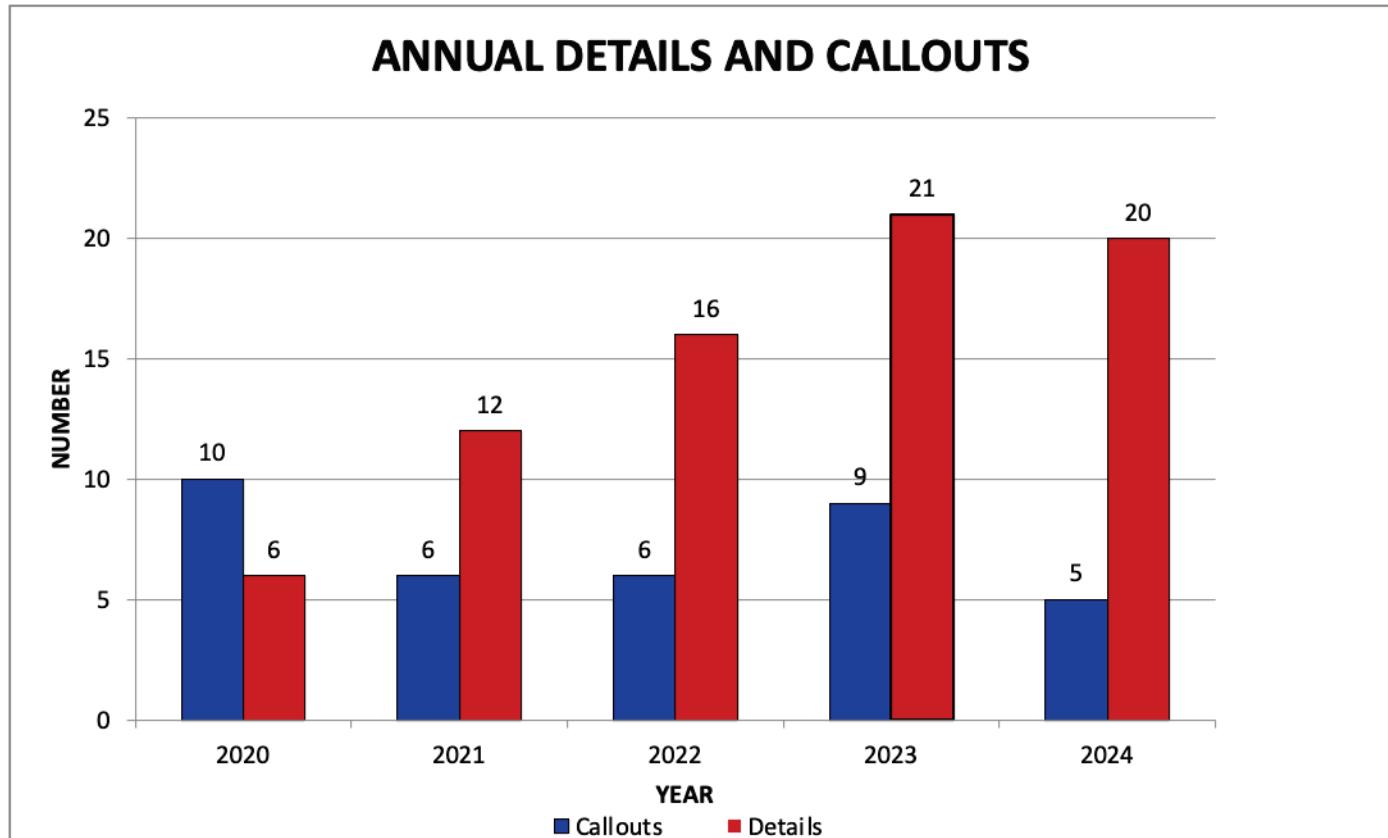
RE: **2024 GPF Police Reserve Unit Annual Report**

Throughout 2024, the officers of the Grosse Pointe Farms Police Reserve Unit remained dedicated to the Department of Public Safety and the residents of the community. The members of the Unit, comprised of volunteer residents of Grosse Pointe Farms, understand the vital role they perform and are committed to its success and growth.

The Reserve Unit stands at 17 members with a rank structure of (1) Commander, (1) Vice Commander, (3) Lieutenants, (3) Sergeants, and (9) Officers. We continue to actively seek new members and are currently accepting applications from those that meet the eligibility requirements. Effective January, 2025, Reserve Liaison Officer Lt. Frank Zielinski will be retiring from the Department and we wish him well in his future endeavors. We are pleased to announce that Sgt. Tim Harris will be joining us as our new Liaison Officer. Along with being a K-9 officer, Sgt. Harris is also actively involved in S.R.T., S.A.R, and the Drone Unit. We welcome him and look forward to his support.

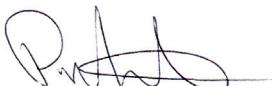
In 2024, the Reserve Unit responded to 5 callouts for assistance at fires and weather incidents, provided crowd and traffic control at 20 annual community events, and attended 6 training sessions for a combined total of 1,071 hours of service. Working in conjunction with the Department, we are continuing to develop training programs to ensure the preparedness and safety of all Reserve officers.

Dir. John Hutchins
Dep. Dir. Andrew Rogers
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The Grosse Pointe Farms Police Reserve Unit stands ready and committed to providing support to the Department of Public Safety and the residents of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Respectfully submitted,



Peter C. Swenson
Reserve Unit Commander



Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety POLICE RESERVE UNIT



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