



Milford
Police Department
Serving since 1943

2013 Annual Report

Thomas C. Lindberg
Chief of Police





Message From the Chief



The Community of Milford can take great pride in being one of the safest communities in which to live in Michigan. A very wise man, who had many years in Law Enforcement, once told me to be careful when bragging about your department's crime statistics. "It only takes one or two thugs in a small community to transform a Chief from a Hero to a Goat". I choose to take that risk and tell you how proud I am of all the employees, of both the Village and Township of Milford, as it is truly a team effort to be named in the top three safest communities in Michigan.

The dedication of your police department employees and volunteers contribute to our Department's increasing excellent reputation in the law enforcement community. In fact, we probably have more public safety professionals; current and retired, living in Milford than any other community our size in the Detroit Metropolitan area. If numerous Police Officers, Federal Agents and other Public Safety staff trust us to keep their family/homes safe, we must be doing something right as a community.

It is important that we maintain an open and transparent organization like many other governmental agencies. As such, we have provided a link on our web page to "Crime Mapping". This link allows visitors to observe all reported crimes that have taken place in the community and allows persons to register for crime alerts to be sent to an email address or as a text message. A well informed citizenry has proven effective in reducing crime and alleviating fear even in the safest community such as Milford. Additionally, local media outlets are welcomed into the Police building on a weekly basis to gather updated information.



It is my belief that a modern day professional Law Enforcement agency must maintain a “Customer Service” based philosophy in order to be successful and be a respected element of the community it serves. As such, each person encountered shall be treated with dignity and respect as each member of this department strives to maintain the high quality of life already established in the community of Milford.

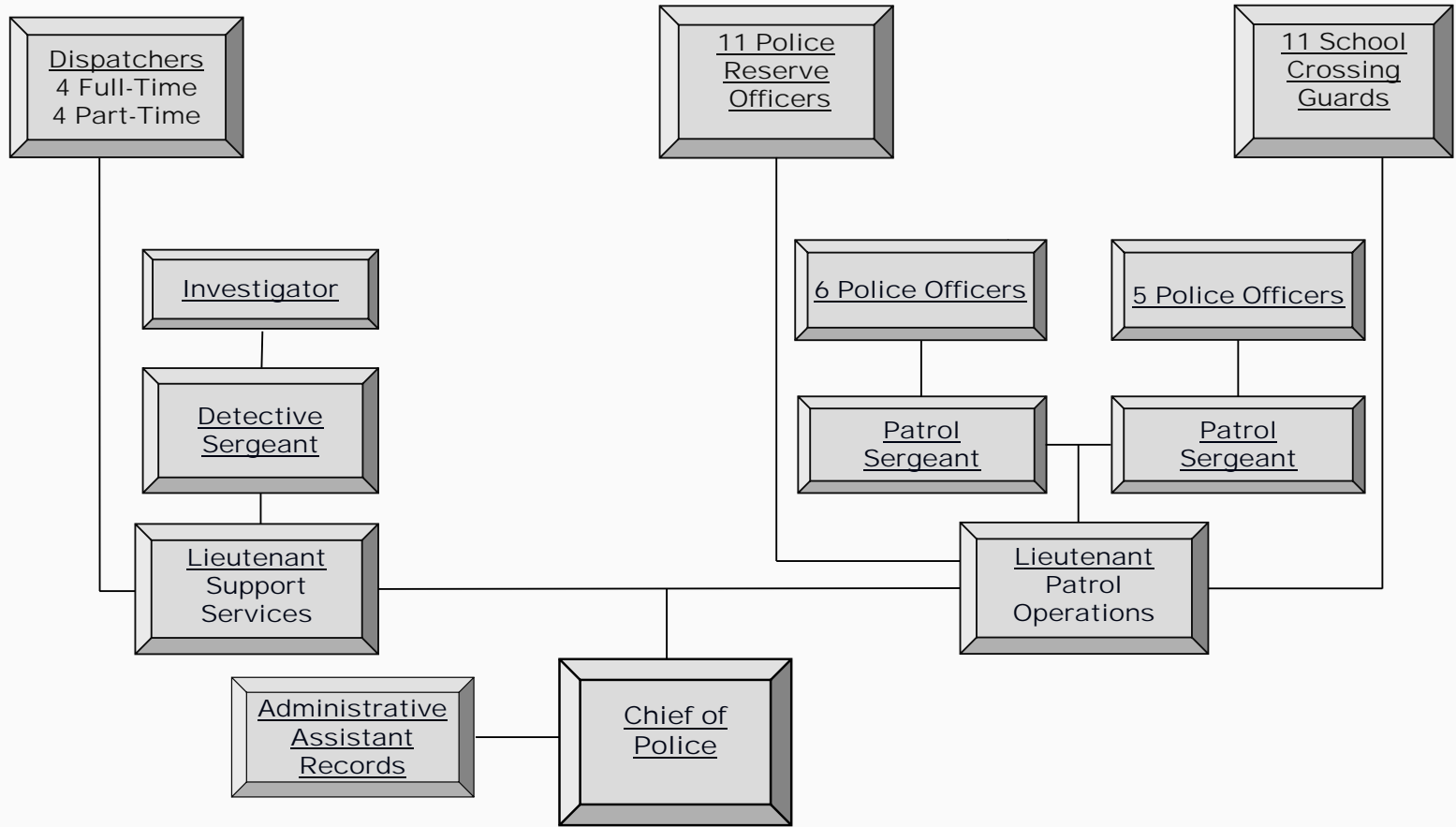
Thank you for your support during this past year and thank everyone who contributes to keeping this community safe.

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Chief of Police



Milford Police Department 2014





Traffic Enforcement

One of the primary functions of the Milford Police Department is traffic enforcement. Officers continue their efforts to educate the public on traffic safety issues through the use of verbal warnings, written warnings and citations. This table illustrates some of the common violations encountered in our enforcement activities over the past five years.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2013	
						Village	Township
SPEED: RADAR	718	508	963	857	559	272	287
SPEED: OTHER	13	10	24	13	11	4	7
SEAT BELT VIOLATIONS	173	37	85	76	66	47	19
OVERTAKING & PASSING	21	9	19	28	20	7	13
LICENSE & REGISTRATION	140	150	348	521	569	278	291
STOP SIGN	21	20	40	38	37	32	5
RED LIGHT	83	49	83	75	66	47	19
ZERO TOLERANCE	41	20	11	2	1	1	0
DUI, OWI, OUID	110	80	103	120	96	54	42
ALL TICKETS & TRAFFIC ARRESTS	1,602	1,234	2,101	2,086	1,691	907	784



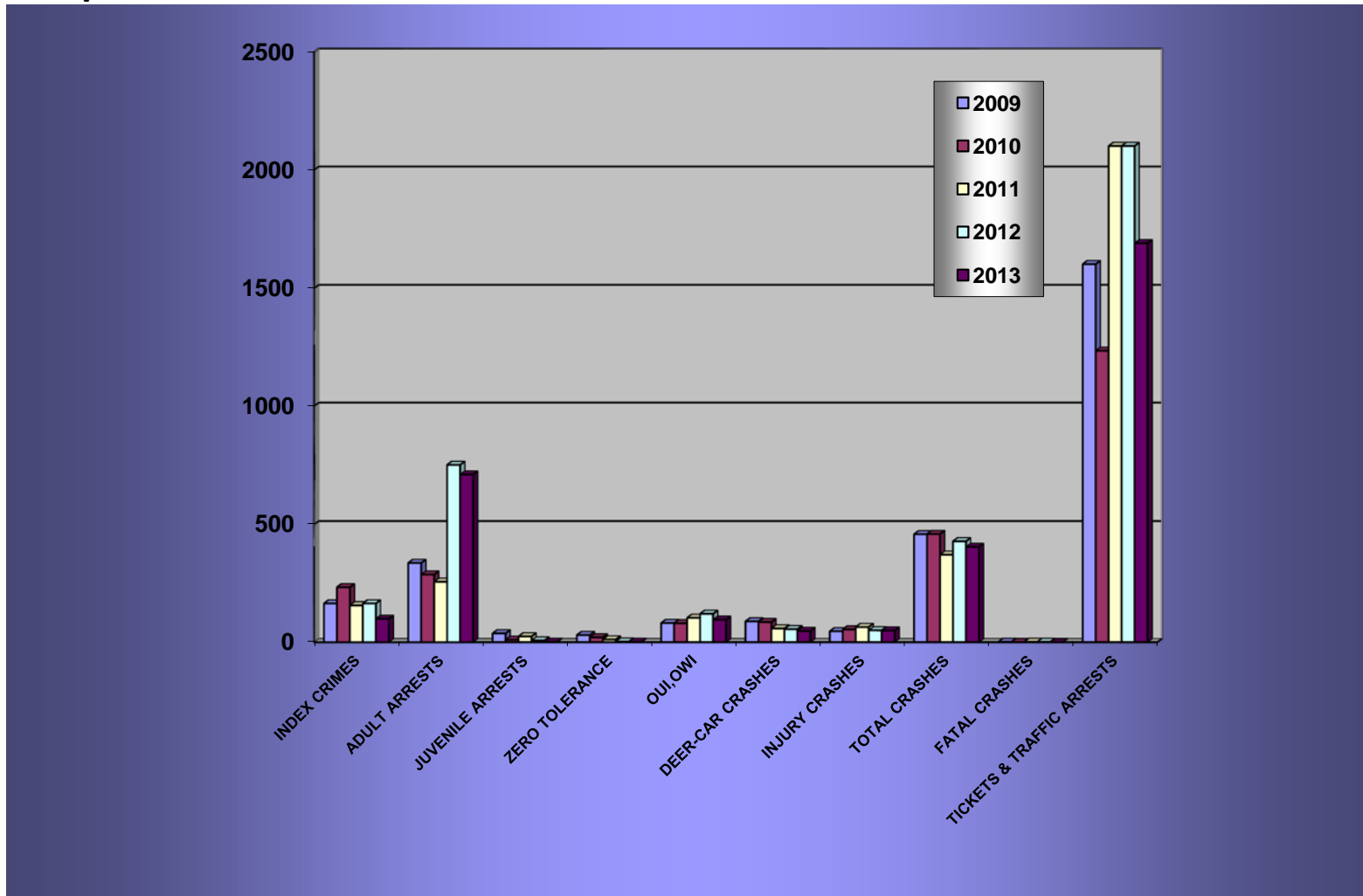
Selected Police Activity of Interest, Five Year Comparison

Village of Milford	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
INDEX CRIMES	74	110	73	70	51
ADULT ARRESTS	194	156	163	355	332
JUVENILE ARRESTS	24	4	17	4	1
ZERO TOLERANCE	19	12	3	1	1
OUI, OWI, OUID	50	42	48	71	53
DEER - CAR CRASHES	8	10	3	5	3
INJURY CRASHES	15	18	20	50	11
TOTAL CRASHES	199	216	156	217	179
FATAL CRASHES	0	0	0	1	0
TICKETS & TRAFFIC ARRESTS	904	800	1,100	1,091	907
Milford Township					
INDEX CRIMES	90	123	83	94	48
ADULT ARRESTS	142	131	93	395	377
JUVENILE ARRESTS	13	6	7	3	0
ZERO TOLERANCE	11	8	8	1	0
OUI, OWI, OUID	31	38	55	49	42
DEER - CAR CRASHES	80	75	55	50	44
INJURY CRASHES	31	36	44	30	38
TOTAL CRASHES	259	243	215	211	225
FATAL CRASHES	1	0	1	1	0
TICKETS & TRAFFIC ARRESTS	698	434	1,001	995	784

Village & Twp of Milford	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
INDEX CRIMES	164	233	156	164	99
ADULT ARRESTS	336	287	256	750	709
JUVENILE ARRESTS	37	10	24	7	1
ZERO TOLERANCE	30	20	11	2	1
OUI, OWI, OUID	81	80	103	120	95
DEER - CAR CRASHES	88	85	58	55	47
INJURY CRASHES	46	54	64	50	49
TOTAL CRASHES	458	459	371	428	404
FATAL CRASHES	1	0	1	2	0
TICKETS & TRAFFIC ARRESTS	1602	1234	2101	2086	1,691



Graphical Selected Police Activity of Interest, Five Years, Combined Village and Township





Index Crimes, Five Year Comparison

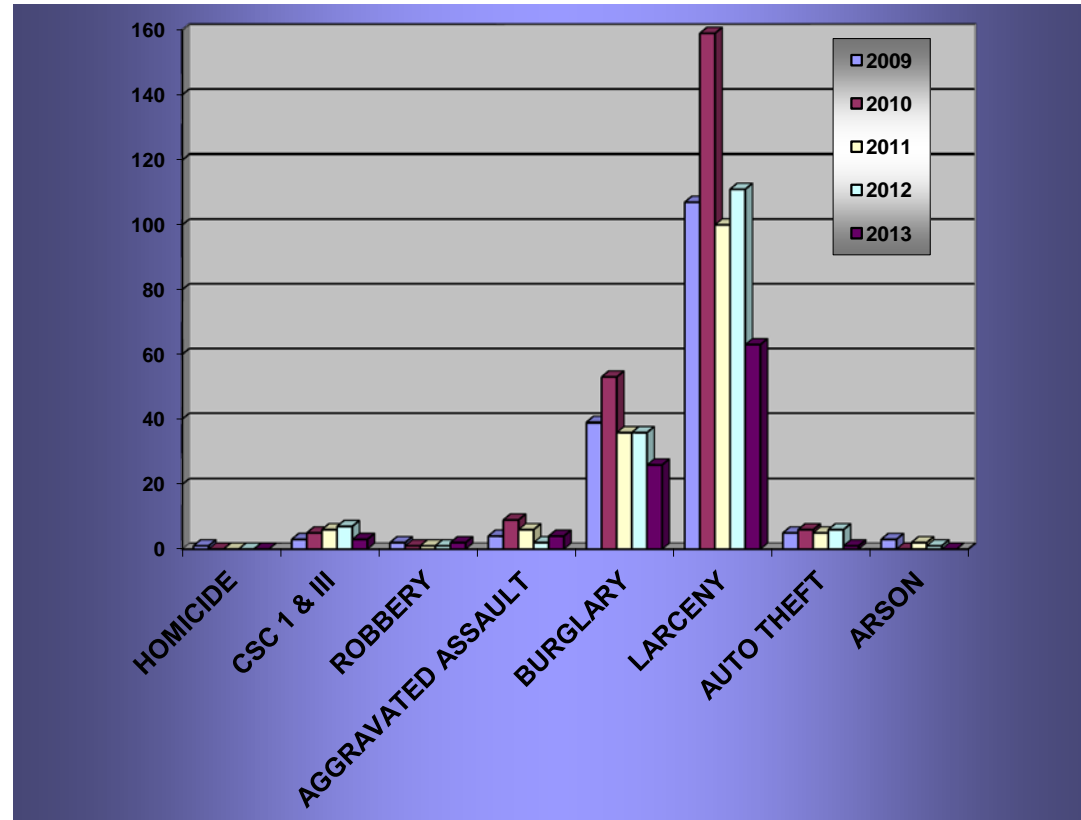
Following are five-year comparison tables and charts for Index Crimes, as reported to the State Police and compiled nationwide by the FBI. Larceny is by far the most common index crime. Larceny is any type of theft of property, but this category does not include auto theft, or incidents of property taken in a burglary or robbery.

Village of Milford	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
HOMICIDE	0	0	0	0	0
CSC I & III	3	4	3	2	2
ROBBERY	0	1	1	1	2
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	4	7	1	0	2
BURGLARY	7	11	17	16	9
LARCENY	58	87	49	50	36
AUTO THEFT	1	0	1	1	0
ARSON	1	0	1	0	0
Milford Township	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
HOMICIDE	1	0	0	0	0
CSC I & III	0	1	3	5	1
ROBBERY	2	0	0	0	0
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	0	2	5	2	2
BURGLARY	32	42	19	20	17
LARCENY	49	72	51	61	27
AUTO THEFT	4	6	4	5	1
ARSON	2	0	1	1	0

Village & Township	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
HOMICIDE	1	0	0	0	0
CSC I & III	3	5	6	7	3
ROBBERY	2	1	1	1	2
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	4	9	6	2	4
BURGLARY	39	53	36	36	26
LARCENY	107	159	100	111	63
AUTO THEFT	5	6	5	6	1
ARSON	3	0	2	1	0



Graphical View of Index Crimes, Five Year Comparison, Combined Village and Township





Some Highlights of our 2013 Services

- The Milford Police Department handled 14,096 calls for service in 2013 compared to 12,901 in 2012.
- Dispatchers answered 1,784 emergency 9-1-1 calls in 2013 compared to 1,578 9-1-1 calls handled the previous year.
- Officers conducted 6,054 traffic stops, affected 709 adult arrests and impounded 345 vehicles.
- Milford Police Department Detectives obtained 37 Felony Warrants, 29 State Law Misdemeanors, 25 local ordinance warrants, 10 juvenile petitions and requested 4 search warrants.
- 52-1 District Court revenue \$88,559 compared to \$101,777 in 2012.



Some Highlights of our 2013 Services

- Officers responded to 448 residential and commercial alarms.
- We assisted 343 motorists who locked themselves out of their vehicles.
- The Records Section responded to 118 Freedom of Information Act requests, 32 requests for information under discovery and 150 background checks.
- 891 gun purchase permits were issued and 879 guns were registered for residents and firearms dealers within the Village and Township.
- An estimated 900 pounds of unwanted or expired prescription drugs were turned in through the MPD's drug take-back program in 2013.



Some Highlights of our 2013 Services

- The Police Department administered 576 court ordered preliminary breath tests in 2013, generating \$3,781.00.
- Officers attended a cumulative total of nearly 500 hours of Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) approved in-service training throughout 2013. Additional in-house training hours were dedicated to topics such as firearms training & qualifications, active shooter response and new technology familiarization.
- Dispatchers received over 900 hours of training in 2013. Most of those training hours were required in order to comply with new mandatory training standards issued by the state 9-1-1 committee.
- Reserve Police Officers contributed 1,269 hours of their time assisting the department with patrols, vacation house checks, special events and monthly meetings.



Some Highlights of our 2013 Services

- The Milford Police Department's Facebook page now has 653 "likes" and 399 people are currently following the MPD on Twitter.
- Milford ranked third among Michigan's ten safest places according to report published by real estate website movoto.com.



Significant Implementations

OakTAC

In early 2013, the Milford Police Department entered into an agreement to become active members of the Oakland County Tactical Consortium (OakTAC). OakTAC is comprised of 27 agencies across Oakland County and, due to its' multi-jurisdictional nature, is one of the few law enforcement groups qualified by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to receive federal grant monies in the State of Michigan.

The group exists to provide training throughout Oakland County in the critical areas of active shooter response, civil unrest and other low frequency-high liability public safety incidents. In addition to training, OakTAC grants member agencies access to shared resources such as specialized weapons, utility trailers, armored vehicles, Gator ATV's, barricades and other tactical equipment. Because of our membership in OakTAC, the Gator ATV's were made available to the Milford Police Department for use in the 2013 Milford Memories Festival.

Milford Police Sergeant Kevin Knauss and Officer Brent Murray served as OakTAC Active Shooter Response instructors during 2013 and were personally involved in the training of over 400 students throughout the county.





Significant Implementations

Coffee With a Cop

The “*Coffee With a Cop*” program was begun in 2011 by the Hawthorne, California Police Department. The concept was simple – bring police and community members together in an informal, neutral space to discuss community issues, build relationships, and drink coffee. The event was a tremendous success and in 2012 the Hawthorne Police Department was awarded a federal grant to facilitate the spread of the “*Coffee With a Cop*” concept across the nation.

“*Coffee With a Cop*” events have now been hosted in over 175 cities and towns in 36 states.

The Milford Police Department hosted their first “*Coffee With a Cop*” event on July 11, 2013 at McDonald’s and a second event was hosted at the Milford Senior Center on December 20.



During both events officers were able to address a number of concerns of Milford residents that might not have otherwise been brought to the police department’s attention.

The police department expects to continue building relationships with community members and local businesses through additional “*Coffee With a Cop*” events in 2014.





Significant Implementations

Pigs 4 Wigs

On October 25, 2013 a proposal was submitted to Chief Lindberg by Milford police officers requesting that he allow officers to refrain from shaving their facial hair during the month of November as a gesture of support for the American Cancer Society's "No-shave November" campaign. After carefully considering the proposal, Chief Lindberg agreed – with the following stipulations:



- This would have to be a charity fundraising event with a specific organization selected to receive the proceeds.
- The selected organization should provide services to residents in the Milford area.
- Officers must cumulatively raise at least \$1,000 prior to the start of the event (November 1).

The St. Clair Shores, Michigan based non-profit organization Wigs4Kids was selected to be the recipient of the funds raised during the month. Wigs4Kids provides custom-fitted, age appropriate wigs and other services at no cost to Michigan children and young adults who experience hair loss due to cancer and other ailments such as alopecia, lupus, hydrocephalus, burns and other disorders. Each wig provided by the Wigs4Kids organization costs about \$800 to produce.



The event was nicknamed "Pigs-4-Wigs" and during the month of November, officers solicited donations from friends, family members, and businesses as well other area law enforcement agencies and fraternal organizations. By the end of November, officers had raised over \$6,000 for the Wigs4Kids organization – enough to provide their services to at least seven young people and their families.



Capital Expenditures

In-car Video

Installation of the WatchGuard® 4RE™ HD In-car Video Systems in the Milford Police patrol fleet has been completed. All personnel have received training on the operation of the system.

The installation of in-car video was a capital outlay expenditure for the 2013/2014 Fiscal Year. The Department requested that \$63,000 be allocated to Capital Outlay in order to purchase a system, install equipment in to the vehicles as well as setting up the wireless access points and installation of a server in the building.

The WatchGuard® 4RE™ High Definition system was chosen for a few reasons consisting of ease of use, quality of the video and equipment

durability. The WatchGuard® 4RE™ captures audio and video from events that take place in the field. The system allows for all videos to be downloaded through wireless access points installed around the station when the vehicles come into signal range. The videos are then kept on a secured server system where they can be reviewed by the Officers, Investigators or the Records Clerk and made available to prosecutors or defense attorneys through FOIA or discovery.





Capital Expenditures

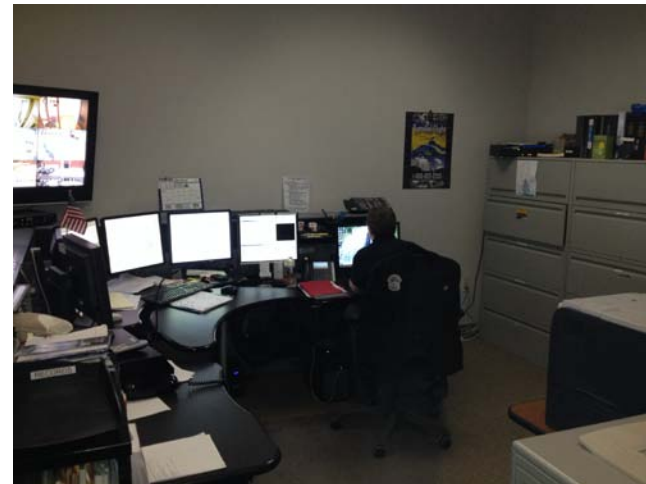
The Milford Police Department allocated \$57,500 into the Capital Outlay account for the 2013/2014 Fiscal Year to purchase two patrol vehicles to replace older high mileage vehicles. The Milford Police Department purchased and equipped a 2013 Ford F-150 Special Services Package pickup truck from Gorno Ford in Wyandotte to replace a 2009 Chevrolet Tahoe that was taken out of service. The Department then purchased a 2014 Chevrolet Impala Police Sedan from Berger Chevrolet in Grand Rapids to replace a 2009 Chevrolet Impala that was taken out of service.





Capital Expenditures

The Milford Police Department created a new Computer Information Technology account and allocated \$10,000 for the 2013/2014 Fiscal Year. This account was created to cover expenditures related toward improving computer technology throughout the department. This year the Department utilized this account to replace the computers, monitors and printer for both positions at the Dispatch Center. This expenditure replaced original equipment given to us by Oakland County several years ago that had well exceeded its end of life. The Department was also able to purchase two laptop computers and one desktop model to replace older units at some of the department workstations.





Significant Cases

Case One:

On September 16, 2013 the Milford Police Department responded to a local business on a report of a male subject approaching and following young, middle school-aged females. During the investigation, it was determined that the subject involved in this case is a current registered sex offender on probation for Accosting a Child for Immoral Purposes.



The subject was identified as Jordan Kent Walters, a 31-year-old Milford resident. With the assistance of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office Fugitive Apprehension Team, Walters was arrested within minutes of obtaining the arrest warrant. As a result of this investigation, Walters was charged with one count of Attempt to Solicit a Minor for Immoral Purposes, a 2-year felony. With Walter's prior felony conviction, he will be eligible to be charged as a Habitual Offender, 2nd Offense. Walters was arraigned in front of Magistrate Michael Batchik of the 52-1 District Court and bond was ordered at \$50,000 cash. This case is still pending in the Oakland County Circuit Court.



Significant Cases

Case Two:

On November 1, 2013, the Milford Police Department took a theft complaint from the clerk at the Speedway gas station located at 105 S Milford. The employee indicated a Children's Miracle Network donation jar, containing an undetermined amount of money, was stolen from the cashier's counter at approximately 7:15pm. This is the second incident within the past week in which a donation jar benefiting the Children's Miracle Network was stolen from area Speedway gas stations. On October 27, 2013 a report was filed with the Livingston County Sheriff's Office regarding a similar incident.



Video surveillance footage from both thefts has been reviewed and the suspect appears to be the same in both cases. The suspect is believed to be a white male in his 30's, approximately 5'10 – 5'11" and around 175lbs. During the Milford incident he was wearing a black three quarter length leather jacket over a thinner white jacket, blue jeans, a gray stocking hat, and brown shoes. As the result of a thorough investigation, the Suspect was

identified as Chad Lendon Stewart. An arrest warrant was obtained for larceny in building and Stewart pled guilty as charged in the Oakland County Circuit Court.



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