

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

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Chief's Letter

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Supervisor Dani Walsh Treasurer Brian Kepes Clerk Martin Brook Bloomfield Township Board Members

While reviewing the year 2021, I was amazed at the challenges that the Bloomfield Township Police Department faced, while improving services to our residents. In 2021, we were faced with the continuing COVID-19 pandemic and we closed the year with the COVID surging once again. Throughout this crisis, the Police Department has been dedicated to keeping crime levels low in Bloomfield Township while providing exemplary service to our residents. Our success in this was recently confirmed by Moneygeek.com where they rated Bloomfield Township as one of the safest small cities in America. Furthermore, Bloomfield Township was rated the third best place to live in Michigan by Niche.com.

While the officers worked diligently to keep crime low, our Community Relations Unit increased their community outreach in 2021. Officer Nick Soley spearheaded fundraisers and community drives where we collected donations that were used to help under privileged residents through out the year. In June, Officer Soley was assigned a new comfort dog partner, Maggie. Maggie has proven to be an invaluable addition to the police department. She is always at Officer Soley's side and ready to give comfort to any crime victims in need or help in community outreach. She and Officer Soley are now an essential team in the police department and we are proud to have them helping our residents.

In September, we entered into an agreement with Birmingham PD, Auburn Hills PD and the Oakland County Health Network to begin a new program in Oakland County called the CoRE Program. With CoRE, the three police departments share a social worker that can assist our officers with residents and people that are in the midst of a mental health crisis. Historically, law enforcement has been responsible for addressing people in a crisis and we have not been successful at addressing the underlying issues. We repeatedly deal with the same people or issues and we have not been able to adequately serve the people suffering. The CoRE program has changed that and we are seeing great success. Our residents are getting the help they need and that is reducing the repeat calls to homes. Our social worker is helping the families get the services they need and ensuring they are better prepared to deal with any future issues. This program has been extremely successful and we are very happy to continue this service for our community.

Finally, 2021 began an era of transition for the police department. This year we had two dispatchers, one patrol supervisor and a K-9 partner retire and this is the beginning of many more to come over the next few years. The good thing is we were able to hire and maintain our staffing levels thanks to the tireless work of our recruiting, field training and communications training teams. As we move through 2022 we will continue to see more staff retire. These retirements are opening opportunities for future leaders in the police department and we will evolve to a younger force that will continue our history of exemplary service.

Thank you,

Phil Langmeyer Chief of Police

Mission Statement

"To preserve the peace and protect our community with fairness, integrity, pride, and respect."

Administration



Chief of Police Phil Langmeyer



Administrative Assistant Lori Kerr



Administrative Captain

Dan Edwards



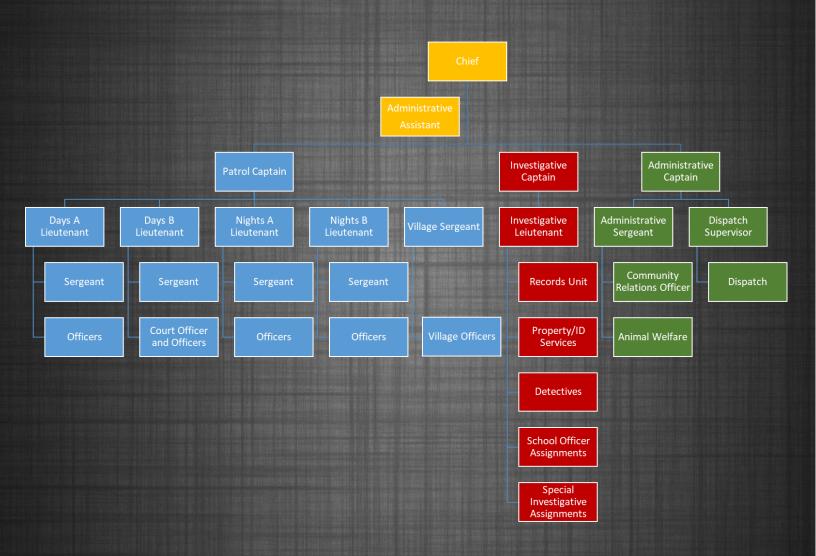
Patrol Captain
Jim Gallagher



Investigations Captain

Jeff Nolan

Organizational Chart



The Bloomfield Township Police Department currently has 63 sworn police officers, 13 dispatchers, 2 records clerks, 1 property clerk, 5 Village police officers, and 1 administrative assistant.



Administrative Division

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Sgt. Pete Matejcik, Administrative Sgt.

The Administrative Division is made up of an Administrative Captain, an Administrative Sergeant, the Community Relations Officer, the Dispatch Supervisor, Dispatch, and Animal Welfare. The Administrative Sergeant is responsible to perform a wide range of administrative functions for the police department including overseeing equipment, and supervising the overall operations and maintenance of the firearms range. The Administrative Sergeant is responsible for the effective operation of the Traffic Investigation officers in all of their functions. The Administrative Sergeant responds to miscellaneous needs of the Office of the Chief of Police and Captains as needed. The Administrative Division is truly the glue that holds the department together.

The division is responsible for crime prevention activities through the Community Relations Officer, coordinating training of officers, and bears the responsibility for the effective operation of the Communication Unit and related functions.

How's the crime near me? Find out for yourself at <u>CRIMEMAPPING.COM</u>! For clarity, only the most commonly requested data are presented on the maps. Keep in mind, however, that *what you do* to prevent crime from happening to you can be more important than where it is occurring.

CRIMEMAPPING.com Helping You Build a Safer Community





Community Relations

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Ofc. Nicholas Soley,
Community Relations Officer

In 2002, the Bloomfield Township Police Department established the Community Relations Officer position to provide our community direct access to the police department. The Community Relations Officer provides a vast array of services. Some of these services include:

- Developing Crime Prevention strategies for businesses and homeowners
- Conduct home and premise security surveys
- Assist local houses of worship with improving security plans
- Meet with neighborhood associations
- Compile and analyze crime statistics and develop plans to reduce the chances of future crimes
- Speak at various civic events concerning crime prevention
- Maintain Social Media
- Community Outreach
- And, much more!





The Bloomfield Township Police Department prides ourselves on being a part of the community. We are constantly looking for ways to get involved in our community.







Township Officers will regularly stop by neighbors association meetings, parades, picnics, and other celebrations to show our support. Any event in Bloomfield Township looking to invite us should contact the Community Relations Officer at 248-433-7724.

The mission of Special Olympics Michigan is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. The Law Enforcement Torch Run is the single largest grassroots fundraising effort for Special Olympics International. The two main goals of the Law Enforcement Torch Run are to raise funds and create awareness for the athletes who participate in Special Olympics Michigan. Bloomfield Township Police Department has been involved with Special Olympics Michigan for many years. It is not just the Torch Run that officers and dispatchers have participated in, but also the Polar Plunge. In addition to fundraising, we are invited to big events, such as state competitions and state games, to hand out medals to the athletes and congratulate them. It is always an honor to see the athletes smile and achieve their goals.









Dispatcher Prachar and Ofc. McGraw receive honors from the Special Olympics for their outstanding efforts in fundraising and participation.



Zero Hunger, Zero Waste is a non-perishable food drive in partnership with Kroger and first responders. Bloomfield Township Police were on site for two days collecting non-perishable food items for several different food banks. It was an opportunity to give back, but also spend time socializing with our community.







No-Shave-November is an annual charity our department participates in. Officers are permitted to step outside of policy and grow their beards or mustaches October, November, December, and January at the cost of donations to charity. The Bloomfield Township Police Department raised over \$6,000 in these four months. Donations were made to the Wilson Cancer Resource Center, the MIU Men's Health Foundation for Prostate Cancer Awareness, Public Safety Christmas giving, and the Special Olympics.







National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. This year we partnered with several local agencies at Auburn Hills' campus to show off our department.



The nation is in the midst of an epidemic. The new data documents that estimated overdose deaths from opioids increased to 75,673 in the 12-month period ending in April 2021, up from 56,064 the year before. Overdose deaths from synthetic opioids (primarily fentanyl) and psychostimulants such as methamphetamine also increased in the 12-month period ending in April 2021. Cocaine deaths also increased, as did deaths from natural and semi-synthetic opioids (such as prescription pain medication).*

A rise in prescription drug abuse and overdose deaths during recent years makes Operation Medicine Cabinet a necessary part of prevention. By raising awareness about the use, storage and safe disposal of all medication, Operation Medicine Cabinet is working to keep harmful drugs from falling into the wrong hands. Operation Medicine Cabinet provides an environmentally responsible means to dispose of prescription medications.

In our commitment to fighting this public health emergency, Bloomfield Township Police is continuing our partnership in Operation Medicine Cabinet. The public may drop off unused / un-needed prescription drugs at the front desk of the police department 24/7, no questions asked. If you would like to find another drop off location, visit Oakgov.com or click HERE.





Extra Eyes Program

There was a time when only banks, airports, and businesses had video surveillance systems. They were costly and required professional installation. That was then. This is now.

Video surveillance systems are everywhere now, even in millions of American homes. They take the form of dedicated Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) systems, video doorbells, and webcams. All of these cameras can be great tools for fighting and prosecuting crime.

That's why in 2018 we adopted the Extra Eyes Program, a national campaign asking homeowners to voluntarily register their exterior security camera systems and video doorbells with the police.

In the event of criminal activity in a given area, the police may ask registrants to review their camera footage to see what, if anything, was captured. Participation is voluntary and the police will never have direct access to the camera system.

Those wishing to participate can register HERE (link).

Questions?

Contact the Community Relations Officer at 248-433-7724.

CRIME PREVENTION TIP: Surveillance cameras do not necessarily *prevent* crime, they just witness it. Don't let them give you a false sense of security! Keeping your home and business safer requires a comprehensive security plan in which cameras play just one part.

Operation Secret Santa

Each year, around the holidays, our patrol officers go out with donated gift cards in hand and conduct legal traffic stops. These stops, many of which are for minor equipment violations, can help identify those in need. Officers are able to give them a holiday cheer with a gas or grocery gift card. The program promotes positive interaction between our officers and the public. It also highlights the giving nature our officers have.





Adopt a Family

Additionally each year, the Police and Fire Department Charities adopt families in need for Christmas. These families, identified by our schools and places of worship, are given a Christmas they will never forget. Police cars and Fire trucks escort Santa to deliver boxes of gifts and food for the holidays. In 2021, the Police and Fire Departments, along with their respected charities, were able to help three families in need.





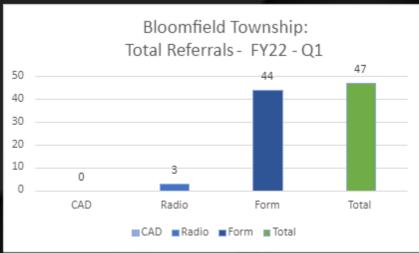
Co-Responder (CORE)

The Co-Responder program was started in October 2021. The Co-Response (CORE) Crisis Outreach Program is a partnership between law enforcement and mental health professionals to better serve people in mental health crisis in our communities. Law enforcement has historically been the first responders to people in crisis. Police officers are trained to de-escalate situations and determine the appropriate care needed for the person. Often these types of calls for service are dynamic in nature and can be scary for those suffering a mental health crisis.

The Bloomfield Township, Birmingham, and Auburn Hills Police Departments partnered together with the Oakland Community Health Network (OCHN) to contract a full-time clinician, Hillary Nusbaum, to work within the police departments. Hillary co-responds to crisis calls for service in the field with police officers, conducts follow-up with community members and families, and provides additional resources to people that otherwise were not known before. Hillary has the expertise to assist in de-escalation at the scenes and meet people where they are in times of need.



The full CORE team meets monthly to maintain open dialogue with our partners and adjust the program needs as we move forward. CORE team coordinators also meet monthly to provide feedback, direction, and adjust the program as needed. This partnership and cooperation has created standard operating policies for all departments and a referral form that is utilized to share case information and track our progress. This program has now gained the attention of other agencies in Oakland County, who are interested in developing something similar in their communities





Animal Shelter

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The Bloomfield Township Animal Welfare is comprised of one full-time Animal Welfare Officer and one part-time clerk. These officers, operating from the Township's state-certified animal shelter respond to calls for service involving domestic and farm animals, as well as wildlife.

Typical calls for service include barking dog complaints, loose dogs, animal bites, deceased animals, and animal cruelty complaints. However, we deal with wildlife that occasionally find their way into a home, such as bats and squirrels. For nuisance wildlife, we loan our residents traps that will safely catch an animal for relocation.

The animal shelter also provides temporary housing for lost animals. We go to great lengths to find and reunite lost animals with their owners. In 2021, The animal shelter took in 121 cats and dogs. The Animal Shelter also takes in birds, hamsters, ferrets, rabbits, frogs, and any almost any other animal you can think of.

If you are interested in adopting a pet or want to inquire about our services, please call us at 248-433-7757, or click <u>HERE</u> (LINK).









Training Cadre

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The training cadre provides our officers the tools necessary to deliver the highest level of service to our residents and other end users. Most of this training occurs during quarterly in-house training, where they are instructed on the most current best practices in the profession.

Quarterly training includes topics such as: basic life-saving, CPR / AED, defensive tactics, verbal and de-escalation skills, firearms, active shooter response, and implicit bias.

Effective training maximizes the chances of a successful outcome following highstress or critical incidents. It's a lot to ask, but no one was ever born a great police officer; they were trained.









Dispatch

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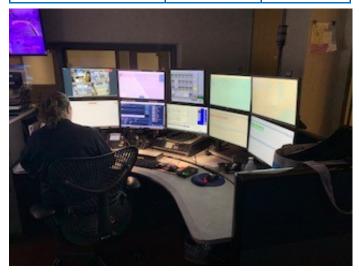
Bloomfield Township's 911 Dispatch Center, also known as a Public Safety Access Point (PSAP), receives incoming emergency and non-emergency phone calls and dispatches the appropriate services to that location (police, fire, and EMS).

The center is equipped with the latest emergency telecommunications technology, including Enhanced 9-1-1 and Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD). Together, the location and phone number of a caller is displayed on a map, as well as fire and police assets. This assures the most efficient delivery of services.

Dispatch operates 24 hours a day and consists of 12 Dispatchers distributed over 4 shifts and 1 Dispatch Supervisor. All communications personnel receive extensive training related to emergency and non-emergency operations. Bloomfield Township Dispatch also provides service to the Village of Franklin and Bingham Farms.

In addition to their duties, dispatchers also monitor the radio traffic of several agencies, including the Michigan State Police, Oakland County Sheriff, and area fire departments. Dispatchers also send and receive information through the Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) and the National Crime Information Communications (NCIC) network.

	2020	2021
Calls For Service	23,778	26,970
Total Phone Calls	72,426	75,310





Meg Fouss
Dispatch Supervisor

Patrol Division

The most visible function of a police department is patrol. When someone calls, they expect professional police response in a timely manner. Patrol is the largest division in the department, consisting of 36 uniformed officers, 8 supervisors, and two K-9 teams. Patrol personnel are organized into four platoons, providing around-the-clock police services. While the men and women of the Patrol Division do a great job, they continuously strive to improve the delivery of services to the community.







Patrol Division





Service Oriented Policing

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Service Oriented Policing is an integration of a police agency with its community. Through an interactive partnership with the community, a greater percentage of crimes can be solved, and the public safety concerns of the residents can be addressed. But, there's more to this.

The goal is to work with our community to prevent crimes from occurring in the first place; working proactively to keep our community safer. Toward this end, we meet regularly with neighborhood associations, business owners, and houses of worship concerning crime prevention and safety protocols. Frequently, we post crime prevention tips on social media outlets and encourage our community members to speak up when something suspicious occurs.

The Police Department offers a number of community care taking services, such as:

- <u>Vacation House Checks</u>: When a resident leaves their home for an extended period of time, they are encouraged to contact us, providing their dates of departure and return, and emergency contact information. In addition, we will check your home on a regular basis while you're away.
- <u>Vehicle Lockouts</u>: It's frustrating and we've all done it. The Bloomfield Township Police Department still assists motorists who've found themselves in this situation. If you find yourself locked out of your vehicle, call us at 248-433-7755 for assistance.
- <u>School Security Checks</u>: It's not unusual to find our officers doing a walk through the schools in Bloomfield Township. It's part of our commitment to a safer community, but it also allows our youth to interact with police offices in a positive context.

Service Oriented Police Calls		
Vehicle Lock outs	306	
House Security Checks	1108	
School Security Checks	712	
Citizen Assists	446	





Court Officer

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The Court Officer is responsible for the safe transport of prisoners to and from our station, various jail facilities, and the 48th District Court. Occasionally, she'll go to other police agencies to pick up individuals arrested on outstanding warrants from Bloomfield Township.

Officer Lower manages the storage and release of prisoner property. But, her duties don't end there! She is also the department's "Livescan" (fingerprint machine) administrator, ensuring the equipment is working properly and coordinate with county databases for updates and training.

The Court Officer works with the Bloomfield Township prosecutor, State Law prosecutor, and the 48th District Court as Police Department's liaison, delivering subpoenas, reports, and videos.

Another function of the court officer is to obtain traffic warrants from the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office, such as Operating While Impaired, Driving on Suspended License, and Flee and Elude charges. Once arrest warrants are issued from the Prosecutor's Office, they swear to the warrant at the court. After the warrant is issued by the Judge/Magistrate, the Court Officer contacts the individual named in the warrant (or their attorney) and explain the charges as well as assist them with making arrangements to appear in court.

Court Officer Activities			
Warrants Sworn To	85		
Prisoners Transported	10*		





*Transports remain low due to virtual court hearings



Evidence Technician

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When a crime occurs, an **Evidence Technician** is often called to process available evidence. These specially trained patrol officers are the real-life 'CSI' technician we've seen on TV. They are road patrol officers who have taken on the additional responsibilities of being experts in photography, latent fingerprint development and processing, DNA collection, as well as casting tire and footwear impressions.

Evidence Technicians must successfully complete an 80-hour basic crime scene course. However, throughout their career, they'll complete extensive in-service training on trace evidence processing and collection. This enables our Evidence Technicians to investigate more serious crime scenes with greater expertise.

Currently, the department has 14 certified Evidence Technicians, distributed over the four platoons in the patrol division, providing our community with their expertise 24 hours a day.

In 2021, our Evidence Technicians processed hundreds of crime scenes, ranging from vehicle break-ins (LFA), Retail Frauds, home invasions, and death Investigations.



K-9

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Ofc. Angela Carlson, K-9 Handler





Ofc. Jason Follman K-9 Handler

K-9s are an invaluable tool in law enforcement, but they're not new to the Bloomfield Township Police Department. In fact, our department has one of the oldest K-9 programs in the state! But, we also continue the long tradition of assisting other jurisdictions when they need K-9 support.

Dogs can be trained for a specialty, such as explosives or cadaver detection. However, our patrol dogs are used to locate contraband, tracking suspects and missing persons, and aggression control.



K-9 Mika

K-9 Vince

2021 K-9 Activity			
Activity	Vince /	Max / Ofc. Follman	
Drug Socrabos Within Plaamfield	Ofc. Carlson 15	7	
Drug Searches Within Bloomfield	10	1	
Drug Searches Other Jurisdictions	3	I	
Utility Calls Within Bloomfield Twp.	7	8	
Utility Calls Outside Bloomfield Twp.	2	5	
Demonstrations	5	3	



Field Training Officer

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No one is born a great police officer; *they're trained*. When we hire a new officer fresh from the police academy or a veteran from another department, they all go through the Field Training Officer Program (FTO). The 16-week program consists of 12 very experienced officers tasked with training the department's next generation, each dedicated to mentoring and developing the new recruit to the department's standards..

How does one become a Bloomfield Township Police Officer? Firstly, all of our officers must possess a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university at the time of application. Then, the candidate must successfully graduate from a state certified police academy. After psychological and medical testing and being hired, a recruit officer's first two weeks of employment consist of in-house training. This training includes: firearms, report writing, radio communications, policies and procedures, defensive tactics, and much more.

At the conclusion of this two week training, new officers receive their badge and are sworn in by the Township Clerk. They are then assigned to a Primary FTO who will begin their rigorous and comprehensive 4-month field training program. Every day of this program, their performance is evaluated by their FTO and once a week, by a supervisor. Chances are this new officer has never faced such day-to-day scrutiny in their life.

The FTO program consists of four phases of training, each phase approximately four weeks long. The new officer will be required to work different shifts under the guidance of several FTO's.

Throughout the FTO program, the new officer will be tested frequently to assure mastery of core concepts.



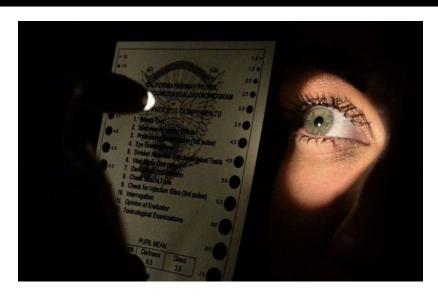




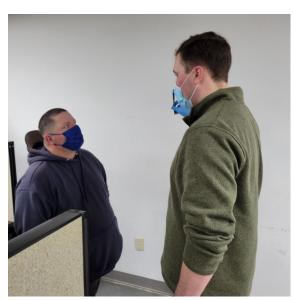
Drug Recognition Expert

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Drug Recognition Experts (DREs) are officers who have successfully completed the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)/International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) approved Drug Evaluation and Classification Training Program. This program's training last several weeks and includes class work and practical assessments.



A DRE, amongst other things, is qualified to conduct a standard and systematic evaluation of an individual to determine: if the subject exhibits signs of intoxication; if those signs are caused by drug(s) or by some other issue, such as illness or injury, and; the broad category or categories of drug(s) which are likely to have caused such intoxication. The DRE process is validated by both scientific studies and case law.

The DRE program began in the 1980's and has since been adopted by every state in the country. Currently, there are approximately 140 DREs

throughout the state of Michigan. The Bloomfield Township Police Department has three certified DREs in good standing. $$_{\rm 25}$$



Bloomfield Village

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Bloomfield Village P.D.				
Description	2019	2020	2021	
Property Damage Traffic Crash	105	68	75	
Personal Injury Traffic Crash	23	14	19	
Alarm	233	179	187	
Arrest	22	7	7	
Assist Citizen	125	126	122	
Medical Emergency	72	29	41	
Attempt Home Invasion	0	0	0	
Home Invasion	2	0	0	
House Check	4,591	3430	3,524	
Larceny/Theft/Fraud	8	19	8	
Identity Theft	6	21	8	
Miscellaneous	282	263	316	
Malicious Destruction of Property	1	1	2	
Lost/Found Property	1	4	0	
School Checks	91	56	44	
Suspicious Circumstance	66	48	57	
Suspicious Person	35	33	31	
Suspicious Vehicle	35	36	20	
Traffic Violation	313	126	126	
Traffic Warning	265	169	169	
* This was a new separate category in 2018				



Sgt. Roger Hurd, Bloomfield Village PD

The Bloomfield Village Police Station is located at 3595 Bradway Blvd. in Bloomfield Village, MI. Bloomfield Village Police officers may be contacted by calling the dispatch at 248-433-7755, or in an emergency, 911.

The Bloomfield Village Police Department is funded through a special assessment on Bloomfield Village residents. Village police officers are sworn law enforcement officers under authority of the Bloomfield Township Police Department.

The Bloomfield Village Police Department is a directed patrol unit of the Bloomfield Township Police Department. The Bloomfield Village Association contracts with Bloomfield Township Police to hire experienced Police Officers. These officers are then assigned to patrol areas within Bloomfield Village.

Bloomfield Village officers maintain an increased police presence within the village limits and their primary duty is to respond to calls for service from its residents.

Village officers assist Township officers when needed in other areas of Bloomfield Township.



Lt. Paul Schwab,
Investigations Lieuten-

Investigations

The mission of the Investigations Division is to identify, target, arrest and successfully prosecute individuals involved in criminal activity as well as recover stolen property. The Investigations Division is managed by a lieutenant who oversees the investigations, assigns cases and handles day-to-day operations. There are four Detectives in the Investigations Division as well as two school related positions, School Liaison Officer (SLO) and the School Security Officer (SSO).

The Detectives establish and maintain liaisons with other law enforcement agencies, State and District Attorney's Offices as well as the local State and District courts. The Detectives participate in all forms of investigative activities including: conducting surveillance, obtaining and serving arrest warrants and search warrants, and probation and parole searches. Detectives also monitor and verify compliance with registered sex offenders.

Detectives are carefully selected for the Investigations Division based on experience, work ethic and the ability to conduct in-depth criminal investigations. They investigate complex and demanding cases, which could take months, sometimes years, to fully investigate. Our Detectives develop an advanced level of expertise by attending specialized training and working complex cases with colleagues at the local, state, and federal levels.

The Investigations Division has four detectives that are assigned outside of the Bloomfield Township Police Department. These detectives partner with other law enforcement agencies in multi-jurisdictional task forces.



Records

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The Records Division handles much more than just reports. In addition to processing Freedom of Information Act (F.O.I.A.) requests, the Records Division has several other responsibilities.

The Records Division also works closely with the Detective Bureau to ensure registered sex offenders are in compliance with the MI Sex Offender Registry. As of this report, there are 13 registrants within Bloomfield Township.

This Division is also responsible for Bloomfield Township's Residential Alarm records. This includes registering new alarm systems and issuing warnings and fines for false alarms. The first two false alarms in a calendar year are free of charge. The third and subsequent false alarms are \$50.00 each. Every time there is a call to a false alarm two officers are dispatched to the address. Those officers are unable to answer other calls for service, enforce traffic laws or conduct proactive patrol activities. Errors aside, we understand power failures or storms can cause false alarms and be out of your control.

Amongst all those duties, they also issue and record handgun registrations. In 2021, our department registered 1,096 handguns to residents.

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Nina Houghton, Records Clerk

Records Department 2021

FOIA Requests	405
Video Requests	382
911 Calls Copied	100
Dog Tags	240



Renee Vance, Records Clerk



Evidence & Property

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The Evidence/Property Division receives, catalogs, safely stores, and maintains the integrity of evidence, found items and property for safekeeping.

The Evidence/Property Clerk is required to follow state and federal statutes and strives to be in compliance with Michigan and National law enforcement practices in the evidence/property guidelines. Due to frequent changes in the laws, policies and procedures are updated in these practices frequently. It is the responsibility of the Evidence/Property Clerk to stay current on evolving trends in legal processes involving evidence and property.

The Evidence/Property Clerk is relied on by the Police Department to maintain security and control of all items taken into the department for storage, and safekeeping, as well as the release and disposal of all property. It is the responsibility of the clerk to ensure evidence items are properly tracked and monitored for court exhibits, discovery and laboratory examination.

There are thousands of pieces of evidence and property; hundreds of items are sent to be auctioned or properly disposed of each year. The clerk has constant checks and balances including audits, inventories and random spot checks; which are performed throughout the year to ensure all policies and practices are being followed.



1,033 pieces of property processed



Shawn Gardner, Property Clerk



School Security Officer

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Ofc. Marisa Miller School Security Officer

School Security Officer Activity			
·	2020	2021	
Criminal Sexual Conduct	1	2	
Robbery	1	0	
Assault	3	0	
Home Invasion	2	0	
Larceny/Retail Fraud	2	1	
Malicious Destruction of Property	2	0	
Drug Offense	1	1	
Alcohol Violation	0	0	
Juvenile (Status*) Offense	6	0	
Misc. / All Other Violations	52	20	
Total:	70	25	

^{**}Case load reduced as school returned to in-person

The School Security Officer has a unique role within two organizations. Officer Miller is a fully sworn police officer with the Bloomfield Township Police Department and the District Security Officer assigned to Bloomfield Hills Schools. The majority of her time is spent working directly with students, staff, administrators, and central office with safety and security issues and planning district wide. Officer Miller's role is to support the district by developing and implementing security protocols at both the district and building level, and regularly evaluates the protocols for effectiveness, based on the current best practices. She supports the regular monitoring of medical equipment (such as the AEDs and EpiPens) and technology support (such as E-911 and the BluePoint system), and also trains staff and students in active shooter response and other types of emergencies.



What is BluePoint? It is for law enforcement what the fire alarms are for the fire department, summoning the police in an emergency. Learn more about it by clicking <u>HERE</u> (LINK).



School Liaison Officer

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The working relationship between law enforcement and schools/ educators is very important, and one in which the Bloomfield Township Police Department values. The School Liaison Officer (SLO) works in close association with all the schools within Bloomfield Township, both public and private, to ensure a safe learning environment for our students. In partnership with community organizations such as Bloomfield Youth Assistance (BYA) and the Birmingham Bloomfield Community Coalition (BBCC), the SLO takes a proactive approach to educate our community on the risks of substance abuse, internet & social media safety, and mental health awareness. Our parents, students, and school staff can count on the SLO as a resource and someone who will be there to help in any way they can.



Ofc. Dave VanKerckhove, School Liaison Officer

School Liaison Investigations Activity			
	2020	2021	
Criminal Sexual Conduct	3	3	
Robbery	0	0	
Assault	5	6	
Home Invasion	0	0	
Larceny/Retail Fraud	2	4	
Malicious Destruction of Property	3	2	
Drug Offense	3	1	
Alcohol Violation	6	27	
Juvenile (Status*) Offense	12	7	
Misc. / All Other Violations	51	46	
Total:	85	96	





Specialized Units

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The **Troy Special Investigations Unit (SIU)** is a task force of police officers from Bloomfield Township, Troy, Auburn Hills, Royal Oak, and Birmingham. Troy SIU is a covert, alternative approach to criminal investigations and apprehension. Troy SIU focuses on crimes committed within these communities and working closely with detectives from each department identifying suspects and assisting in solving cases.

Primary targets are often professional criminals, habitual offenders, and those involved in organized crime.

The SIU works closely with investigators from participating agencies, as well as other task forces, including Major Case Assistance Team (M.C.A.T.), South Oakland Narcotics Investigation Consortium (S.O.N.I.C.), the FBI Organized Gang and Violent Crimes Task Force, Western Wayne Investigations Group, Narcotics Enforcement Team (N.E.T.), Commercial Auto Theft (C.A.T.), Homeland Security Investigations (H.S.I.), and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (D.E.A.).

Special Investigation Unit Activity				
	Surveillance	Arrests	Search Warrants	
January	7	1	2	
February	4	3	2	
March	6	6	1	
April	5	2	1	
May	3	2	1	
June	2	2	2	
July	3	2	2	
August	4	5	3	
September	3	6	2	
October	3	4	2	
November	4	5	3	
December	4	8	5	
Total:	48	46	26	

Troy SIU investigates and makes subsequent arrests for a number of crimes, including: Murder, sexual assault, felonious assault, terrorist threats, breaking and entry, bank robbery, mail theft, auto theft, prescription fraud, armed robbery, home invasions, and many more.



Specialized Units

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Since 2001, the Oakland County Sheriff's Office has led the Oakland County Narcotics Enforcement Team (N.E.T.) with a highly cooperative working relationship with several federal and local police departments. This year, the N.E.T. unit worked closely with the Drug Enforcement Agency (D.E.A.) to successfully disrupt and dismantle drug trafficking organizations. Below is the chart showing the drugs that N.E.T. seized throughout the County. Oakland County continued to follow the national



drug threat trend with fentanyl, heroin, and prescription drugs being a major concern.

In 2021, N.E.T. seized more meth than previous years. These drug threats appear to mirror the drug trends throughout southeast Michigan.



N.E.T. Drug Purchases/ Seizures			
	2020	2021	
Grams of Heroin	1,679	275.48	
Grams of Cocaine	8,184	3,323.25	
Grams of Crack Cocaine	439	435.98	
Pounds of Marijuana	.047	275.57	
Units of Ecstasy	165	439	
Grams of Fentanyl	54.38	195.56	
Units of L.S.D.	67	164	
Grams of Meth	2,441	6,732.91	
Units of Prescription Drugs	4,037	7914.34	
Units of Other Dangerous Drugs	150.5	97	



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Task Force Activity				
	2019	2020	2021	
Arrests	26	14		
Convictions	18	3		
Disruptions	9	5		
Title III	*	*		
Indictments	33	2		
Judicial Complaints	11	2		
Search Warrants	119	103		
Sentencings	20	5		
Weapons Recovered	16	16		



The **Oakland County Gang and Violent Crimes Task Force** (O.C.G.V.C.T.F.) is an FBI unit comprised of federal agents and local police officers. The Bloomfield Township Police Department has had an officer assigned to the task force for approximately ten years. The task force investigates federal crimes that occur in, or originate from , Oakland County. Some of these crimes include drug and firearms trafficking, bank robbery, other armed robberies, conspiracy, and harboring fugitives. The task force assists local agencies' investigations, especially those involving missing / abducted children.

Task force officers learn how to gather information and build cases. In the course of their investigations, task force agents / officers may prepare various types of warrants, conduct surveillance, make arrests, interview suspects and witnesses, and execute search warrants. Occasionally, property and money may be seized and forfeited, as allowed by law.

After completing their tour with the task force, our officers return to their patrol duties with experience and investigative insight that few in law enforcement will ever have. Further, they have discovered the enormous resources available to local law enforcement agencies like the Bloomfield Township Police Department, resources that can all be used to better serve and protect the community.

Violent gangs are nothing new. What *is* new is the proactive way in which law enforcement deals with them. By taking the initiative, the police keep gangs on the defensive, less capable or willing to commit their crimes. Click on the image to the left to learn more from the FBI.



Specialized Units

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Identity theft and fraud-related crimes are the fastest growing crimes in the United States. The primary reason is such crimes typically offer very high reward with very low risk. Given those conditions, even traditional gangs are becoming involved.

The common use of wireless communication, speed and anonymity of the internet, and the use of technology in general have made it very difficult to investigate such crimes. The fact that such crimes often cross state lines creates additional difficulties, both from a local resource and prosecution perspective.

In February 2018 the Bloomfield Township Police Department addressed the need to investigate such crimes by assigning one full time detective to the FBI's Detroit Metropolitan Identity Theft & Financial Crimes Task Force (D.M.I.F.T.) based in Oakland County. The task force consists of law enforcement personnel from the FBI, Auburn Hills, Birmingham, Michigan State Police, and other Detroit area and Federal agencies. This task force sole responsibility is to fight identity theft, fraud, and financial crimes.

In the news, click the headline below to read the article from Detroit's Fox 2:

Over 800 fall victim to massive mail fraud ring in Oakland County, 8 people linked



Specialized Units

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Recognizing the complex nature of traffic crash investigations, the Bloomfield Township Police Department joined forces with the Auburn Hills, Clawson, Troy, and Birmingham Police Departments, as well as the Bloomfield Hills Department of Public Safety. Together, they form the **South Oakland County Crash Investigations Team** (S.O.C.C.I.T.). Experienced traffic investigators from each agency respond and collaborate on major crashes in the member cities, crashes that cause serious injury or death.

A serious vehicle accident can easily overwhelm a police department. However, almost on a moment's notice, S.O.C.C.I.T. can bring hundreds of years of crash investigation experience to scenes, freeing up those agencies to continue the service to their community. This cooperation reduces department overtime expenditures, as well as the time officers spend on scene.





Click on the 'play' button to the left to watch a movie produced by M.E.E.M.IC. and featuring the S.O.C.C.I.T. It concerns driving safety.



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The Major Case Assistance Team (M.C.A.T.) is a partnership between the Bloomfield Township, Auburn Hills, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Rochester, Clawson, Rochester Hills (OCSO) and the Troy Police Departments. M.C.A.T. was formed to share experienced investigators from each department for the purpose of investigating complex or high-profile cases that occur within these jurisdictions.

The first few hours after a homicide, robbery, or other serious crime, can be crucial to identifying the suspect and bringing them to justice. M.C.A.T. brings as much expertise to bear as possible in those early hours. All of the investigators assigned to M.C.A.T. bring a specialized skill to the team. These include but are not limited to homicide, arson, and sexual assault.

While justice for the victim, suspect identification, and prosecution are the ultimate goal of an M.C.A.T. investigation, the added benefit of belonging to M.C.A.T is that no agency will be overwhelmed in responding to a serious crime.





Detective John Huizdos



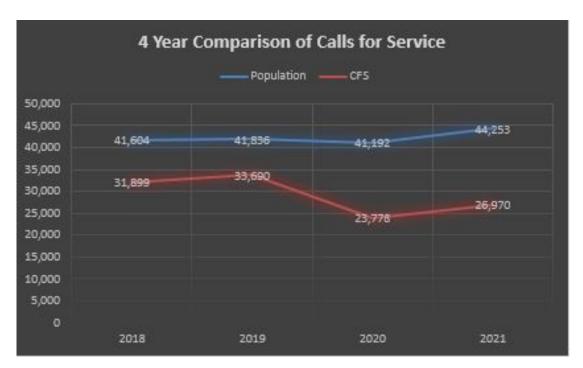
Statistics

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In 2021, the department handled 26,970 **Calls For Service (CFS).** A CFS is a record of police service or activity. Examples include a phone call into dispatch requesting police assistance or a police officer affecting a traffic stop. Likewise, a CFS is created when an alarm company calls the department to report an alarm activation.

Each CFS for a year is given a sequential number. For example, the first CFS of 2021 was 2100001. When a CFS is generated, a dispatcher assigns an officer to respond and gather information regarding the complaint. Often times the CFS can be handled immediately by the responding officer. Sometimes a CFS will need further investigation and a Detective will be assigned for follow-up.

For example, an officer is dispatched to a Fraud complaint. The responding officer will conduct the initial investigation. The complaint will then be turned over to one of the department's trained Detectives for a review and thorough investigation.



^{*}Increase in population is reflective of actual numbers calculated by the 2020 census.

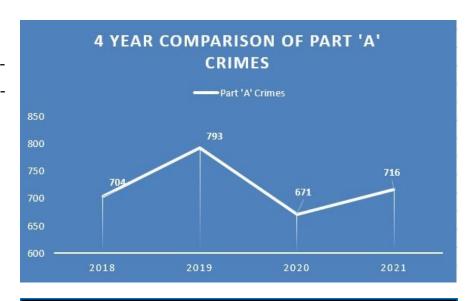
^{*}Calls have increased, but still remain low due to COVID-19



Part 'A' Crimes

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Part 'A' Complaints are the most serious crimes. For example, sexual assault, robbery, murder, stalking, and larcenies of high-value items. Most of these crimes are felonies, a crime punishable by imprisonment for one or more years.





Click on the image above to learn how you can be safer!

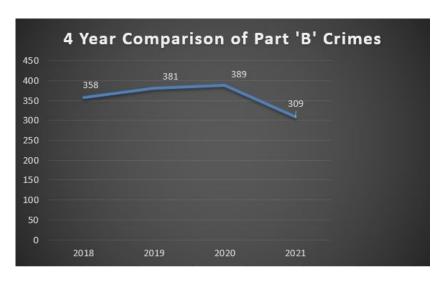
Part A Crimes					
Crime	2019	2020	2021		
Criminal Sexual Conduct I & III	2	4	8		
Criminal Sexual Conduct II&IV	3	4	3		
Kidnapping	0	0	0		
Robbery	1	1	1		
Assaults	69	49	57		
Aggravated Assault	6	5	15		
Intimidation/Stalking	41	47	48		
Burglary/Home Invasion	40	13	25		
Larceny from a building	130	98	82		
Larceny from Auto	58	43	70		
Motor Vehicle Theft	17	16	16		
Forgery/Counterfeiting	8	6	7		
Fraud (Including Identity Theft)	257	250	228		
Embezzlement	12	7	4		
Retail Fraud	92	50	31		
Drug Violations	35	50	46		
Weapons Violations	22	24	38		
TOTAL	793	671	716		



Part 'B' Crimes

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Part 'B' Complaints are typically misdemeanors that carry a penalty of less than one year in prison. These crimes range from minor thefts to driving related incidents, such as Impaired Driving and Hit and Run crashes.



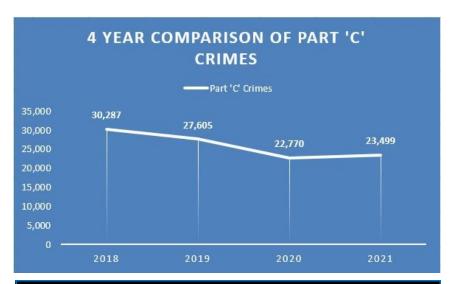
Part 'B' Crimes				
Crime Category	2019	2020	2021	
Accident - Hit & Run	6	5	7	
All Other Offenses	10	14	4	
Tumultuous Conduct	11	3	6	
Escape / Flight	0	0	0	
Family Offense	3	2	3	
Health and Safety	5	115	9	
Liquor Law Violations	45	27	35	
Missing Person / Runaway	7	4	2	
Obstructing Justice	15	18	11	
Obstructing Police	26	17	16	
OWI Liquor / Drugs	242	169	202	
Public Peace	5	0	1	
Sex Offenses-Other	4	9	7	
Trespassing / Violation of Privacy	2	4	4	
Vagrancy	0	2	2	
Total	381	389	309	



Part 'C' Crimes

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Part 'C' Complaints can be relatively minor misdemeanors, but are also very common Calls For Service (CFS). For instance, the Part C offense of "Crash" indicates that one of the drivers was issued a civil infraction citation (ticket) for the traffic crash.





Are you ready for a disruption in your life, such as a tornado, power outages, or other disaster? Is your family? Click on the image above to learn what you can do to prepare!

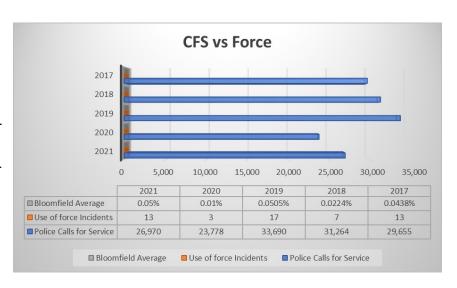
Part 'C' Crimes					
Crime Category	2019	2020	2021		
Alarm	3,108	2,525	2,581		
Animal Complaints	1,021	797	969		
Personal Injury Crashes (PI)	343	209	324		
Property Damage Crashes (PD)	1,956	1,194	1,540		
All Other Complaints	5,884*	1,257	1,449		
Warrant Arrests	331	130	166		
Driving While License Suspended (DWLS)	587	366	507		
Medical Emergencies	869	831	931		
All Other Part C Complaints **	14,861	12,625	15,032		
Total	27,605	22,770	23,499		

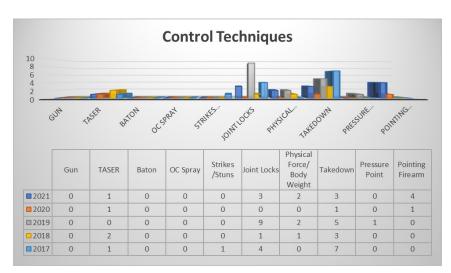


Use of Force

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In 2021, calls for service increased 12% from 2020. The department responded to 26,970 calls for service resulting in 13 Use of Force incidents or .0482% incidents involving force. In all thirteen (13) incidents, the force used was within Department policy, procedure, and Michigan State Law. Furthermore, out of 26,970 calls for service, 1,212 resulted in arrests.





THE FULL USE OF FORCE REPORT CAN BE FOUND HERE



Accomplishments

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This year, Lieutenant Bryan Pizutti graduated from the School of Staff and Command, a 400-hour problem-based learning (PBL) course conducted by Michigan State University's Center for Police Executive Development. Its purpose is to develop the next generation of police command officers. Students are presented with problems facing law enforcement executives and asked to come up with real-life solutions. Students collaborate in small groups with an instructor/facilitator guiding and mentoring them. They learn to solve problems through in-depth discussion and critical thinking exercises with each scenario becoming increasingly more complex. Every student is

asked to identify an issue facing their department, and design a workable solution that can be implemented upon their return.

The course includes on-site classroom instruction and distance learning. Distance learning requires students to commit 40 hours per week, being available between the hours of 8am and 5pm.





Promotions

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A.J. Sparks was promoted to Sergeant.



Cory Donberger was promoted to Detective.



Chris Wegienka was promoted to Detective.



April Switala was promoted to Sergeant.



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Sergeant Kim Comerford retired in 2021. Sergeant Comerford was hired in December, 1994. Her expertise and professionalism will be missed.

We thank Sergeant Comerford for her many years of exemplary service and wish her a long, healthy, and happy retirement.



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Detective Hess retired in 2021. Detective Hess was hired in November, 1994. Her expertise in investigations will be missed.

We thank Detective Hess for her many years of exemplary service and wish her a long, healthy, and happy retirement.



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Dispatcher Rose Murdock retired from our Dispatch Center in 2021. Dispatcher Murdock was hired in May, 2006. She was a terrific asset to our department and will be missed.



We thank Dispatcher Murdock for her many years of exemplary service and wish her a long, healthy, and happy retirement.



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K9 Max retired after 7 years of service with the Bloomfield Township Police Department. K9 Max was a joy to have around the department and loved the job he did.



K9 Max retired to his home with his handler, Ofc. Jason Follman to live out the remainder of his life. K9 Max's loving personality will be missed by all.



New Hires

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Officer Shihadeh and Officer Glowacz both started with Bloomfield Township on November 1, 2021. Both came to us with prior Law Enforcement experience.



Officer Ronk was hired on February 08, 2021. Officer Ronk had prior Law Enforcement experience.

Dispatcher Phillips was hired on October 11, 2021.

Dispatcher Phillips had prior dispatch experience and is a great addition to our department.





New Hires

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K9 Mika joined the K9 ranks in 2021. K9 Mika is certified in tracking and narcotic detection. Mika is Belgiian Malinois from Czechoslovakia. Officer Follman is K9 Mika's handler and Mika is his second department K9.





K9 Maggie joined the department in 2021 in a new role the Department has never seen. Maggie is a Goldendoodle that will be a specialized therapy dog to work with our community and employees. Maggie is part of our Administrative Division; her handler is Officer Soley.



Officer and Civilian of the Year

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Civilian of the Year

Dispatcher Stacy Prachar

Dispatcher Prachar started with the Bloomfield Township Police Department in 2005. With her prior experience she has been dispatching for over 20 years. Dispatcher Prachar is heavily involved in raising money and hosting events for the Special Olympics.



Officer of the Year
Officer Nick Soley

Officer Soley started with Bloom-field Township Police Department in 2015. He brought with him three years of Law Enforcement experience. Officer Soley is currently assigned as the Community Relations Officer. Officer Soley is partnered with Therapy K9 Maggie. Nick and Maggie love getting into the Township and attending community events.



Departmental Awards

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Medal of Bravery– Ofc. Tony Woycehoski
Medal of Bravery– Ofc. Rob Ronk
Meritorious Service Medal– Ofc. Andy Ball
Meritorious Service Medal– Ofc. Steve Sherwood
Meritorious Service Medal– Ofc. Brian Crane
Meritorious Service Medal– Ofc. Marshal Scott
Meritorious Service Medal– Ofc. Andy Ball
Life Saving Award– Ofc. Andy Ball
Life Saving Award– Ofc. Dave Comerford
Life Saving Award– Sgt. Mike Buczek
Chief's Merit Award– Lt. Dan Brown

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