



Grosse Pointe Park

Department of Public Safety

Annual Report



2023

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City of Grosse Pointe Park Department of Public Safety

Dear Mr. Sizeland,

I present to you, Mayor Hodges, and the members of the Council, the Annual Public Safety Report for 2023. This report is a snapshot of the events and activities of your Public Safety Department for the year. This report also reflects the commitment, dedication and professionalism displayed by all members of the Department, all of whom I am extremely proud.

I took over as Director of Public Safety in June of 2023 after having served as Deputy Director for the previous two years. It is an honor and privilege to lead such a fine group of men and women in what I consider one of the world's noblest professions. Day in and day out, your Public Safety Officers strive to set the highest standards in public safety, and to honor our mission statement; To keep the businesses, residents, and visitors of Grosse Pointe Park safe.

Patrol is the backbone of the department; they are the initial responders to calls for service. The investigation and prosecution of criminals is the responsibility of the Detective Bureau. Their attention to detail, dedication and aggressive case investigations are a cornerstone of this Department. The Department works closely with other area departments and the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office and historically has a higher-than-average clearance rate for indexed offenses. This is a direct result of the professional and thorough work of patrol officers and the Detective Bureau.

In 2023, fire-related calls for service decreased by 32%. This is attributed to the number of medic runs handled by Medstar. House fires were down almost 60%. The department reported 409 responses to the State of Michigan. Those responses include dwelling and commercial fires, mutual aid responses, smoke and gas investigations, vehicle fires, carbon monoxide alarms, utility hazards and ambulance runs. The overall property loss calculation for last year was just under \$285,000. The majority of that cost was incurred by a commercial building fire.

2023 did present some challenges for the department. We saw a rise in the number of crimes in certain categories. Motor vehicle theft, malicious destruction of property and larcenies from motor vehicles were up from last year. Although there are some unique circumstances surrounding these increases, there is room for improvement.

We also saw a crime decrease in a number of categories. Most notably, home invasions and aggravated assaults were both down 25%. Even with the inflated larceny from motor vehicle numbers, larcenies across the board were down 7%.

In July, Medstar took over as the primary medical response for the city. Public Safety Officers will continue to respond to the initial run to assess and stabilize the scene with historically swift response times. Having Medstar transport allows us to turn over a patient to a higher level of care. It also allows officers to return to service in a timely manner.

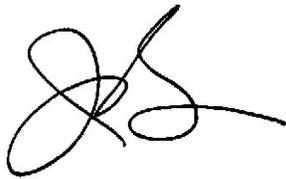
PSO Thomas Gamicchia retired in March 2023 after more than 25 years of service. We thank him for the years of honorable service and wish him well in retirement.

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I would like to thank our residents, businesses, city, and elected officials for their support. I would also like to especially thank the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation and the Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Foundation for their generosity and support.

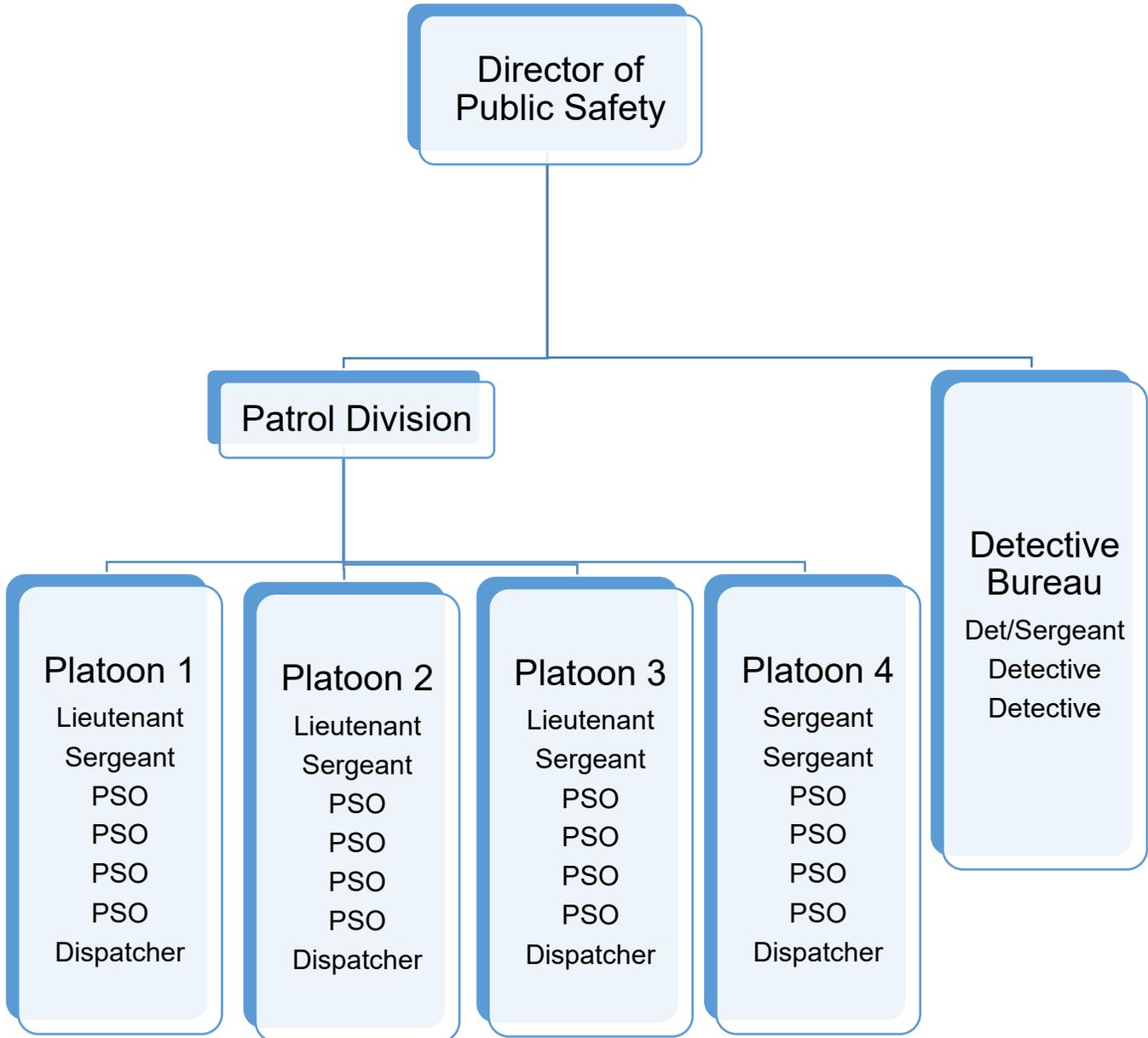
Last, but certainly not least, I want to thank the men and women of the Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Department, Dispatchers, and support staff for their commitment, professionalism and dedication which has become the standard at the Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Department.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JB', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

James A. Bostock
Director of Public Safety

Department Organizational Chart



City of Grosse Pointe Park Department of Public Safety

Department Personnel Roster

Name	Rank	Date Promoted	Date Appointed
James Bostock	Director	06/16/23	08/19/03
Colin Connaire	Lieutenant	06/25/17	07/21/03
Anthony Blain	Lieutenant	08/05/19	12/12/01
Terry Hays	Lieutenant	06/21/21	05/24/00
Michael Miller	Sergeant	05/23/16	07/01/98
Jeremy Pittman	Det/Sergeant	08/05/19	02/15/08
Stephen Thiel	Sergeant	10/31/19	07/30/01
Kevin Remus	Sergeant	06/21/21	03/01/14
Robert Ruggero	Sergeant	08/05/22	12/19/12
Thomas Card	Sergeant	01/08/23	03/24/08
Ryan Willmer	Detective	10/31/19	12/21/01
Paul Pionk	Detective	11/15/21	07/21/03
Ryan Milroth	PSO		08/09/99
Thomas Taylor	PSO		07/30/02
Ronald Loosvelt	PSO		07/21/03
Brady Baetens	PSO		03/01/16
Scott Gilchrist	PSO		07/10/17
Adam Bremer	PSO		10/04/18
Christopher Muklewicz	PSO		10/04/18
James Thompson	PSO		04/12/19
Jason Lockwood	PSO		08/01/19
Jesse Lafriniere	PSO		09/01/19
Ryan Nelson	PSO		11/26/19
Esho Matty	PSO		02/22/21
Timothy Evans	PSO		06/01/21
Korrine Farmer	PSO		10/13/21
Emily McGrath	PSO		01/04/23
Olga Merametdjian	PSO		08/21/23

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Retirements

Name	Rank	Date Appointed
Thomas Gamicchia	PSO	Retired-03/31/23

Public Safety Dispatchers

Name	Rank	Date Promoted	Date Appointed
Josephine Hendrix	Chief Dispatcher	10/31/22	08/15/94
Jodi East	Dispatcher		01/07/99
Dawn Kelly	Dispatcher		07/10/11
Madison Scott	Dispatcher		9/11/22

Ordinance Enforcement Officer

Name	Rank	Date Appointed
Richard Roraff	OEO	09/11/23

Administrative Services

Name	Rank	Date Promoted	Date Appointed
Martarose Aguilera	Exec. Secretary	06/25/01	09/11/95
Carol Semann	Clerk/Typist		05/28/02

School Crossing Guards

Name	Position	Date Appointed
Amy Pellerito	Crossing Guard	08/12/19
Charlyn Huntington	Crossing Guard	01/24/22
Sue Orlicki	Crossing Guard	08/18/22
Thomas Michels	Crossing Guard	01/31/22
Kayla Ryan	Crossing Guard	09/05/23
Colleen Nichols	Crossing Guard	10/23/23

Personnel

The Grosse Pointe Park Department of Public Safety employed a total of 42 employees during 2023. Of the 42 employees, 28 are sworn officers. Currently the City of Grosse Pointe Park employs 27 sworn public safety 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 contains 11% of the sworn staff and the administration is comprised of 4% of the staff. All personnel share in providing basic law enforcement service as needed.

Patrol Division

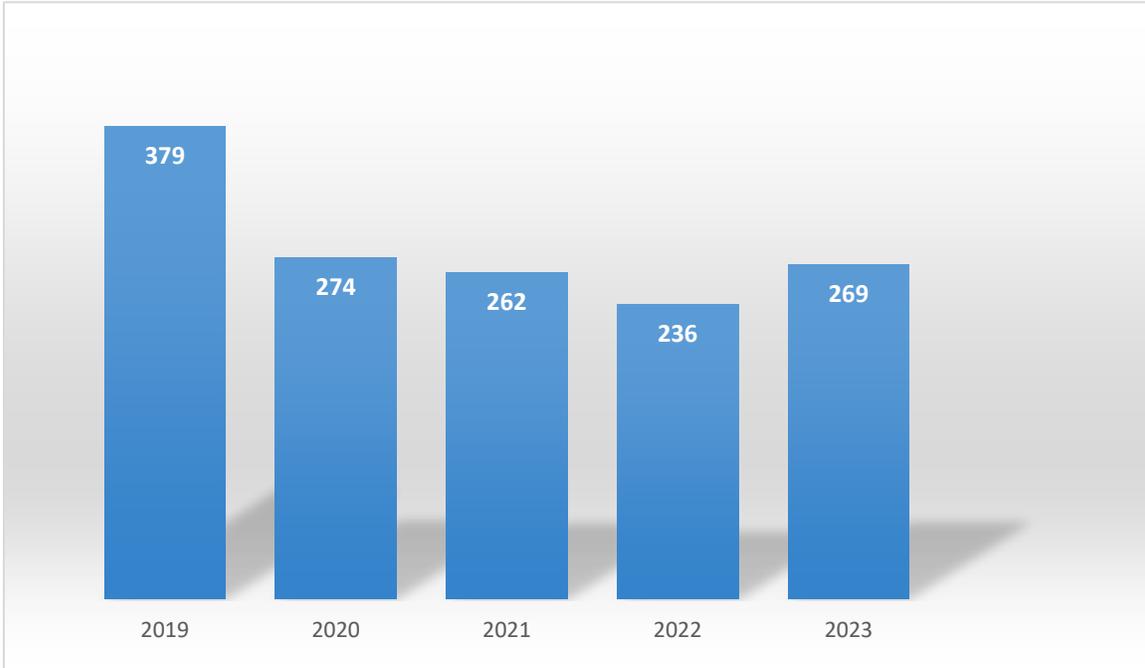
The patrol division of the City of Grosse Pointe Park Department of Public Safety is comprised of 4 platoons. Each platoon has two supervisors and four uniformed patrol officers. The patrol shifts are responsible for the protection of life and property, enforcement of laws and ordinances, and fire suppression.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

Investigations

The Detective Bureau is responsible for investigating crimes occurring within the City of Grosse Pointe Park. The Detective assigned to each case will investigate each incident fully, until a suspect is developed and prosecuted, or until all leads have been exhausted. The Detective Bureau works as a team to provide the best service possible to each citizen.

2023 UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING

TOTAL REPORTED CRIMES



	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Index Crimes	179	136	111	179	180
Non-Index Crimes	200	138	151	57	89
Total	379	274	262	236	269

2023 UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING

INDEX OFFENSES

OFFENSES	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Sexual Offenses	6	5	4	1	2
Robbery - Armed	2	0	1	0	3
Robbery - Unarmed	2	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	4	8	0	4	3
Burglary/Home Invasion	13	12	9	21	8
Larceny	138	98	79	121	113
Motor Vehicle Theft	14	12	18	32	51
Arson	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	179	136	111	179	180

**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.*

2023 UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING

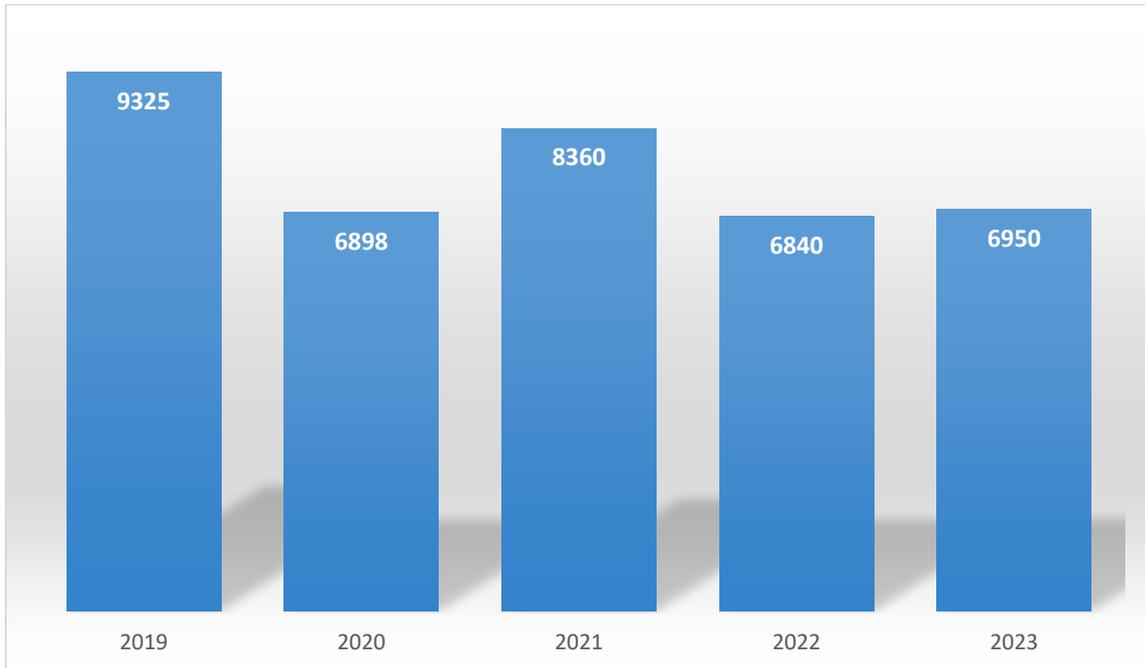
Select Non-Index Crime

Non-Index Offenses	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Drunkenness/Liquor Law Violations	2	2	6	5	0
Obstructing Police	6	10	4	8	10
Obstructing Justice	38	27	0	0	0
Weapons Violations	4	3	6	1	1
Disorderly Conduct/Vagrancy	7	1	4	2	3
Operating While Intoxicated	32	33	42	38	14
Health/Safety	1	2	0	0	2
Trespassing	0	5	0	3	2
Damage to Property					57
Totals	90	83	62	57	89

2023 –DAMAGE TO PROPERTY added to the Select Non- Index Crime Stats.

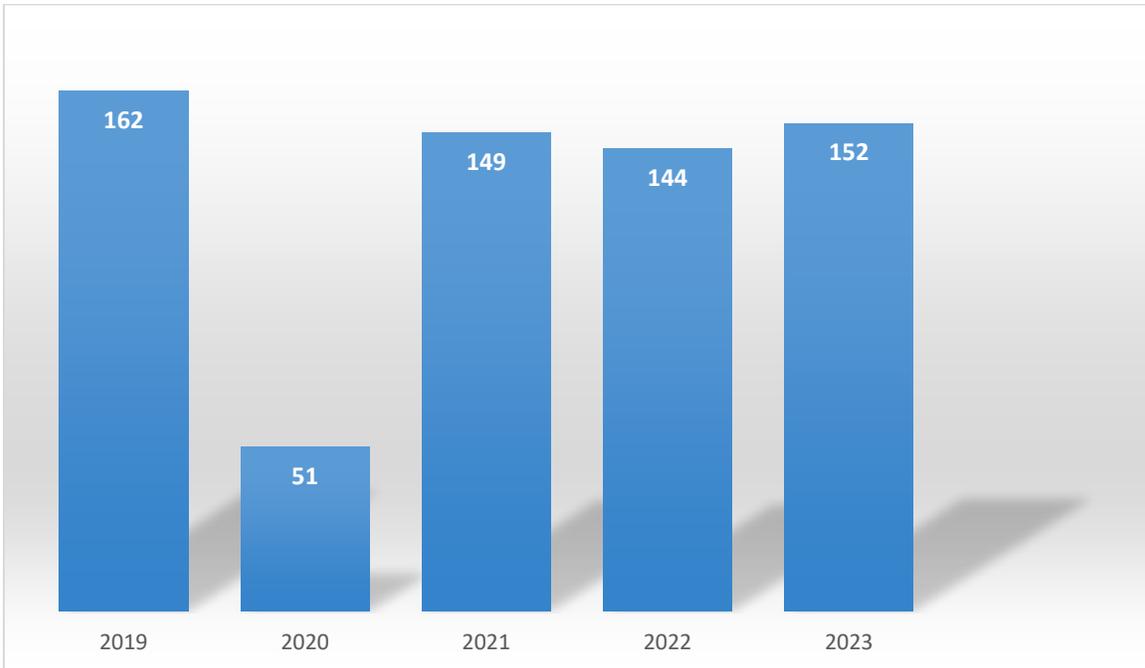
To willfully and maliciously destroy or injure the personal property of another person.

2023 Calls for Service.

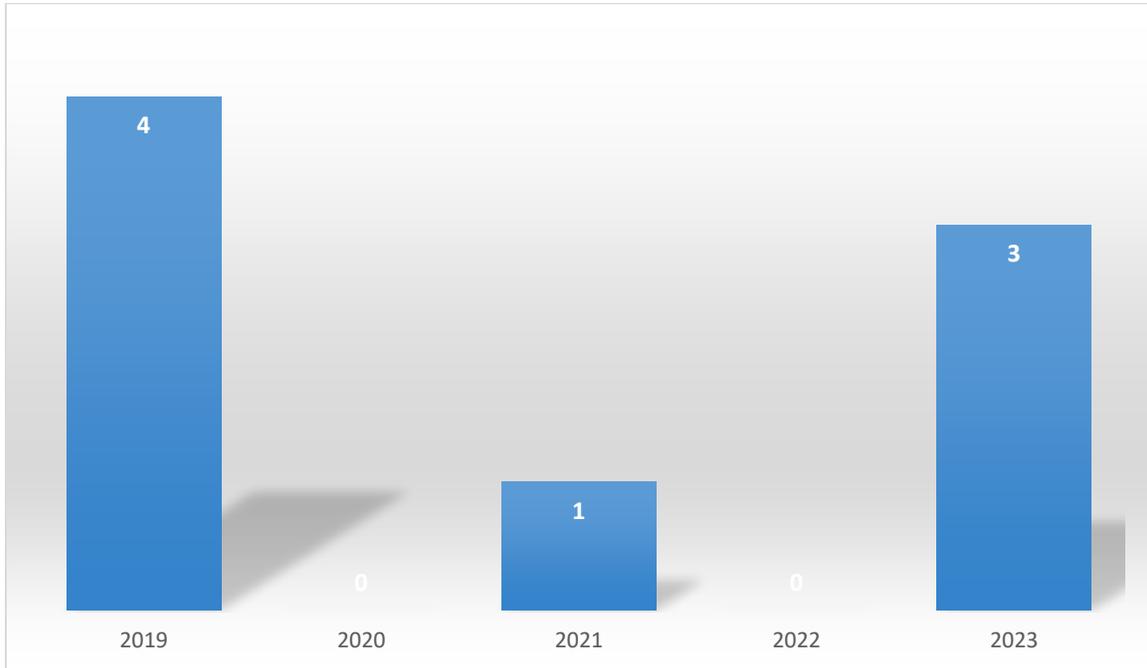


These Calls for Service include a response by the police or an incident that has been initiated by patrol units, such as traffic stops, citizen assists, or suspicious person investigations.

5 Year Arrest Statistics

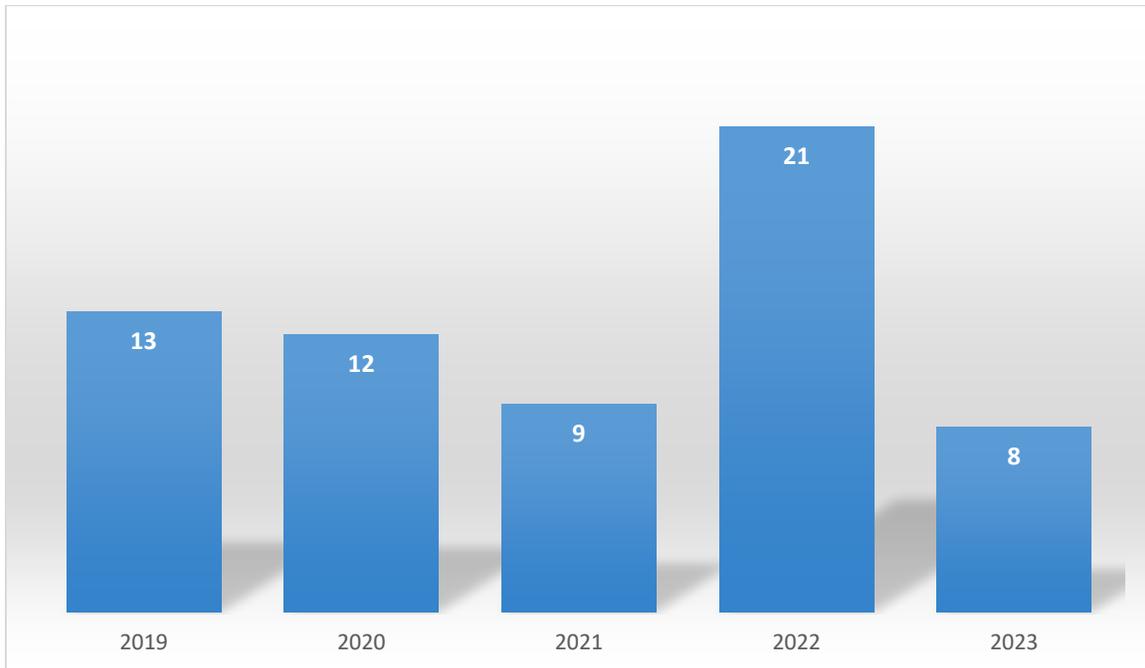


5 Year Robbery Statistics



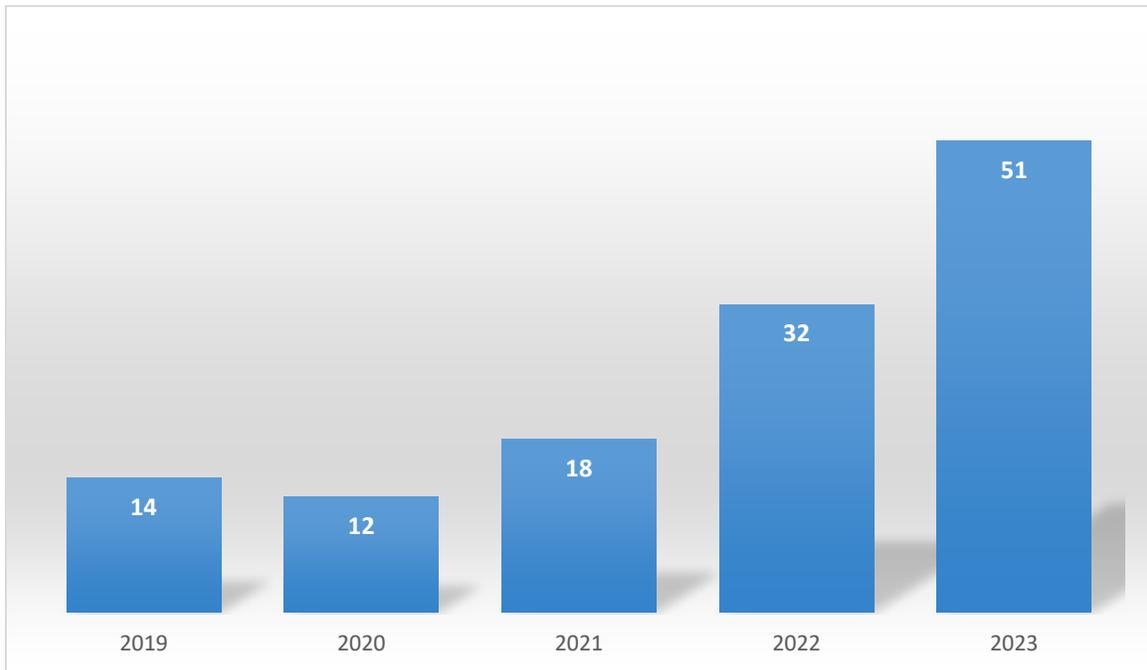
Robbery Statistics reported include both Armed and Unarmed Robbery. In 2022 & 2020, there were no reported robberies in Grosse Pointe Park.

5 Year Burglary/Home Invasion Statistics



These incidents involve the breaking and entering of residential structures and commercial buildings, both forcible and non-forcible entry.

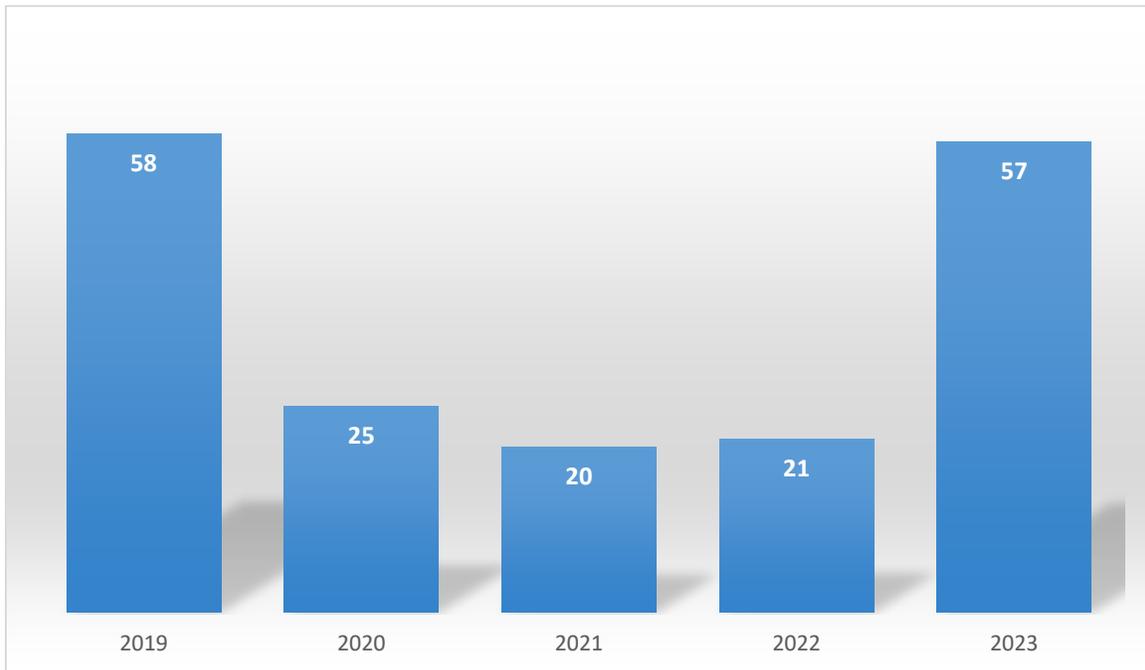
5 Year Motor Vehicle Thefts



These incidents include only vehicles that were stolen and not the attempt.

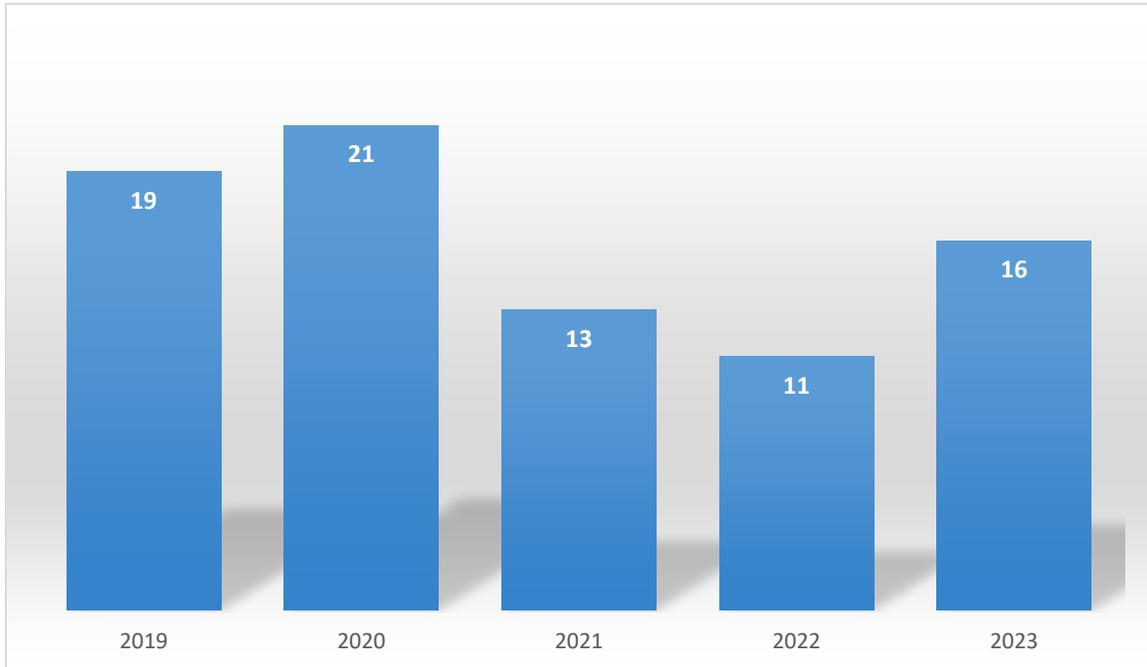
- **2023 Notes:**
 - *23 Attempted vehicle thefts.*
 - *20 Vehicles taken with keys / fobs left inside.*
 - *14 Kia vehicles stolen (27%)*

5 Year Malicious Destruction of Property Statistics



In 2023, One group was arrested and charged with 45 incidents that occurred over the course of two weeks. Damage caused by BB guns.

5 Year Assault Statistics



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.

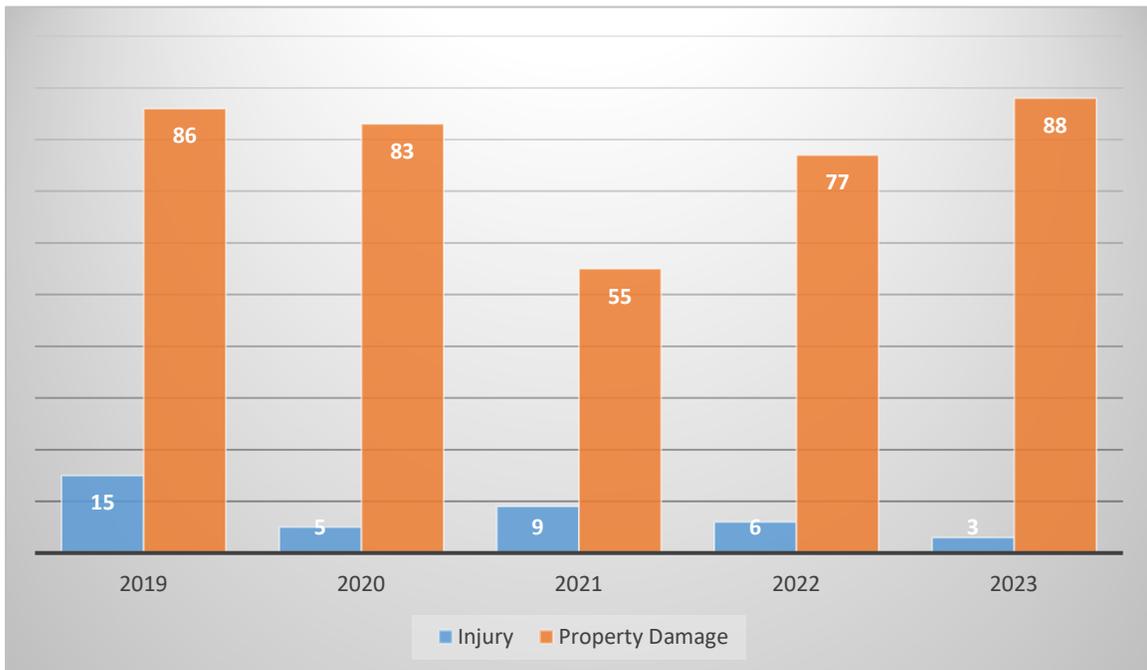
The Department utilizes fully marked and semi marked patrol vehicles which are equipped with traffic radar on a daily basis. The violations issued by officers are broken down into three categories: moving/non- moving, alcohol related and parking violations.

Moving/Non-Moving Violations	1,356
Parking Violations	1,117
Alcohol Related Violations	13

Total Vehicle Violations	2,486
Total Non-Vehicle Violations	62
Total 2023 Violations	2,548

Motor Vehicle Accidents

Motor vehicle accidents are separated into 2 categories: Property Damage Accidents and Personal Injury Accidents. Property Damage accidents include motor vehicle accidents where property damage amounts to at least \$1000 in damage and no injury is reported. A Personal Injury Accident includes a motor vehicle accident where some type of injury is reported.



2023 Total Motor Vehicle Accidents.....91

2023 Firefighting Response

Dwelling-Single/Multiple	7
Miscellaneous Buildings	0
Outside Fires	3
Mutual Aid Fire Response	8
Smoke Investigations	65
Fire Alarms	101
Wires Down	45
Natural Gas Leak	3
Carbon Monoxide Detection	27
Fuel Spill/Hazmat	0
Ambulance Runs	148
Vehicle Fires	2
Total:	409

In 2023, the Grosse Pointe Park Department of Public Safety had \$285,500 in fire loss for the year.

2023 Training Summary

In 2023, The Grosse Pointe Park Department of Public Safety expanded its tradition of training and continuing education. The Department began the rigorous process of training and certifying drone pilots for the developing aerial drone program. Grosse Pointe Park also hosted Fire Pump Operations and Aerial ladder truck courses that were open to other area departments in the Pointes and beyond. The department sent two new Public Safety Officers to the 11 weeklong fire academies. Over the course of the year, the newer supervisors attended hundreds of hours of courses on Incident Command and on performing the duties of a Fire Company Officer. Other supervisors were able to continue their pursuit of the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association course trilogy.

All members of the department took part in monthly hands-on training in firefighting skills and firearms/defensive tactics. Officers also took virtual/online courses and tutorials in Police, Fire and EMS areas via two online training course platforms to which the department has subscribed.

Drone Pilot Training:

This year, the department began developing an aerial drone program. This process began by sending two officers on a 20-hour training course that covered both the hands-on technical skills required to pilot a drone as well as the legal and safety laws and regulations involved. One supervisor also attended an 8-hour drone conference that covered using drones to map crime scenes, conduct search and rescue operations as well as the addition of a thermal camera feature to conduct searches via heat signature.

Total Hours: **48**

Special Response Team (SRT) Training:

The department currently has two officers assigned to the Grosse Pointes/Harper Woods Special Response Team. These two officers attended 320 hours of SRT training. One officer also attended a 50-hour Sniper School followed by 72 hours of monthly sniper training.

Total Hours: **422**

Firearms Training/Qualification:

The department conducted a spring and fall gun range session. This enabled all officers to perform their state mandated pistol, rifle, shotgun, and Taser qualifications. These days also provided an opportunity for scenario-based training. Officers were able to practice responding to active/school shooter scenarios as well as clearing houses and buildings in search of potentially armed suspects. Several officers also attended an 8-hour Glock armorer course so

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they could inspect and maintain the department's pistols. This includes the department's annual legal update and use of force training.

Total Hours: **320**

Supervisory Courses:

Three of the department's newer supervisors attended numerous hours of courses in the field of first line supervision. Three sergeants attended the 80-hour Fire Officer 1 class, which is required to be the incident commander at a fire scene. Two of the supervisors also completed the 300 and 400 level Incident Command System course. Two supervisors attended the DeWolf and Associates First Line Supervision course, SHIELD Institute Municipal Risk Management Course and an 8-hour course in Critical Incident Stress Management.

Total Hours: **499**

FBI Law Enforcement Executive Leadership Association Seminars:

In 2023, the department was able to send 5 members to weeklong leadership courses presented by the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Leadership Association. These weeklong courses are part of a trilogy that teaches and discusses the most pressing issues facing department leadership today. This year's topics included recruitment and retention of younger officers as well as employee wellness and positive labor relations.

Total Hours: **140**

Defensive Tactics:

This year, the department sent two officers to a 40-hour Krav Maga/Defensive Tactics course. These officers were able to pass on what they had learned and practiced during the department range day. This offered an important tutorial in techniques and tactics to get a combative suspect safely into handcuffs.

Total hours: **80**

Intoxilyzer 9000 (Breathalyzer) Training:

In 2023, The Michigan State Police began the process of replacing the old Datamaster Breathalyzer device with the new Intoxilyzer 9000. This required all existing breathalyzer operators to be retrained and recertified. The department also sent several newer officers to the training. This course included 2 hours of virtual training which doubled as a Preliminary Breath Test Certification. Upon completion of this training, the officers then attended a 2 hour in-person session with hands-on training in operating the new device.

Total Hours: **60**

Salvage Vehicle Inspection Training:

In 2023, One officer attended a 40-hour salvage vehicle inspection course. This certification allows the officer to inspect salvaged vehicles and to certify that they do not contain stolen parts.

Total Hours: **40**

Monthly Fire Training:

Throughout the year, each shift engaged in in service training focused on sharpening the fundamental skills of firefighting. There was an emphasis placed on the essential tasks needed at every fire in an effort to make them instinctual. This in-service training consisted of everything from donning gear and air tanks quickly to apparatus placement and hydrant connections. One supervisor built a simulated pitched roof so that officers could practice making ventilation cuts.

Total Hours: **552**

Fire Apparatus Training: Pump Operations/Aerial Operations:

In the fall of 2023, the department hosted two Fire Apparatus related courses. These courses were attended by Officers from the other Grosse Pointes as well as Roseville and Mount Clemens. These courses provided hands-on instruction in getting the most out of both pumper and aerial ladder trucks. The instructors also taught key points in vehicle inspections and on scene trouble shooting.

Total Hours: **120**

Firefighter I and II (Fire Academy):

In 2023, the department sent two new Public Safety Officers to the Fire academy. Over the course of 11 weeks, these Officers learned the essentials and fundamentals of firefighting. From search and rescue to fire suppression and beyond.

Total Hours: **880**

Virtual Fire/EMS Training (Fire Engineering):

Late in 2023, the department enrolled in an online virtual Fire/EMS program called Fire Engineering. This program provides access to thousands of hours of fire training videos and tutorials. These courses vary from several hours in length to quick 10-minute roll call videos. This program also allows Officers to take their EMT continuing education courses in order to maintain their Emergency Medical Technician Licenses.

Total Hours: **225**

Virtual Police Training (Police One):

In 2023, the department continued to use the Police One program for online Police Training courses. This program provides legal updates as well as required refresher courses such as Bloodborne Pathogens and Hazmat Awareness for First Responders. Police One also provides in-depth courses on Evidence Collection and Crisis Intervention.

Total Hours: **187.5**

Motorola Body Camera System Training:

In 2023, the department switched to a new cloud-based body camera and scout car video system. All Officers went through a hands-on 90-minute training session with representatives from the company. Two supervisors went through a full day of administrative training on the video recording and retention system.

Total Hours: **77.5**

Dispatcher Training:

All four Dispatchers attended an 8-hour course in the “Recovery of the Warrior Mindset and the Road to Resiliency”. One Dispatcher attended an 8-hour training course on the “Dispatcher’s Role in Active Shooter Incidents”. Each year dispatchers are required to complete a minimum number of continuing education hours to keep their first responder call taker status.

Total Hours: **140**

Total Training Hours for 2023: 3,791

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<u>Training</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Drone Pilot	48
Special Response Team	422
Firearms Training/Qualifications	320
Supervisory Courses	499
FBI Executive Leadership Association Seminars	140
Defensive Tactics	80
Intoxilyzer 900	60
Salvage Vehicle Inspection	40
Monthly Fire Training	552
Fire Apparatus Pump/Aerial Ops	120
Firefighter I&II Academy	880
Virtual Fire/EMS Courses	225
Virtual Police Courses	187.5
Motorola Bodycam Systems	77.5
Dispatch Training	140
Total	3,791

Department Awards

The Awards Board is composed of three 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 individuals 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.

2023 AWARDS

Life Saving

PSO Jason Lockwood
PSO Jessie Lafrieniére
PSO Thomas Gamicchia

Department Commendation

Lieutenant Colin Connaire
Dispatcher Dawn Kelly
Sergeant Robert Ruggero
PSO Esho Matty
PSO Korrine Farmer
OEO Olga Merametdjian
Lieutenant Terry Hays
PSO Brady Baetens

Unit Citation

Detective Ryan Willmer
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