



*Grosse Pointe Park
Department of Public
Safety*



Annual Report



2019

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City of Grosse Pointe Park Department of Public Safety

March 9, 2020

Dear Mr. Sizeland,

On behalf of the members of the Department of Public Safety, I am pleased to present the Annual Report for the year 2019. The report details crime statistics and activities of the Department throughout the year. Department members continue to display dedication and commitment to the City and its residents in tracking and deterring criminals and promoting the safety of the community through aggressive law enforcement and fire prevention procedures.

Overall crime increased by a total of 50 crimes in 2019. Overall, the numbers of crimes went from 329 in 2018 to 379 in 2019. That number included both index and non-index crimes. Taking in to consideration that 2018 was one of the lowest crime rates in recent history, 2019 reflected a slight decrease in the 5-year average. The actual number of index crimes, which are the 8 most serious crimes as defined by the FBI, increased by 2. The numbers of index crimes reported to the Department was 179.

Non-index crimes (less serious categories) also increased slightly in in 2019. The number of non-index crimes reported to the Department was 200 in 2019, which was an increase from 149 in 2018. Our officers responded to 9325 calls for service, about a 9% increase in 2019 involving criminal and non-criminal related runs.

The Department Detective Bureau prides themselves on aggressive case investigation and prosecution of the criminal element. The Department has a close working relationship with area Departments and the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office. The City's Public Safety Department is proud of the exceptionally high clearance rate for Index offenses. This clearance rate is a result of dedicated work by the patrol officers and the Detective Bureau.

In 2019, the firefighting activity total decreased four percent from the totals from 2018. We reported to the State of Michigan 462 responses. Those responses include: dwelling, fires, smoke investigations, fire alarms, utility hazards, fuel spills, ambulance runs and car fires in 2019, our EMT's responded to 279 calls for service

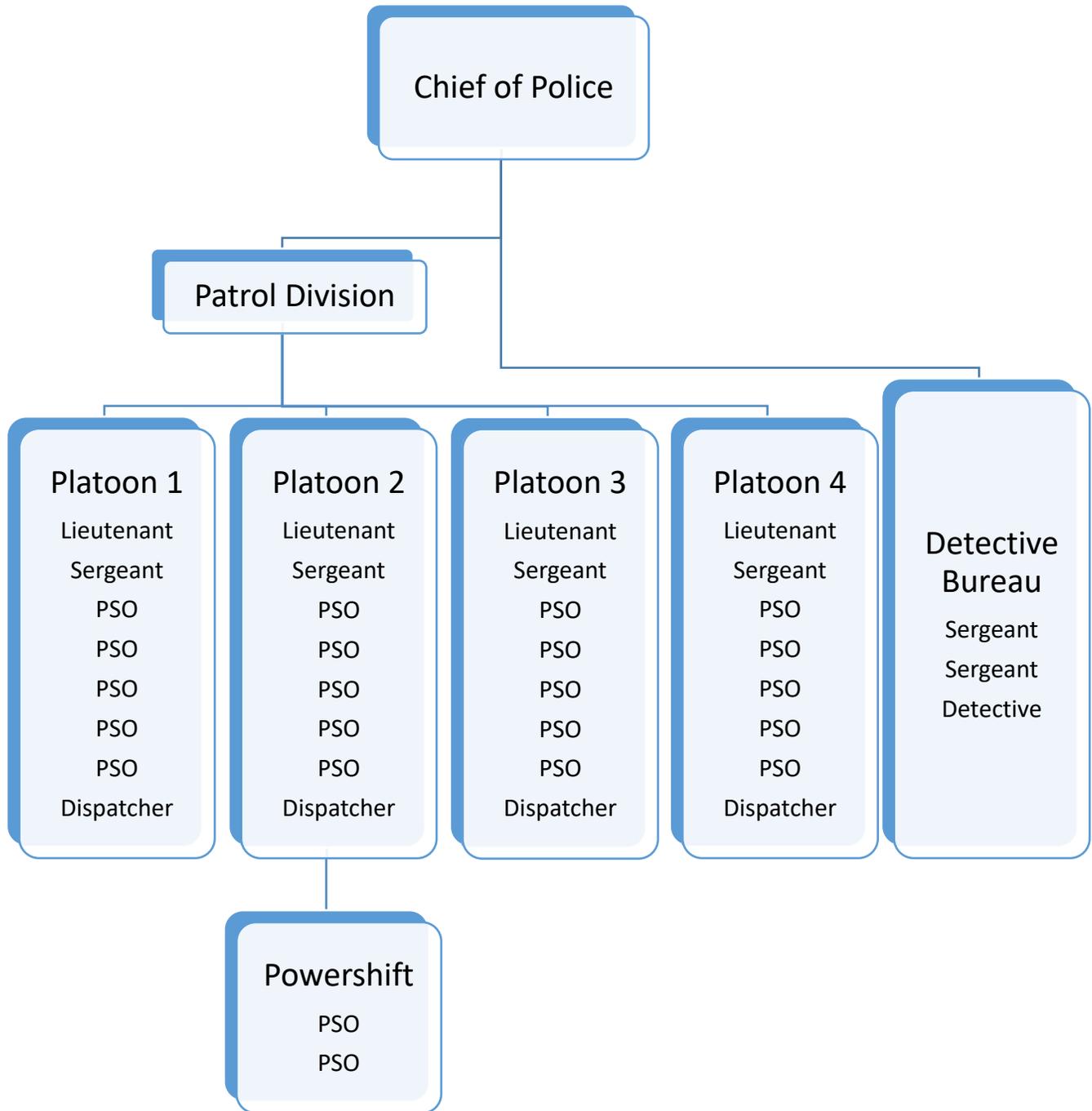
We also wanted to make note of the retirement of a long serving employee's, Lt. Jeff Longo, Lt. Ed Arnold, Sgt. James Vogler and PSO's Thomas Lazarski and Michael Najm, who served the community over 25 years and we thank them for his service. We also welcomed five new Public Safety Officers – James Thompson, Thomas Lada, Jesse Lafriniere, Ryan Nelson, and Jason Lockwood.

In closing, I am thankful for the support given to the Department in the past year. I would also like to thank all the members of the Department for their commitment to the citizens and visitors of our community. The entire Department is committed to provide as safe and crime free community for our citizens to live in as possible.

Stephen T. Poloni

Stephen T. Poloni
Chief of Police
Director of Public Safety

Department Organizational Chart



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Department Personnel Roster

Name	Rank	Date Promoted	Date Appointed
Stephen Poloni	Chief		12/18/15
James Bostock	Lieutenant	10/01/15	08/19/03
Colin Connaire	Lieutenant	06/25/17	07/21/03
Anthony Blain	Lieutenant	08/05/19	12/12/01
Brent Merlington	Lieutenant	10/31/19	03/05/96
Michael Miller	Sergeant	05/23/16	07/01/98
Terry Hays	Sergeant	06/25/17	05/24/00
Michael Narduzzi	Sergeant	04/26/19	04/15/96
Daniel Kolar	Sergeant	08/05/19	02/08/95
Jeremy Pittman	Sergeant	08/05/19	02/15/08
Stephen Thiel	Sergeant	10/31/19	07/30/01
Ryan Willmer	Detective	10/31/19	12/21/01
Christopher Jones	PSO		04/22/94
Erik Davis	PSO		12/02/95
Thomas Gamicchia	PSO		11/29/96
Ryan Milroth	PSO		08/09/99
Thomas Taylor	PSO		07/30/02
Ronald Loosvelt	PSO		07/21/03
Paul Pionk	PSO		07/21/03
Thomas Card	PSO		03/24/08
Robert Ruggero	PSO		12/19/12
Kevin Remus	PSO		03/01/15
Aristides Reyes	PSO		07/20/15
Brady Baetens	PSO		03/01/16
Scott Gilchrist	PSO		07/10/17
Adam Bremer	PSO		10/04/18
Christopher Muklewicz	PSO		10/04/18
Michael O'Brien	PSO		10/31/18
James Thompson	PSO		04/12/19
Thomas Lada	PSO		06/21/19
Jason Lockwood	PSO		08/01/19
Jesse Lafriniere	PSO		09/01/19
Ryan Nelson	PSO		11/26/19

Public Safety Dispatchers

Name	Rank	Date Promoted	Date Appointed
Jill Mazzara	Chief Dispatcher	02/24/97	02/01/93
Josephine Hendrix	Dispatcher	11/05/00	08/15/94
Jodi East	Dispatcher	11/05/00	01/07/99
Dawn Kelly	Dispatcher		07/10/11

Administrative Services

Martarose Aguilera	Exec. Secretary	06/25/01	09/11/95
Carol Semann	Clerk/Typist		05/28/02
Robin Fissette	ACTION Clerk		09/26/11
Olga Merametdjian	Ordinance Officer		06/17/19

School Crossing Guards

Arinda Mele	Crossing Guard		08/26/04
Ronald Mele	Crossing Guard		04/02/15
Greg Dunn	Crossing Guard		06/08/17
William Horner	Crossing Guard		08/28/18
Pellerito, Amy	Crossing Guard		08/12/19
Marcia Farrow	Crossing Guard		10/28/19

PERSONNEL

The City of Grosse Pointe Park Department of Public Safety employed a total of 48 employees during 2019. Of the 48 employees, 33 are sworn officers.

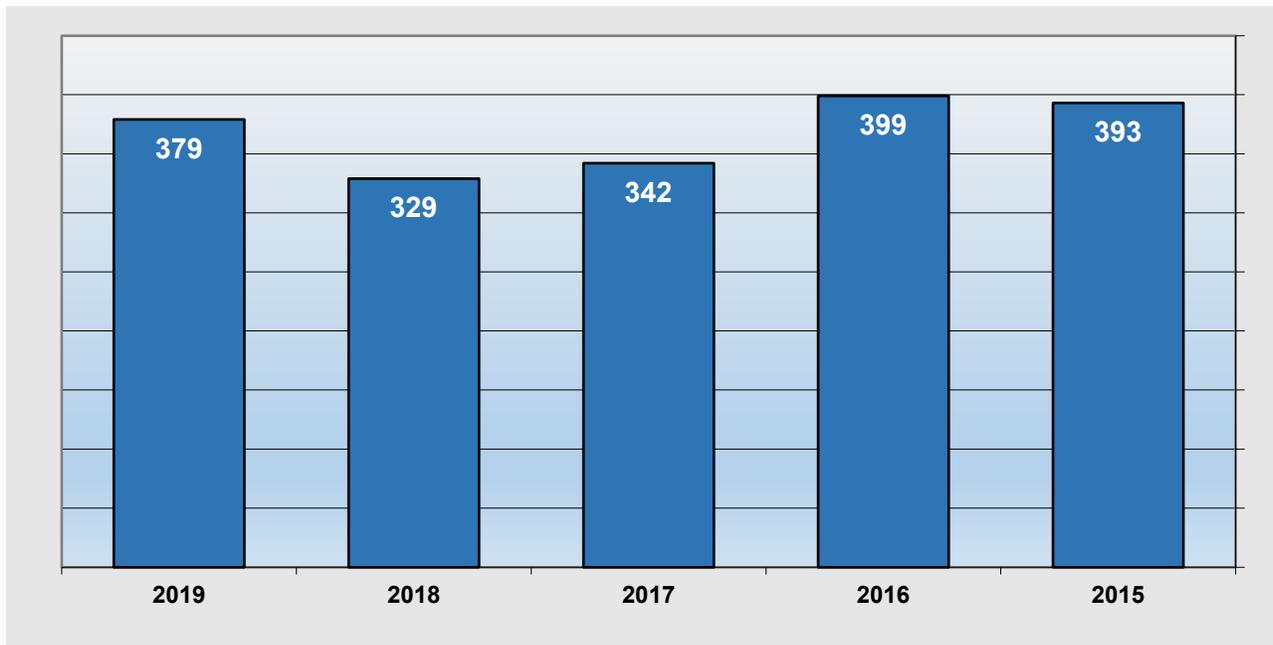
Proactive preventative patrol is the primary function of the department and 85% of the sworn personnel are dedicated to patrol functions. The Detective Bureau has 12% of the sworn staff and the administration is comprised of 3% of the staff. All personnel share in providing basic law enforcement service as needed.

Patrol Division

The patrol division of the City of Grosse Pointe Park Department of Public Safety is comprised of 4 shifts. These shifts have two supervisors and five uniformed patrol officers. The patrol shifts are responsible for the protection of life and property, enforcement of laws and ordinances, fire suppression and emergency medical responses. The patrol division responds to calls for service, traffic enforcement, field investigations and duties or special assignments in specific areas of the city.

2019 UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING

TOTAL REPORTED CRIMES



	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Index Crimes	179	177	182	228	265
Non-Index Crimes	200	149	160	111	128
Total	379	329	342	339	393

2019 UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING

INDEX OFFENSES

OFFENSES	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Sexual Offenses	6	2	7	2	4
Robbery - Armed	2	0	2	0	3
Robbery - Unarmed	2	0	2	3	0
Aggravated Assault	4	0	6	9	5
Burglary/Home Invasion	13	17	11	20	29
Larceny	138	149	139	163	201
Motor Vehicle Theft	14	9	14	31	22
Arson	0	0	1	0	1

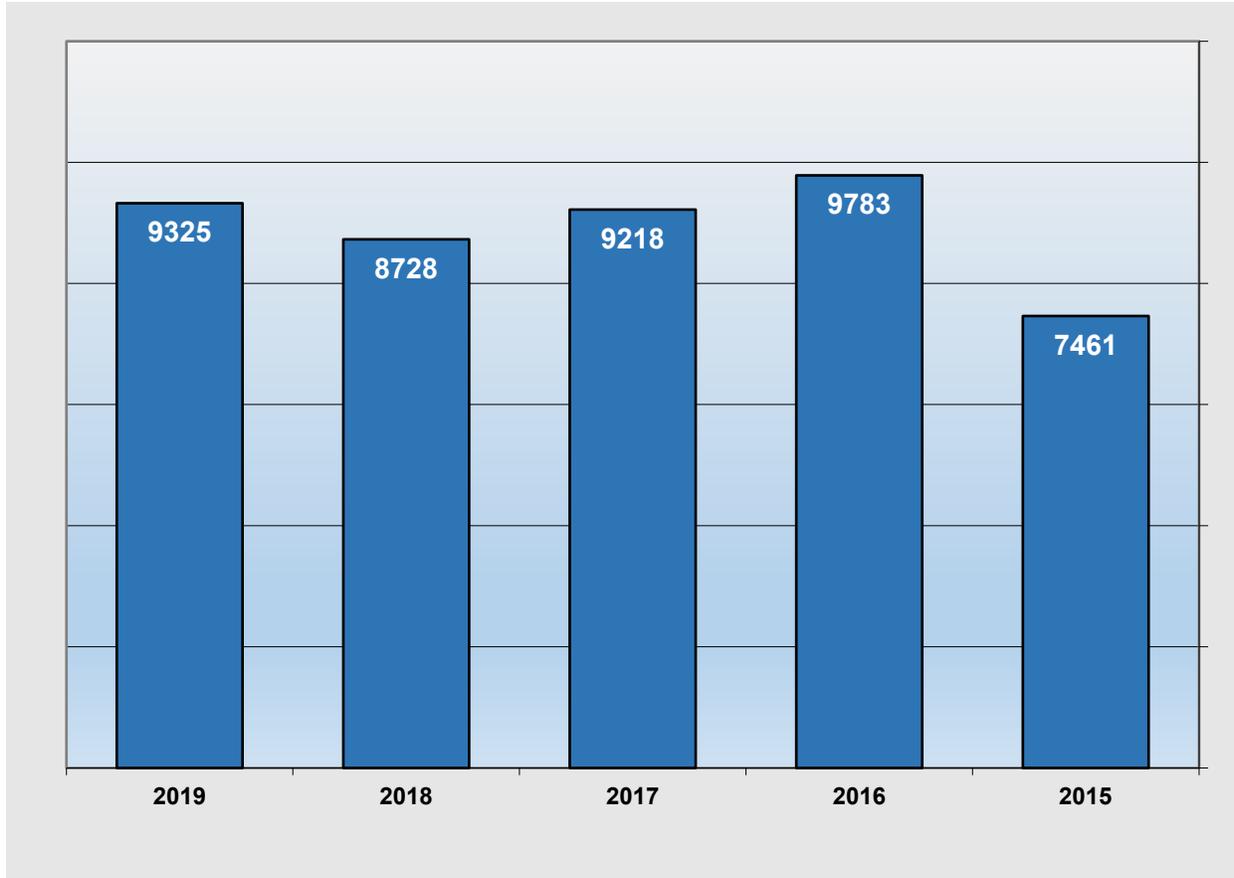
*Index crimes are the eight crimes the FBI combines to produce its annual crime index. These offenses include criminal homicide, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft, and arson. In this chart, the robbery classification is broken down into unarmed and armed robbery for these statistical purposes.

2019 UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING

Select Non-Index Crime

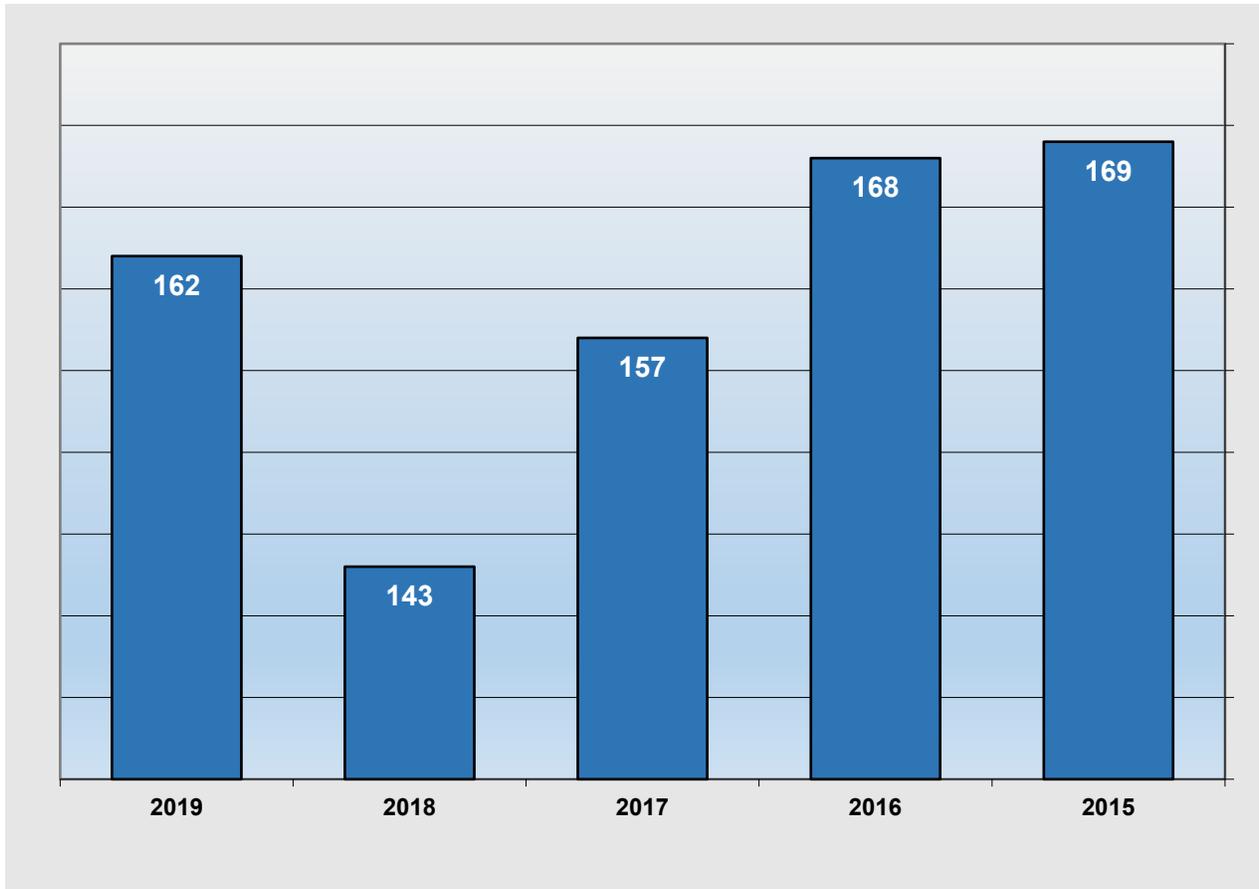
Non-Index Offenses	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Drunkenness/Liquor Law Violations	2	5	0	1	2
Obstructing Police	6	14	5	8	2
Obstructing Justice	38	39	39	44	36
Weapons Violations	4	7	2	1	2
Disorderly Conduct/Vagrancy	7	5	0	3	2
Operating While Intoxicated	32	25	20	27	18
Health/Safety	1	3	1	1	0
Trespassing	0	1	1	0	2
Antitrust Law Violations	0	0	2	0	0
Miscellaneous Criminal Offenses	5	2	3	0	0

2019 Calls for Service



These Calls for Service include a response by the police or an incident that has been discovered by patrol units.

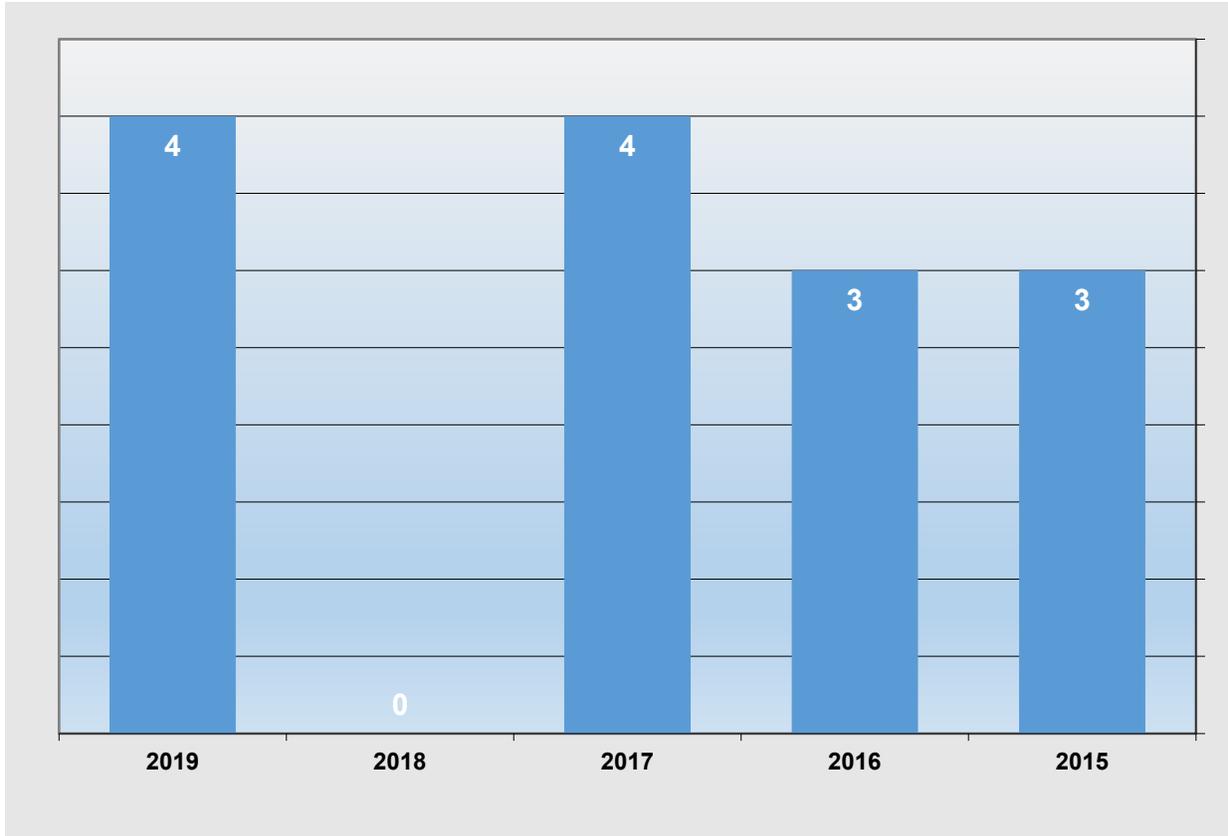
5 Year Arrest Statistics



Total Arrests

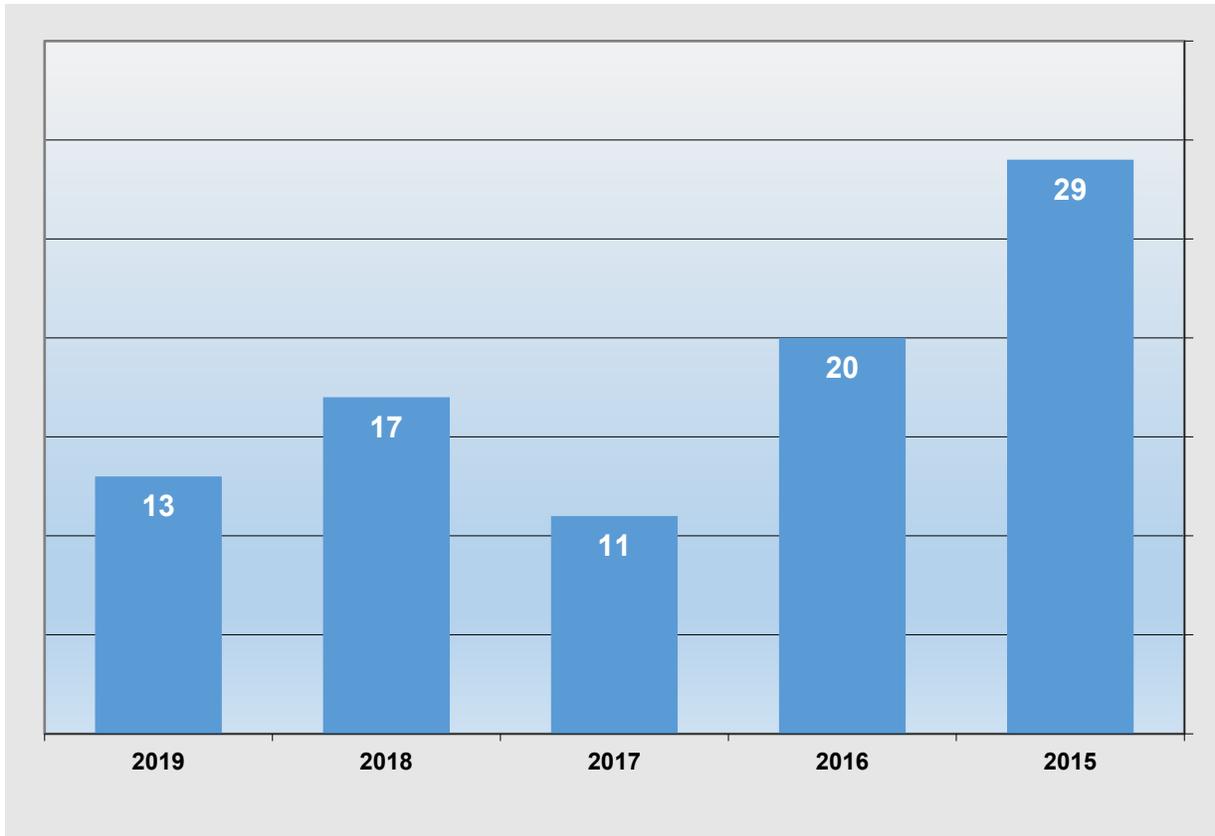
2019 - 162
2018 - 143
2017 - 157
2016 - 168
2015 - 169

5 Year Robbery Statistics



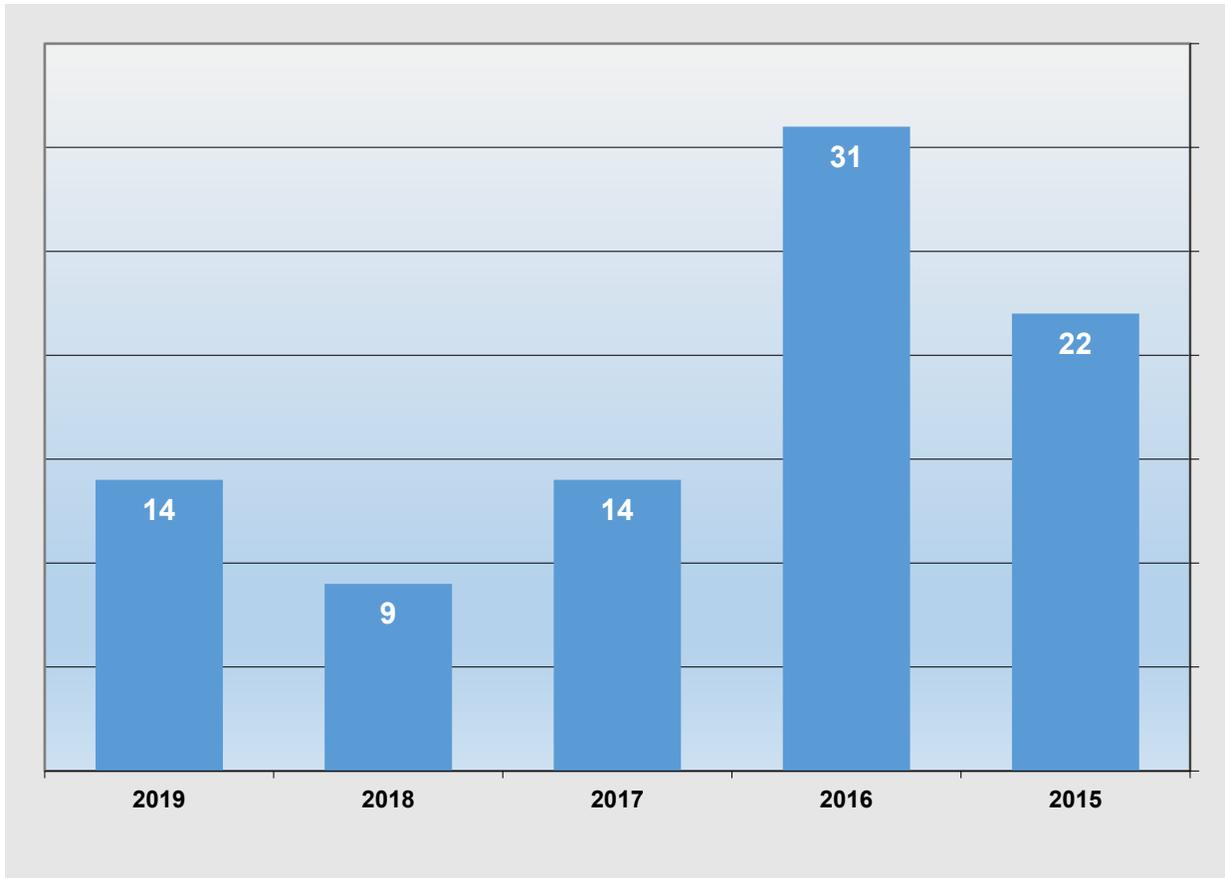
The Robbery Statistics reported include both Armed and Unarmed Robbery. In 2019, the City of Grosse Pointe Park Department of Public Safety responded to four incidents of Robbery.

5 Year Burglary/Home Invasion Statistics



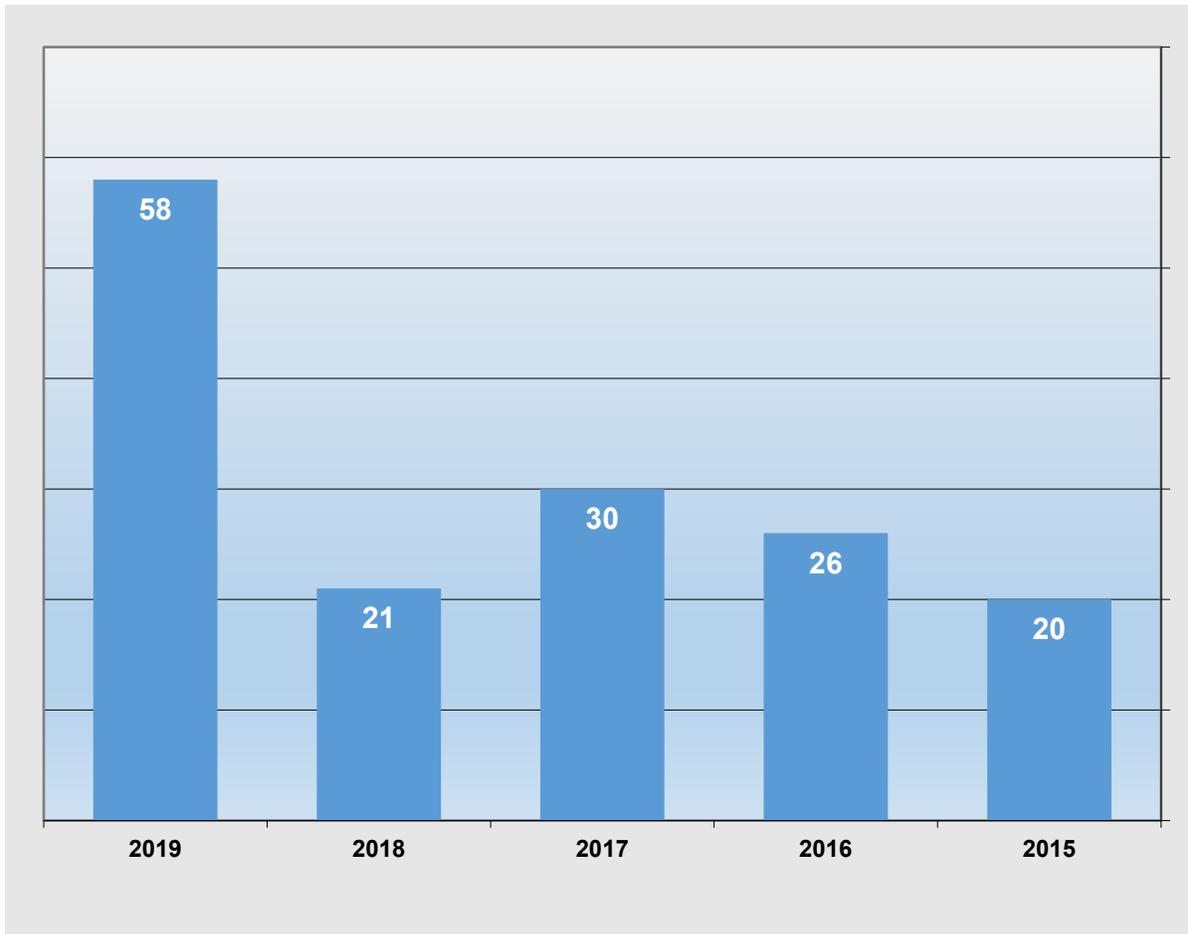
In 2019, the City of Grosse Pointe Park Department of Public Safety responded to 13 incidents. These incidents involve the breaking and entering of residential structures and commercial buildings.

5 Year Motor Vehicle Thefts



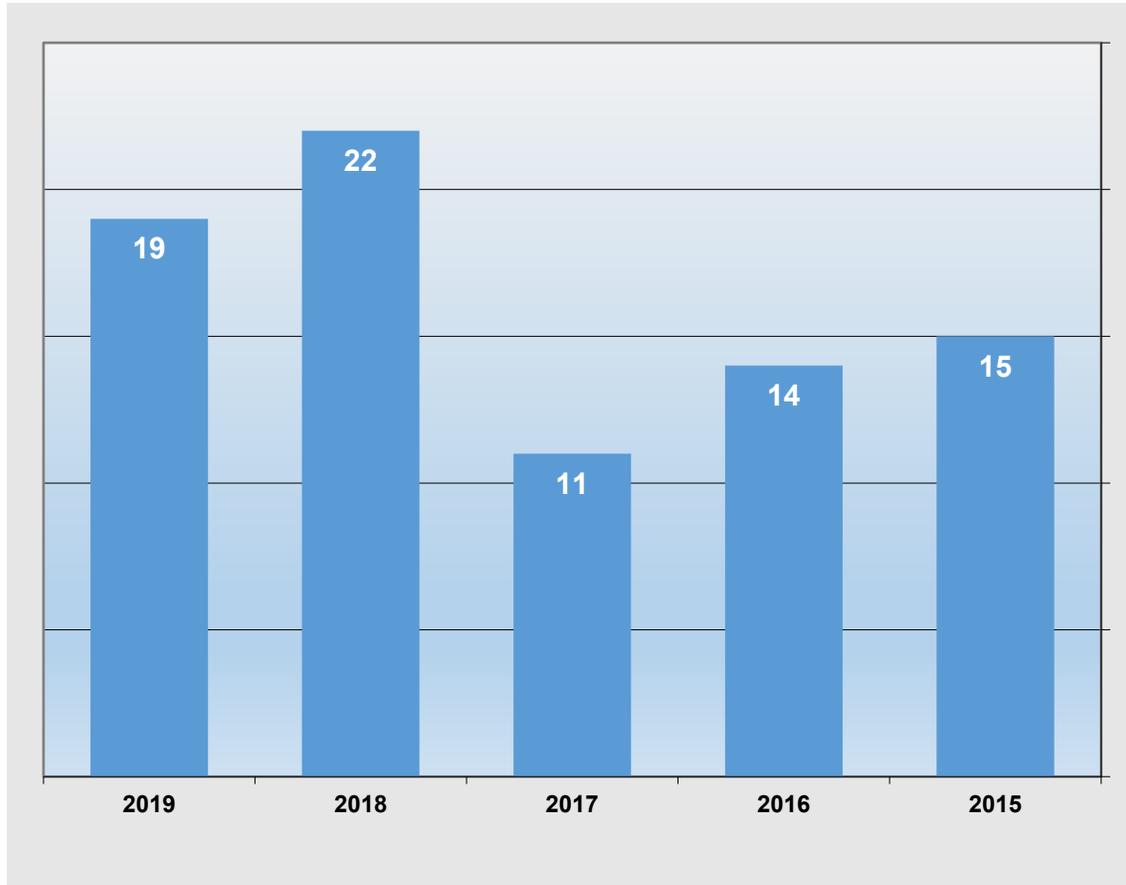
In 2019, 14 crimes were classified as motor vehicle theft.

5 Year Malicious Destruction of Property Statistics



In 2019, the City of Grosse Pointe Park Department of Public Safety responded to 58 incidents of Malicious Destruction of Property.

5 Year Assault Statistics



In 2019, the City of Grosse Pointe Park Department of Public Safety responded to 19 incidents of Assault.

Traffic/Motor Vehicle Violations

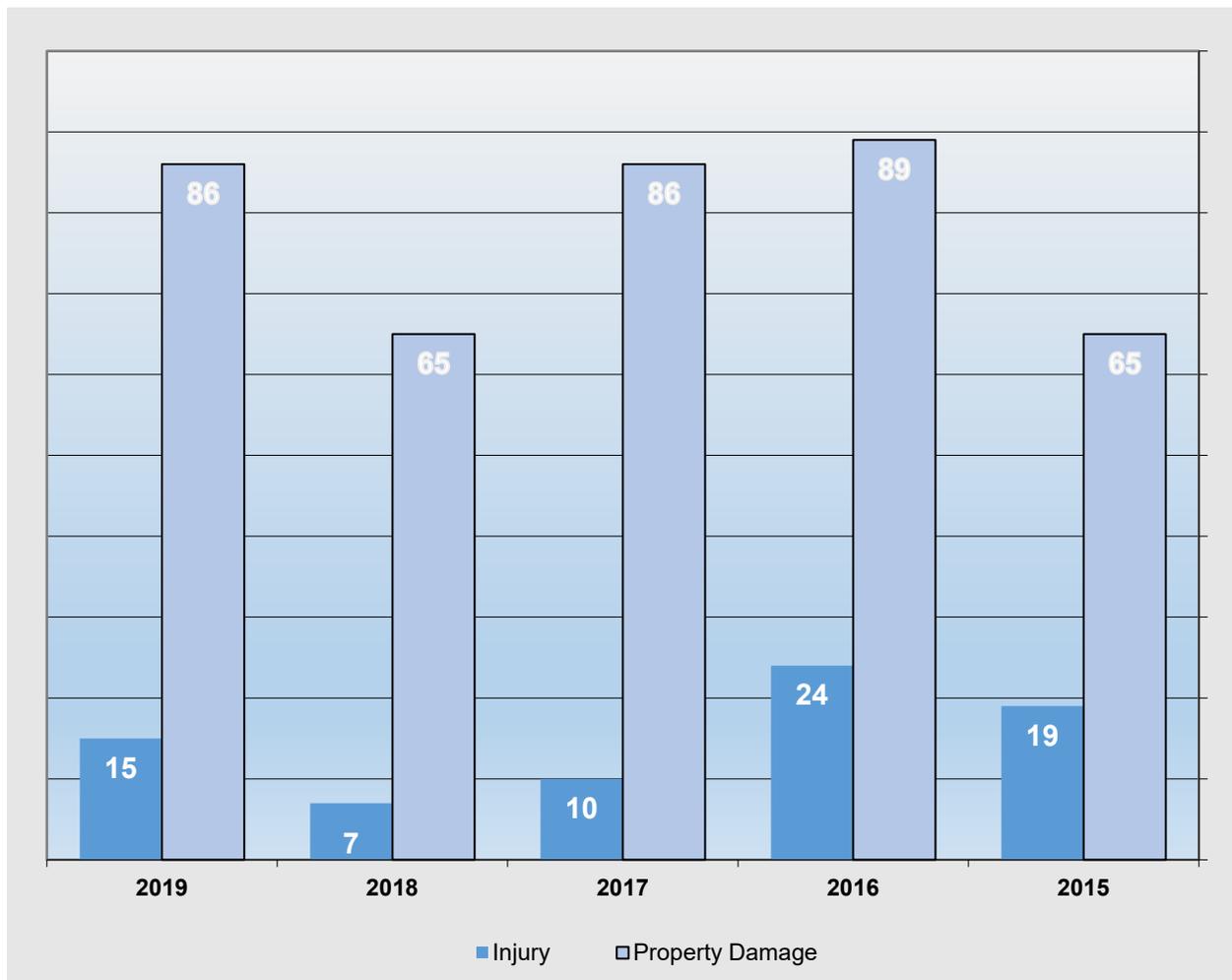
One of the primary responsibilities of the uniform division of the Public Safety Department is the enforcement of the Michigan Uniform Traffic Code. The goal of enforcing the Traffic Code is to reduce personal injury accidents, property damage and pedestrian accidents. The department utilizes fully marked and semi marked patrol vehicles which are equipped with traffic radar on a daily basis. The violations issued by officers are broken down into three categories: moving/non-moving, alcohol related and parking violations.

Moving/Non-Moving Violations	2707
Parking Violations	2879

Total Vehicle Violations	5586
Total Non-Vehicle Violations	23
Total 2018 Violations	5609

Motor Vehicle Accidents

Motor vehicle accidents are separated into 2 categories: Property Damage Accidents and Personal Injury Accidents. The Property Damage accidents include motor vehicle accidents where property is damage and no injury is reported. A Personal Injury Accident includes a motor vehicle accident where some type of injury is reported.



2019 Total Motor Vehicle Accidents.....101

2019 Firefighting Response

Dwelling-Single/Multiple	8
Miscellaneous Buildings	0
Outside Fires	3
Mutual Aid Fire Response	6
Smoke Investigations	33
Fire Alarms	56
Wires Down	46
Natural Gas Leak	11
Carbon Monoxide Detection	16
Fuel Spill/Hazmat	0
Ambulance Runs	279
Car Fires	2
Total:	462

In 2019, the Grosse Pointe Park Department of Public Safety had a \$435,500.00 fire loss for the year.

2019 Emergency Medical Services

In 2019, our Basic Life Support Units (EMT's) responded to 279 calls for service. The categories of those responses are listed in the following chart.

<i>Classification</i>	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
<i>Auto Accident</i>	7	6	8	6	7
<i>Misc. Accident</i>	34	41	68	52	32
<i>Sick Person</i>	238	305	253	245	269
<i>Assist Other Department</i>	0	0	4	4	7
<i>Dead on Scene</i>	0	1	1	1	4
TOTAL	279	313	334	308	319

Department Awards

The Awards Board is composed of five members, with at least one member of each level of the department and meets whenever awards applications occur. The Public Safety Departments awards are:

POLICE MEDAL OF HONOR - For extraordinary heroism by an officer who knowingly ignores the imminent threat to his/her personal safety.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL - for exceptionally meritorious conduct involving great risk and danger to the officer's personal safety, but less than required for the MEDAL OF HONOR.

COMMENDATION - For outstanding performance, involving personal risk to the officer that prevents a serious crime or the perpetrator is apprehended; for outstanding actions of a nature which bring unusual credit to the department and its members or contributions to law enforcement through the success of difficult programs, projects, or situations.

MERIT - Outstanding performance of duty under unusual or difficult conditions, The action need not involve exposure to physical danger, but must involve unusual thoroughness, conscientiousness, determination, and initiative.

DEPARTMENTAL UNIT COMMENDATION: May be awarded in recognition of outstanding police services performed by any departmental unit; may be presented in addition to an individual award growing out of the same action.

LIFESAVING - For officers who are directly responsible for the saving of a human life.

CHIEF'S AWARD - For individual or units who perform outstanding services in a specific task or in the performance of general duties over an extended period of time.

CHIEF'S LETTER – For performance that requires official recognition.

2019 AWARDS

Department Commendation

Lt. James Bostock
Sgt. Michael Miller
Sgt. Daniel Kolar
D/Sgt. Jeremy Pittman
D/Sgt. Michael Narduzzi
PSO Christopher Jones
PSO Thomas Taylor
PSO Adam Bremer (2)
PSO Kevin Remus (2)
PSO Michael O'Brien (2)
PSO Scott Gilchrist
PSO Jesse Lafriniere

Department Citation

Lt. James Bostock
Lt. Brent Merlington
D/Sgt. Jeremy Pittman
PSO Christopher Jones
PSO James Thompson
PSO Robert Ruggero
PSO Kevin Remus
PSO Christopher Muklewicz
Dispatcher Jill Mazzara

Life Saving Award

Lt. James Bostock
Sgt. Michael Miller
PSO Christopher Jones
PSO Christopher Muklewicz
PSO Erik Davis
PSO Brady Baetens
PSO Michael O'Brien
PSO James Thompson
PSO Robert Ruggero

Chief's Letter

Sgt. Terry Hays
PSO Thomas Taylor
PSO Thomas Lada
PSO Robert Ruggero