



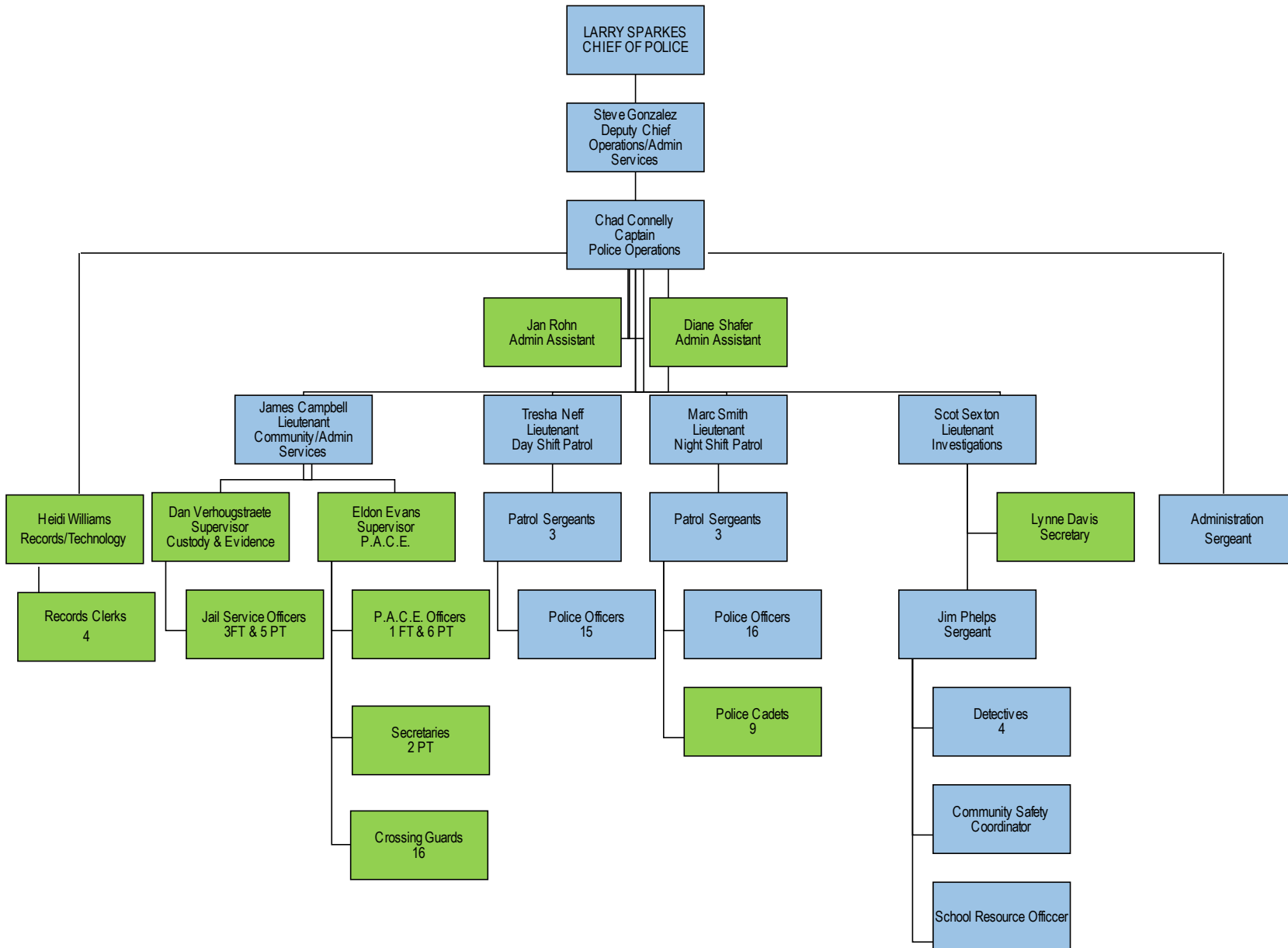
EAST LANSING POLICE
DEPARTMENT
2019 Annual Report



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ELPD ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



LAST	FIRST	BADGE #	DPT SERV DATE
PHELPS	JIM	112	07/13/1993
SMITH	MARC	115	05/09/1994
BROWN	DAN	116	06/20/1994
NEFF	TRESHA	117	06/20/1994
CAMPBELL	JAMES	121	05/23/1995
BLANCK	TOM	120	06/13/1996
VEDDER	ERICH	124	03/03/1997
SPARKES	LARRY	125	05/27/1997
WACHOWSKI	TOM	127	08/20/1997
SPITZ	JEFF	128	08/20/1997
GONZALEZ	STEVE	129	12/22/1997
KHOURY	KRISTINE	131	05/18/1998
CONNELLY	CHAD	133	09/08/1998
THOMAS	JEFF	135	09/21/1998
SEXTON	SCOT	137	01/25/1999
FULLER	TONY	138	01/25/1999
DIDION	JIM	139	01/25/1999
KELLEY	DEAN	143	11/15/1999
PRIDE	CHAD	144	01/03/2000
WHELAN	STEVE	146	11/13/2000
KUHN	RYAN	147	05/14/2001
OJERIO	ADRIAN	149	06/25/2001
SHADDUCK	CHRISTOPHER	155	11/10/2003
PARK	ADAM	156	11/10/2003
BOVE	TRAVIS	157	01/18/2006
YOUNG	JAY	158	06/30/2008
STEPHENSON	ANDREW	160	11/22/2010
HORN	JEFF	161	05/13/2011
SPERRY	TRACI	163	10/03/2011
STEMEN	CHAD	168	05/29/2012
MITCHELL	NICOLE	169	07/09/2012
STOLTZFUS	DAVID	170	07/09/2012
CORTEZ	JACOB	172	08/13/2012
KLAVENSKI	SCOTT	173	08/13/2012
HORST	JUSTAN	174	12/10/2012
MONROE	BRITTANY	175	12/10/2012
MCMATH	ASHELEY	176	05/28/2013
MOMMERSTEEG	BENJAMIN	182	09/14/2015
MOREHEAD	CHELSEA	183	12/14/2015
HAMILTON	JEREMY	184	12/14/2015
BENNETT	KATELYNN	185	05/16/2016
WOODRUFF	JORDAN	186	12/12/2016
NELSON	AUSTIN	187	01/19/2017
HARRISON	KATEY	188	05/15/2017
CULROSS	JACEY	189	08/14/2017
KOLE	STACI	190	09/05/2017
CASSIDY	TYLER	191	09/05/2017



JOB STATUS

NEW HIRES

Yutaka Benson	Cadet
Brooke Besford	Cadet
Jason Cotton	Police Officer
Matthew Heffelfinger	Police Officer
Sudesna Paul	Cadet
Aubreigh Pettiford	Cadet
Wesley Scallions	Cadet
Marquis Washington	Cadet
James Menser	Police Officer
Evan Siemen	Police Officer
Konnor Iott	Police Officer
Andy Ferguson	Police Officer
Taniesha Anderson	Records Clerk
Jermaine Gayle	Chaplain

INTERNAL MOVES

Melanie Birchmeier	Cadet to Pace Officer
Casey Guthrie	Cadet to Jail Service Officer
Mark Moore	Cadet to Jail Service Officer
Sergeant Kristine Khoury	Road Patrol to Police Administration
Rachel Striks	Cadet to Jail Service Officer
Kristy Schwalm	Police Officer

PROMOTIONS

Travis Bove	Police Officer to Sergeant
Jeff Thomas	Detective/Police Officer to Sergeant

GOOD-BYE and THANK YOU

Jhane Gill-Hudson	Douglas Ryan
Terry McCrimmon	Tim Smith
ChaNell Moore	Matt Swab
Suzanne Pauley	Jennifer Tracy
Aubreigh Pettiford	Heidi Williams
K9 Atos	K9 Tia
Retired Lieutenant M. Markham	

Bureau Reports

Detective Bureau
PACE
Records/Technology
Jail



Detective Bureau

The Detective Bureau's mission is to support the Patrol Division and investigate crimes with the successful prosecution of offenders. Our dedicated Detectives spend numerous hours, weeks and even months working to resolve assigned investigations with commitment and compassion. Our Detectives have developed partnerships with other Federal and Local Agencies, Prosecutors, Medical Examiners and other community organizations to find a successful conclusion to their investigations.

Detective Bureau Investigators assists in other areas as well; examples include MSU Football games, homecoming parades, Final Four Basketball events, National Night Out, East Lansing High School Football games, basketball, and prom events. Other duties include, school lockdown drills, Shop with a Cop events, being part of the county wide tactical team, being part of the county wide accident investigation team, and oversees the Behavior Assessment Unit (BAU).

Our school resource officer spent significant time meeting on school safety measures throughout the year and has been trained on active shooter responses.

The Detective Bureau is an active participant with the Ingham Opioid Abuse Prevention Initiative (IOAPI) which is an action-oriented, community collaborative established to develop and implement strategies that prevent and reduce opioid abuse in Ingham County.

Detective Thomas was the lead investigator on a Homicide trial that ended in a guilty verdict after a short deliberation by the jury. In the middle of the trial, Detective Jeff Thomas was promoted to Sergeant that took effect December 12th, 2019. Sergeant Thomas will be returning to the Road Patrol as a shift Supervisor and will be sorely missed as a team leader in the Detective Bureau.

The Detective Bureau is currently led by Lt. Scot Sexton. Detective Sergeant James Phelps, Detective Tony Fuller, Detective Ryan Kuhn, Detective Traci Sperry, Detective/School Resource Officer Nicole Mitchell, Detective/Safety Officer Jeff Spitz and Administrator Assistant Lynne Davis are also assigned to the Detective Bureau.

Over 500 Investigations were assigned to Detectives in 2019 which required action on behalf of the Detectives. A significant number of these investigations ended with suspects being criminally charged for their crimes. Crimes investigated include, but are not limited to:

Homicide	Attempted Murder	Death Investigations
Criminal Sexual Conduct	Home Invasion	Larceny from Building
Larceny from Auto	Retail Fraud	Fraud
Credit Card Crimes	Crimes against Persons	Assaults
Armed Robbery	Strong-Armed Robbery	Arson
Embezzlement	Suicide	Firearm Laws
City Ordinance Violations		

PACE

During 2019, the PACE Department saw some changes in staffing levels. In January, PACE said goodbye to a longtime PACE Officer who was sponsored by the East Lansing Police Department to attend the Mid-Michigan Police Academy. PACE also hired a new Officer in January who left to become an East Lansing Police Officer in February. PACE filled these positions with current Cadets; one being hired on January 2nd and another on May 20th.

Supervisor Evans continued to supervise the PACE Department as well as the Crossing Guards. He was involved with several committees and functions, participating in the downtown Maintenance Committee, the Safe Routes to School Committee, and BS&A group. Supervisor Evans also participated in several interviews with the State News, Journalism students, as well as other news sources. These interviews discussed the ordinances, responsibilities, and daily duties of a PACE Officer.

PACE Department continued to work with the Building/Housing Department in dealing with code compliance issues and vacant housing issues. PACE Officer Bond continued to provide vehicle surveillance for their department whenever there was reason to believe owners were renting without a license or there were questions of possible over-occupancy.

Supervisor Evans and PACE Secretary Ewing participated in a multi-departmental meeting regarding snow and ice. The meeting discussed the responsibilities of each department regarding snow/ice issues. Along with Supervisor Evans, the PACE secretaries also participated in the BS&A group. This group consists of several departments who use BS&A. The goal is to find the most effective and efficient way to utilize the system.

PACE Secretary Rodriguez continued to be involved in the City of East Lansing Safety Committee. PACE personnel completed the Departmental yearly training. A few of our younger PACE Officers helped with sting operations throughout East Lansing bars and stores.

The PACE Department was also involved with activities within the Community. PACE was active in the Art Festival and Winter Glow. We participate in the Ride Your Bike to School event as well as the Safe Routes to School Day. PACE assisted with the Andre Hudson Basketball Camp, the Homecoming Parade, the Great Pumpkin Walk, and Safe Halloween night. PACE helped set up and clean up for the employee picnic. We attended the delicious Martin Luther Chapel Luncheon which the Chapel has put on for the last several years for all City Of East Lansing employees. PACE personnel donated money to the Old News Boy newspaper. Ending the year, Supervisor Evans, PACE Officer Bott, and Secretary Rodriguez volunteered their time to support No Seniors without a Christmas.

Records/Technology

Records Bureau

Records Bureau personnel processed 4,196 Freedom of Information Act Requests (a 15.8% increase from 2018), registered 294 firearms, processed 6,710 case reports (including supplemental reports) and 1,435 (13.6% decrease from 2018) UD-10 reports.

Records staff maintains a list of current sex offenders residing in East Lansing and is responsible for verifying their status on an annual and semi-annual basis depending on the offender's registration criteria.

Records personnel also processed 107 complaint & warrant requests for the East Lansing City Attorney and 309 adult & 42 Juvenile complaint & warrant requests for the Ingham County Prosecutors Office for a total of 458 request packets.

Technology

The use of Axon body cameras and fleet cameras was refined in 2019.

Employee

In 2019, East Lansing Police Department Records Bureau experienced numerous personnel changes.

Supervisor Heidi Williams departed the police department after 21 years; she accepted a Director position with Ingham County.

Terry McCrimmon retired from the police department after almost 28 years of service.

Jennifer Tracy left the police department after 5 years; she and her family moved out of state.

Records Department gained two new employees. Sergeant Adrian Ojerio assumed the role of Supervisor of Records. Sergeant Ojerio will continue to be a team leader for the EL portion of IRSRT Team, and a member of IRCIT and coordinator of Citizens' Police Academy.

Records Clerk Taniesha Anderson started with Records in September. We look forward to having her as a member of ELPD for many years.

Barb Joseph and Ebani Bassage remain committed to the Police Department Records Bureau. Barb continues to serve as Union Representative and Ebani serves on the Wayfinding Committee for City Hall, volunteers to assist with elections and serves on the Spirit Committee.

Training

Members of ELPD Records attended the following training activities:

Michigan Incident Crime Reporting (MICR) training

Basic LEIN Training

Law Enforcement Information Network Terminal Agency Coordinator Training (LEIN TAC)

SRMS Training

Freedom of Information Act

East Lansing Police Department Jail

Total number of prisoners lodged in from 1-1-2019 to 12-31-2019: 1634

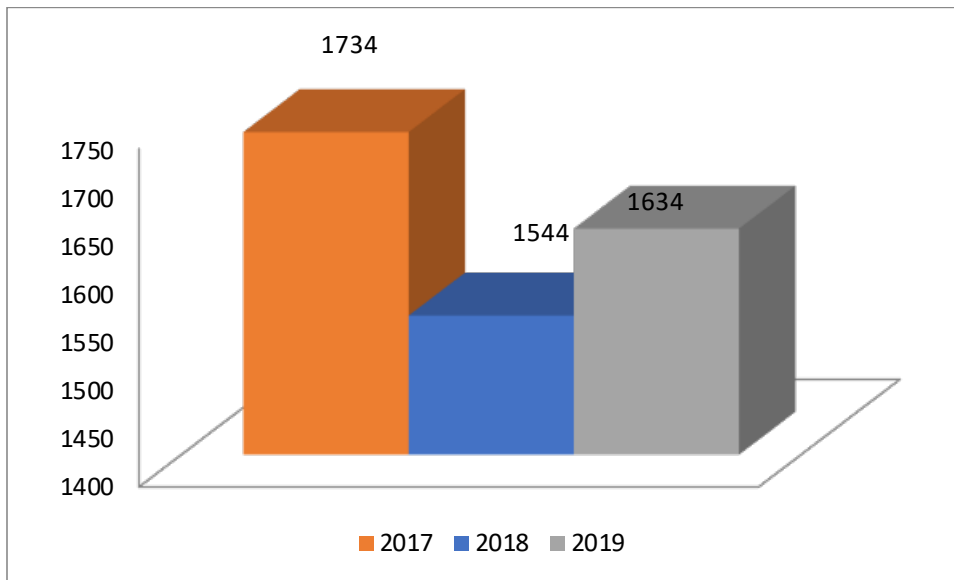
Average number of prisoners booked per day: 4.48

Percentage of alcohol related arrests: 20%

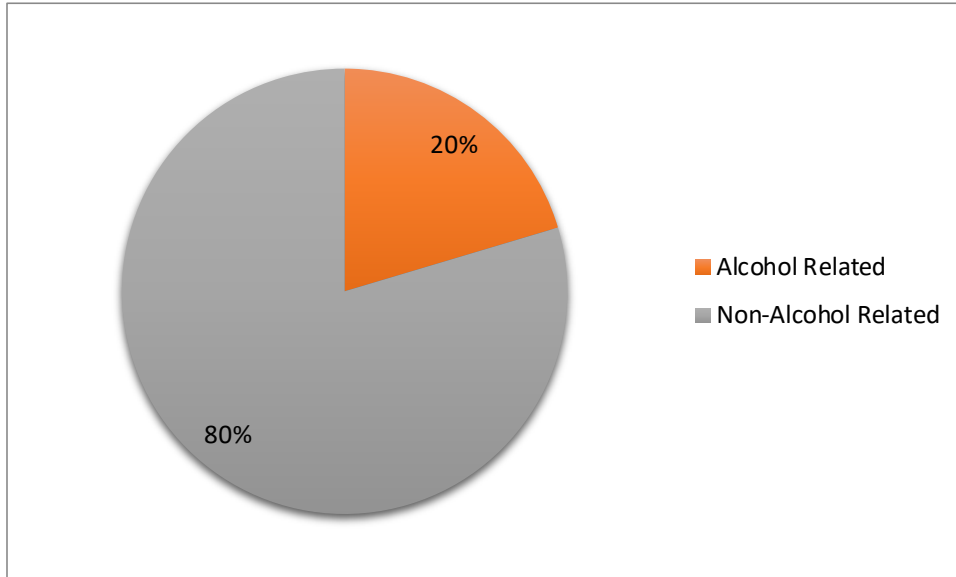
Number of prisoners arrested by the East Lansing Police Department: 1234

Prisoners from other area agencies including 54B court appearances: 400

Total prisoners lodged in 2017, 2018 and 2019



Percentage of 2019 Alcohol Related Arrests



2019 Arrests by Charge

The East Lansing Jail is staffed 24 hours a day and consists of three full-time and five part-time Jail Officers. Jail Officers are responsible for the health and welfare of individuals in our lock-up facility. The total number of prisoners represents arrests from all local law enforcement agencies including prisoners transferred from the Ingham County Jail for court appearance at the 54B District Court.

The jail is the 24 hour point of contact for the Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) and monitors the security camera system and alarms within City Hall and the 54B District Court.

DIVISIONS

Accident Investigation
Bike Program
Cadet Program
Community Outreach/Neighborhood Watch
Precision Driving
FTO
K9
IRSRT
Use of Force
Honor Guard



Accident Investigation Team

The ELPD Accident Investigation (AI) Team responds to accidents where additional investigation or expertise beyond the normal patrol officer is required. This usually entails traffic crashes that result in serious bodily injury or a fatality. The AI team will do detailed sketches of the accident scene, take extensive amounts of photographs, and conduct detailed interviews with witnesses. Members of the ELPD AI team and their training level are as follows:

Officer Chris Shadduck – Accident Reconstructionist
Officer Dave Stoltzfus – Accident Reconstructionist
Officer Steve Whelan – Accident Investigator
Sergeant Adrian Ojerio – Accident Investigator
Lieutenant Scot Sexton – Accident Investigator

In 2019 the ELPD AI team continued its partnership with the Ingham County Regional Crash Investigation Team (IRCIT). This team was created in 2014 as a regional team that can respond to any serious injury or fatal accident in Ingham County. Accident investigators from many agencies within Ingham County can respond to these accidents using a code red paging system through Ingham County Central Dispatch.

In 2019, ELPD members responded to 16 crashes in the Ingham County area while assisting IRCIT. This included three crashes that happened in East Lansing where other members of IRCIT also came to assist. Unfortunately, ELPD did have one fatal car crash in 2019 that required the assistance of IRCIT.

IRCIT trains on a quarterly basis at the MSU Police Department. Officer Stoltzfus, Sergeant Ojerio, and Officer Whelan attended several IRCIT training sessions at MSU PD during 2019.

Bicycle Unit

During the 2019 calendar year the East Lansing Police Department bicycle unit consisted of:

Detective/Officer Traci Sperry
Officer Brittany Monroe
Detective/Officer Ryan Kuhn
Officer Katelynn Bennett

Officer Chad Stemen
Officer Jayson Young
Officer Ben Mommersteeg
Sergeant Chad Pride

The East Lansing Police Department Bicycle Unit attended local neighborhood meetings, neighboring community events, and patrolled on shift throughout the 2019 calendar year. Events include; the Ride of Silence event from the City of East Lansing to the City of Lansing, Touch a Truck/ National Night Out, Safety Patrol Picnic at Hawk Island County Park, Eaton County Fireworks in Delta Township, and multiple neighborhood events.

The East Lansing Police Department bicycle unit is a dedicated to bicycle safety through education and cycling awareness.

Cadet Program

In 2019, the police cadets provided outstanding service to citizens as well as assisted police department personnel with multiple important tasks. Because our cadets were targeted for several open employment positions with PACE and the jail, keeping the Cadet cadre fully staffed was quite a challenge. Despite constantly hiring and training throughout the year, the Cadet cadre accomplished a great deal in 2019.

The cadets took 154 reports at the desk, which included bike larcenies and found property. Additionally, the cadets registered 169 bicycles and entered 1000+ abandoned vehicles. The cadets also administered hundreds of preliminary breath tests and logged thousands of vehicles for overnight parking.

The cadets contributed to the overall mission of the police department by:

- Being the first employees to greet citizens and guests entering the police department
- Providing our visitors with outstanding care and service
- Assisting our liquor officer with undercover sting operations
- Participating in Shop with a Cop and Touch-a-Truck events
- Continuing education and training for potential career advancement

Current Cadets:

Luke Roubos
Kelsey Sherman
Marquis Washington
Brooke Besford

Wesley Scallions
Yutaka Benson
Sudesna Paul

Library Duty:

In addition to their regular duties and responsibilities at the desk, cadets have been trained to monitor after-school activities at the East Lansing Public Library. The cadets have been consistently on-duty at the library during times when school is in session from 3pm-5pm Monday through Friday. This has been an asset to the library staff and has helped reduce some of the after-school issues they were encountering.

Community Outreach/Neighborhood Watch

The East Lansing Neighborhood Watch group attended 103 meetings/events/activities in 2019. The 23 volunteer officers dealt with several issues of importance to their residents including noise, parking, loose dogs, solicitors, home invasions, larcenies, construction, suspicious activity, vagrants, illegal dumping and City ordinance violations to name a few.

The watch officers were invited to several community meetings/forums where information was gathered and shared. Home invasions and larcenies were a common topic of discussion as there were plenty of rumors spread throughout the communities that these types of criminal activities were on the uptick. Crime Mapping and Nixel were demonstrated and it was encouraged that the residents utilize these resources to stay informed.

The partnerships/communications with MSU Greek life continued to be an area of emphasis. There were several "Good Neighbor" presentations done at the fraternities and sororities as well as meeting with all of the "house mothers" and the Panhellenic Council. There were several fraternity incidents that required direct conversations with the Associate Director of Greek Life including threats on police and larceny of yard decorations.

Watch officers continued working with the MSU office of inclusion and attended several events such as the "Slavery to Freedom" series, Spartan Remix and Sparticipation. We met with the new Director of MSU LGBTQ resource center Jesse Beal to cultivate a new working partnership and we attended the MSUPD forum on race and police relations.

Special events also kept watch officers busy. Officers attended ice cream socials, Kiwanis Easter egg hunt, neighborhood garage sales, Special Olympic activities, neighborhood Halloween parades and parties, Safe Halloween, D.E.A. drug take back, Capital Area River Run, and the Lansing area Safety council picnic and Anniversary celebration to name a few.

We were able to continue our relationships/ partnerships with several community groups including the MLK Commission, Black Lives Matter, NAACP, Action Lansing, The ACLU, and ALPACT. These relationships helped when several incidents at other departments occurred that caused confusion, anger and mistrust. Several conversations were had to make sure ELPD's policies were understood and the open door to and with these groups remained open. The Anti- Bias Council also held meetings to address concerns within the mental health community and the MSU Muslim population.

The social media team was once again a big hit within the area. Officer Bennet was a key note speaker on "Generating crazy-good support for a government agency" at the County Road association annual Highway Conference. The social media continues to tear down barriers and show our officer are both human, caring and funny!

We continue to make strides at the Eaton County RESA program serving on the advisory board and mock interviews and the East Lansing Prime Time presenting on issues that affect the elderly and aging such as safety and scams. We have also partnered with the ADVENT house and PATH to address the homeless population in East Lansing. Our community efforts continue to expand in the areas of service. Contacts are Lt James Campbell and Sgt Chad Pride 319-6897.

Precision/Pursuit Driving Program

The ELPD Precision/Pursuit Driving Program works to provide emergency vehicle operation training to all sworn officers of the East Lansing Police Department. The objective of this training is to produce and maintain safe and competent law enforcement drivers for the department. In order to do so the program takes a two pronged approach to training. Officers are exposed to both classroom and practical training in order to enhance their knowledge and skill levels with regards to emergency driving.

The unit is currently staffed by two instructors that are responsible for administering this training. The instructors are graduates of the 40 hour Michigan State Police Advanced Precision Driving Program and the 80 hour Precision Driving Instructor Course. The instructors develop and teach the annual in-service training provided to the officers. Additionally, the instructors serve on the Ingham County Sheriff's Office Pursuit School staff.

Current instructors are:

LT Scot Sexton and OFC Tony Fuller

In-Service Training

In-service training was provided this year during the semi-annual ELPD training. The training consisted of:

One hour of classroom instruction from the police union about liability officers could face when involved in on-duty traffic crashes.

One hour of classroom instruction from an Ingham County Sheriff's Deputy about his experience related to the death of a fellow deputy during a high-speed pursuit in 2014.

Four hours of practical driving training conducted at the East Lansing Aquatic Center.

Field Training Officer (FTO)

During the 2019 calendar year, the Field Training Officer (FTO) Program consists of 15 officers and 3 supervisors assigned to the program (below are the current assigned FTO's to the unit). Officers Steve Whelan and Jeremy Hamilton were added to the FTO Cadre, they attended DeWolf and Associates FTO Basic School in August at Michigan State University Department of Public Safety for their certification.

The FTO unit also lost Officers Jeff Thomas and Travis Bove which were both promoted to Sergeant in December, and Officer Dean Kelley turned in his resignation letter from the unit in December as well.

Currently there are two inactive FTO's due to special assignments.

Seven officers were trained during the 2019 calendar year. Officers Cotton, Heffelfinger, and Schwalm were monitored by the FTO Cadre through their training and their probationary year. Officers Menser, Siemen, Iott, and Ferguson are currently being trained by the FTO Cadre.

During the 2019-year, FTO's updated the FTO manual, as well as trained and used the new online computer-based reporting daily observation reports.

Supervisors

Sgt. Chad Pride
Sgt. Tom Blanck
Sgt. Adam Park

Field Training Officers

Officer Wachowski
Officer Shaddock
Officer Kuhn (Inactive DB)
Officer Tracy Sperry (Inactive DB)
Officer Horn
Officer Young
Officer Stephenson
Officer Horst
Officer Stemen
Officer Cortez
Officer Whelan
Officer Hamilton

K9 Unit

2019 was a challenging year for the ELPD K-9 Unit in terms of change. K9 Atos was retired due to unknown medical reasons. Sadly, K9 Atos was put down prior to the end of the year due to this condition. Ofc. Staci Kole was added to the group in April and transitioned to the road as a handler in July. In December Ofc. Travis Bove was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and in early January of 2020 will assume leadership of the K9 Unit and our training group.

Our K-9 Teams were deployed on 185 calls for service this year. This is lower than normal and in part due to the unexpected retirement of Atos and his replacement not being on the road until mid-2019. Below is a list of active teams in 2019 and estimates for future career workability.

Sgt. Bove & K-9 Quinn: (Narcotic/Patrol/SRT) Quinn is currently 8 years old and is capable of at least one more year of service. Travis and Quinn are a very strong team and are in the last year or two of their careers together. Travis and Quinn were responsible for numerous apprehensions of violent felons and recovered multiple weapons during their deployments this year.

Ofc. Horst & K-9 Ares: (Explosives/Patrol/SRT) Ares is currently 6 years in age. Ares should have another 3-4 years of service left in him. Justan and Ares are an excellent team and a real asset to the agency. They are very dependable and are performing at a very high level. Justan has taken a lead role in the explosive management portion of the K9 Unit. Justan has also taken a lead role in our Community Activities with our K9s.

Ofc. Swab & K-9 Atos: (Explosive/Patrol) Retired January 6, 2019. Due to the condition becoming known in late 2018 Atos did not respond to any calls for service in 2019.

Ofc. Jeff Horn & K-9 Scott: (Narcotics/Patrol) Scott (3.5 Years Old) Jeff and Scott have completed two years of work together. Scott has an extremely high level of drive and potential. I expect them to continue to excel with hard work. They have experienced success in tracking and narcotics detection and will continue to grow and become more successful throughout the years.

Ofc. Staci Kole & K-9 Cezar: (Explosive/Patrol) After changing dogs a couple times Cezar and Staci are performing above expectations. Ofc. Kole has put a ton of effort into her partner and the added effort shows. She has experienced good success in 2019 and I expect this to continue as she moves forward.

In reviewing K-9 usage documentation there is a clear benefit in both safety to the community, and productivity for the agency. ELPD K-9 Teams were directly responsible for multiple felony* and misdemeanor arrests, along with the seizure of property and narcotics. The teams completed 16 demos and multiple school searches throughout the year.

The K-9 Unit was fully staffed in December 2019. We look forward to continued success and growth of our newer K-9 Teams.



IRSRT

Introduction

The East Lansing portion of IRSRT had leadership changes in 2019. After 5 years of service, 2 as a Team Leader, Ofc. Bove stepped down from the K9 leadership position as Sgt. Doyle from Ingham County assumed that position.

2019 ELPD Team Members

The current ELPD team members for 2019 are;

Operator Team Leader Sgt. Adrian Ojerio

Operator / Sniper Ofc. Jeff Thomas

Operator / Sniper Ofc. Dean Kelley

Operator Chad Stemen

Tactical K9 Team Leader Ofc. Bove – (stepped down 12/2019)

Tactical K9 Officer Horst

Tactical Negotiator Tony Fuller

Tactical Negotiator Chris Shadduck

IRSRT Community Events

ELPD IRSRT members participated in the open house at the East Lansing Police Department, the annual Lansing School District Safety Picnic and the ELPD Citizen's Academy.

Additional Training

IRSRT members maintained their 11 / 12 hour training days throughout the year. In addition to our once a month training, IRSRT members participate in 5 additional days (60 hours) of training at camp Grayling in the fall.

K9 Tactical Officers completed 6 / 12 hour days of tactical training with their K9 Partners in addition to their standard K9 training hours. This year the K9 tactical officers spent a significant amount of time integrating K9 tactics into the entry team, a new tactic for our team. Previously K9 units were primarily utilized for perimeter only.

2019 IRSRT Call Outs

IRSRT was called out 5 times during 2019. The following is a brief synopsis of the calls;

19-0001 Crowd Control – ELPD Activated IRSRT was activated for celebratory events from the MSU Elite 8 basketball game.

19-0002 Crowd Control – ELPD Activated IRSRT was activated for celebratory events from the MSU Final Four basketball game. IRSRT was used to move the crowd via officer presence. No other force was used by IRSRT.

19-0003 Search Warrant – ICSD called for IRSRT to execute a search warrant for home invasion suspects and stolen firearms.

19-0004 Search Warrant – ICSD called for IRSRT to execute a search warrant for home invasion suspects and stolen firearms and bomb making material. This was a multi-jurisdictional call which included MSP bomb squad.

19-0005 Barricaded Gunman – LPD requested IRSRT to assist LPS START on a barricaded gunman in Lansing. The call was cancelled before IRSRT made the Lansing Scene

New 2019 IRSRT Activity

In addition to the traditional call outs, MSU has begun proactively using IRSRT to assist with College Football Stadium security. This pro-active approach utilizes members of this unit in conjunction with the normal staffing levels previously associated with game day security.

Use of Force Training

The 2019 East Lansing Police Department (ELPD) Use of Force training sessions were filled with new and exciting things for the officers of the ELPD. The Department transitioned to a new duty pistol and officers were equipped with a more secure duty holster. The Officer Purchase Program (OPP) aided officers in obtaining equipment through payroll deduction to defer payments while offering quality police equipment at no cost to the ELPD.

Current members of the ELPD Use of Force Staff

Lt. Marc Smith	Sgt. Erich Vedder	Ofc. Thomas Wachowski
Ofc. Traci Sperry	Ofc. Chad Stemen	Ofc. David Stoltzfus
Ofc. Scott Klavenski		

Planning

In January and September, the Use of Force staff held planning meetings to coordinate a wide variety of training disciplines and equipment purchases in 2019. Additionally, one Instructor planning and development day was held in November.

ELPD Training

Taser and Defensive Tactics

In February, March, and April, the Use of Force Staff conducted a multitude of training consisting of Taser and Personal Chemical Agent for the Police and Jail Service Officers. Furthermore, Police, Jail, and PACE officers were trained in Defensive tactics, and participated in numerous scenarios and room clearing training, held on the 3rd floor and basement of the Hannah Community Center.

Active Violence Training

During the Summer, many of the newer officers took part in some regionally-based Active Violence Incident (AVI) training in Lansing to better prepared them for AVI's. Local area firearms instructors, including some from ELPD helped to train the attendees. The attendees participated in an in-depth presentation followed by a series of scenarios designed to inoculate them to some stress that they will likely encounter, and they trained to effectively respond and stop these threats.

Firearms Training

The Use of Force Staff hosted three dedicated firearm training sessions for sworn personnel at MSU PD's Range in 2019. The May training session was approximately 8 hours long for both dayshift and night shift which focused on marksmanship, reloading, malfunctions, communication, moving and shooting, and effective use of cover. In June, on-shift open range training was planned for but cancelled because of a lack of staffing.

During September and October, the Use of Force Staff transitioned the Department over to a new duty pistol and holster. Many of the holsters and magazine pouches approached 15 years old, and the current Sig Sauer P226's and P229's were approximately eight years old. This provided a unique opportunity to transition to the newer Sig Sauer P320 duty pistol because of the cost-effective option to replace our aging firearms equipment. The

Police Administration approved the changeover which is fiscally responsible to ensure high-quality equipment for ELPD officers to ensure public safety.

During the Fall transition training, the Staff issued out new Safariland magazine pouches and level three retention holsters which are more secure and transitioned officers of the Department. Officers provided training that acclimated officers to the Level III security holster, verified sights on the duty handgun, and assessed them in the handgun and rifle qualification.

The December firearms session expanded upon fall handgun transition training and emphasized drawing from their new holsters and practicing target focused shooting at close distances (4-10 yards) which is common in most law enforcement shootings. Furthermore, the Use of Force Staff provided training on flashlight techniques, room-clearing with Simunitions that included shoot/no-shoot targets, and felony stop training.

New Officers Trained

Officers Jason Cotton, Matthew Heffelfinger, Kristy Schwalm, James Menser, Evan Siemen, Konner Iott, and Andy Ferguson were all sworn into the ELPD during 2019. They all went through new officer Use of Force Orientation, with training that consisted of Taser, Personal Chemical Agent certification, Defensive Tactics, firearms training, and firearms qualification.

Officer Purchase Program

The officer purchase program was offered allowing the officers to purchase a Sig Sauer 365 sub-compact. This provided officers with a chance to purchase a small compact weapon that they can carry on duty as a backup gun, special assignments, or off-duty if they prefer. Furthermore, a rifle package (FN Tac-15, mounted weapon light, and optic) was made available for officer purchase if an officer had not purchased one in the past. Supplemental body armor plates were once again allowed for purchase all of which increases their readiness on and off-duty. Finally, the Sig Sauer MPX was made available for officers to purchase and deploy with if they are assigned to the Detective Bureau or Police Administration.

Old Equipment

Lt. Smith was instrumental in the planning of the P320 transition, and replacement of duty flashlights. Furthermore, the Use of Force Staff continued to gather old equipment that was not being utilized at the East Lansing Police Department, this equipment was then traded for new equipment that would benefit special units in the Department.

Conclusion

In review, the 2019 year was an active year for the Use of Force Staff who worked hard to provide quality training and equipment to the Department.

Honor Guard Report

The East Lansing Police Department (ELPD) Honor Guard served for its eighth operational year during 2019. The Honor Guard represented the police department at numerous events throughout the year; these events were comprised of both funeral and special events.

Membership:

The Honor Guard is comprised of eight sworn police department personnel. These individuals volunteer to become Honor Guard members and are selected on the basis of their work ethic, maturity, and attention to detail. When accepting assignment to the Honor Guard, these officers understand that serving on the unit will require a commitment of professionalism and accessibility throughout the year.

Staffing within the Unit is comprised of two police sergeants and six police officers. Sergeant Erich Vedder oversees the Unit and is assisted by Sergeant Adrian Ojerio. Officer Ryan Kuhn and Sergeant Travis Bove stepped down after helping to form the Unit and serving eight years. Both served with distinction having attended numerous police functions and funerals during their tenure.

In September of 2019, Sergeant Ojerio attended a formal Honor Guard School which increased his effectiveness in formal Honor Guard settings. Officers Katelynn Bennett and Tyler Cassidy were added to the Unit and are currently awaiting their formal dress uniform.

Budget

The Honor Guard functions without a budget which limits its numbers due to the expense of necessary equipment. Subsequently, the Unit is smaller than the past but will likely remain at this complement for the near future.

The current members of the ELPD HG are:

Sgt. Erich Vedder	Sgt. Adrian Ojerio	Ofc. Jayson Young
Ofc. Justan Horst	Ofc. Chelsea Morehead	Ofc. Jeremy Hamilton
Ofc. Katelynn Bennett	Ofc. Tyler Cassidy	

2019 Events

The ELPD HG represented the East Lansing Police Department at a variety of events throughout 2019. The Honor Guard participated in 13 events that included the Annual ELPD Awards Ceremony, funeral services, memorial services, and special event Color Guard presentations. This year's highlights include:

Police Memorial Week

In May, members of the East Lansing HG represented a local law enforcement presence at the State of Michigan MICOPS Ceremony at the State Capitol. The following day, the ELPD Honor Guard organized and hosted the Ingham County Police Memorial Ceremony to honor local fallen officers from within Ingham County at the Ingham County Sheriff's Office. The event is held on an annual basis, and after five years, it was ELPD's opportunity to organize and host the event. These law enforcement ceremonies are instrumental in keeping the memory of these fallen officers alive. These memorials serve to prove that we will never forget and continue to honor those that have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our communities. Furthermore, it is often the Honor Guard activities that leave lasting impressions upon grieving family members.

Departmental Funerals/Memorials

The ELPD family unfortunately lost one of their own in 2019. Honor Guard members travelled to Lake City to render honors to the family of retired Detective Lieutenant Maynard Markham. The Honor Guard presented a flag to the family and were present at the ceremony to meet with family and friends.

Line of Duty Death Funerals

Sadly, the Honor Guard attended a Detroit Police Department line of duty death funeral in December. The funeral was held to honor Sergeant Rasheen McClain who was shot and killed while searching a residence for an armed suspect in November.

Jim Johnson Remembrance

On October 25th, the Honor Guard travelled to Bedford, Michigan and paid tribute to Jim Johnson on the 35th Anniversary of his line of duty death. Members were accompanied by ELPD's Officer of the year, Steven Whelan, and ELPD Retirees, Jon Armstrong, Daniel Purtill and Ken Ouelette. The retiree's offered insight surrounding Jim's death and the days and functions that followed. The Honor Guard did maintenance at Jim's gravesite and performed a flag fold.

Conclusion

The East Lansing Police Honor Guard is a high profile and active unit within the East Lansing Police Department. The Unit is proud to represent the East Lansing Police Department at a variety of formal functions and looks forward to continuing this tradition into the future.

East Lansing Police Department
2019 Honor Guard Activities

2/4/19	ELPD Award Ceremony
5/3/19	LCC Police Academy Graduation
5/6/19	MICOPS Law Enforcement Memorial
5/7/19	Ingham County Law Enforcement Memorial
6/14/19	Ray Hellmann's Graveside Remembrance
6/15/19	Cops on a Run – Color Guard
7/3/19	Retired Det. Lt. Maynard Markham's Memorial Service
7/27/19	MLEOM – Dedication
8/14/19	Tribute for a Grateful Nation
10/25/19	Jim Johnson Gravesite Remembrance
10/28/19	Judge Stell's Memorial Service
12/06/19	Detroit Police Sgt. McClain's Funeral
12/13/19	Police Academy Graduation

2019 Award Recipients

Letter of Recognition	Letter of Commendation		Merit
ELPD Cadets	Ofc. T. Cassidy	Ofc. K. Bennett	Ofc. T. Bove
Ofc. J. Didion	Ofc. J. Didion	Ofc. T. Bove	K9 Quinn
Det./Ofc. R. Kuhn	Det./Ofc. T. Fuller	Ofc. J. Cortez	Ofc. J. Horn
Ofc. C. Morehead	DC S. Gonzalez	Ofc. J. Cotton	K9 Scott
Ofc. C. Shaddock	Ofc. K. Harrison (2)	Ofc. J. Hamilton	
Det./Ofc. T. Sperry	Det./Ofc. N. Mitchell	Ofc. J. Horst (2)	
Ofc. S. Whelan	Ofc. C. Morehead	Ofc. B. Mommersteeg	
	Det./Ofc. T. Sperry	JSO T. Moua	
	Ofc. S. Kole	Sgt. A. Park	
	Ofc. J. Woodruff (2)	Ofc. K. Schwalm (2)	
	Ofc. C. Stemen	Sgt. E. Vedder	
	Ofc. J. Young		
	Lifesaving	Bravery	
	Ofc. K. Bennett	Ofc. T. Cassidy	
	Ofc. M. Heffelfinger	Ofc. K. Harrison	
	Ofc. A. Nelson	Ofc. S. Kole (2)	
	Ofc. A. Stephenson		
	Ofc. E. Vedder		
432 Scholarship	Kora Didion	PAL – 20 Years	Cpt. Chad Connelly
MADD Award	Ofc. B. Mommersteeg	True Blue Award	Jon Armstrong
Mason Samborski Civilian of the Year	Jan Rohn	James Johnson Officer of the Year	Ofc. K. Bennett

**East Lansing Police Department Award Ceremony
January 15, 2020
Hannah Community Center**

Board of Award Members:
Lieutenant M. Smith
Sergeant T. Blanck
Officer J. Cortez
Supervisor D. Verhougstraete



Great Work!

Officer Steve Whelan was the officer involved:

Hello,

On Tuesday May 7th, I called in a welfare check on an employee that hadn't shown up for work for 2 weeks. I gave an incorrect address, but the police officer that responded didn't give up. He called me back on my cell phone and we were able to find where my buddy lived. Since he lived at the Methodist Church across from MSU on Harrison, it was kind of tricky. Regardless, the police officer didn't give up looking, and he could have. He ended up finding my friend in his bed, asleep. He had been there since Sunday evening, and had no clue what day it was when he was awakened. They did a quick medical check and decided to send my friend to the hospital. He is still there now and is being treated for seizures and swelling on his brain. If your officer had not continued looking, I fear the worst would have happened to my friend. I am not sure of your officers name, but if you could thank him for me, I would greatly appreciate it. I know that in today's climate, thank you's and appreciation for police officers are few and far between.

Thank you for all you do and keep fighting the good fight!

Officer Jake Cortez was responding officer:

Jake was praised by a member of the community for his care and professionalism and she appreciated being "listened" too, helped de-escalate her anger.

Officer Katelynn Bennett:

Katelynn Bennett was featured in an article in Crossroads, the Quarterly Journal of the County Road Association (CRA) of Michigan (Summer 2019) for her presentation at the at the 2019 Highway Conference and Road Show on March 13, 2019. She and Officer Avery Lyon from Bath Township presented, "Generating Crazy-Good Support for a Government Agency". The presentation was about the Social Media battle between East Lansing Police and Bath Township Police Departments.

Officer Katelynn Bennett:

Officer Bennett was praised for her role in the Explorer's Program.

"Officer Bennett served as a Range Instructor, giving one on one coaching to the Explorers while providing a safe environment for them to practice with firearms. Officer Bennett Provided the Explorers on the range with a strong female role model."

Officer Asheley McMath:

"A call was received from [REDACTED] who lives on [REDACTED]. She witnessed a female Officer pull over a vehicle with 4 young men in it on 7/22/19 around 10:10 PM on [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] neighbor, [REDACTED], harassed the Officer and yelled and screamed at her because he didn't want a Police car in front of his house and was very upset by the lights. [REDACTED] wanted us to know that the Officer remained very calm,

patient, .and polite through the whole encounter. ■■■ was very impressed with the Officer and called in to praise her. “

Officer Katelynn Bennett:

“Thank you for playing along!”

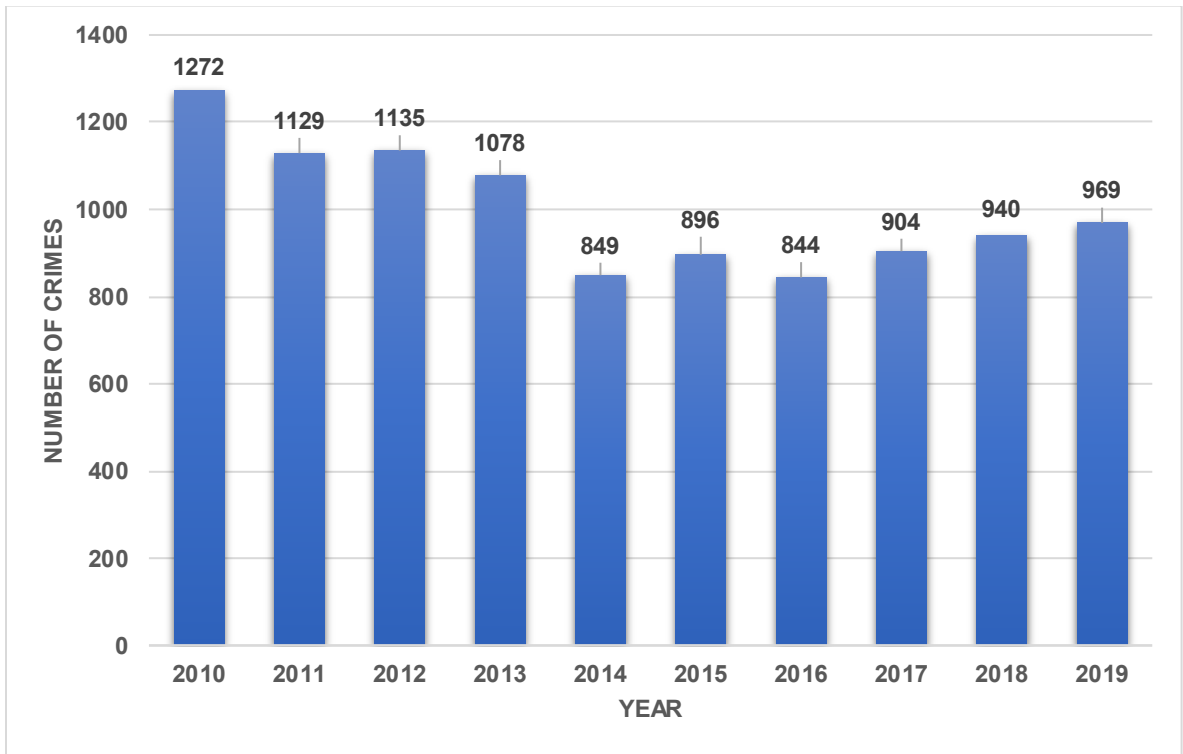


Sergeant Erich Vedder
Officer Andy Stephenson
Officer Matt Heffelfinger

A Life Saved: Several weeks ago Officers Stephenson, Heffelfinger, and Sgt Vedder responded to a subject slumped over the steering wheel at an intersection. Upon arrival they immediately recognized a medical emergency and the need to start CPR. Their quick, immediate actions saved the gentleman’s life. Recently, he came to ELPD to thank these Officers for their actions. He also contacted the LSJ to tell his story. In addition to a written story, the LSJ produced a short video (link below) with the officers, Mr. Johnson, and his family. I know they don’t want the limelight for these actions, but Andy, Matt, and Erich certainly deserve it. Well done!

<https://www.lansingstatejournal.com/videos/news/local/2019/11/25/east-lansing-couple-grateful-lifesavers-during-husbands-health-emergency/4302869002/>

Part 1 Crime Statistics



Part 1 Crimes Include:	
Offense	Number of Offenses
CSC 1st Crimes	22
CSC 3rd Crimes	26
Robbery	11
Aggravated/Felonious Assault	31
Arson	24
Burglary/Forced Entry and Without Force	114
Larceny	497
Motor Vehicle Theft	168
Retail Fraud	76

Part 2 Crimes (Non Index)

Year	Negligent Homicide/ Manslaughter	Disorderly	OWI	Aggravated Assault	Narcotics Laws	Sex Offenses	Vandalism	Embezzlement	Other	Total Part 2 and Other
2010	0	415	644	158	113	18	428	6	1156	2938
2011	0	431	623	144	139	28	421	3	1192	2981
2012	0	416	388	159	113	18	385	1	1034	2514
2013	0	403	264	143	116	17	331	5	979	2258
2014	0	298	271	145	93	15	323	4	1010	2159
2015	0	391	221	196	52	24	252	6	1132	2274
2016	0	323	224	201	47	22	246	11	968	2042
2017	0	259	186	204	38	30	237	7	860	1821
2018	1	246	126	189	26	28	210	6	685	1517
2019	0	264	164	188	32	34	212	11	735	1640

Part 2 Crimes "Other" 2019

Crime	Number
Extortion	4
Stalking	56
Burglary (Unlawful Entry/Tools)	17
Motor Vehicle Stolen	6
Forgery/Counterfeit	17
Frauds	136
Stolen Property	13
Retail Fraud – Refund	1
Family	15
Gambling	1
Prostitution	1
Liquor Law	12
Obstruct Police	25
Warrants	356
Weapons	18
Public Peace	11
Health and Safety	9
Trespass	10
Invasion of Property	1
Conservation	3
Runaway – Juvenile	23

2019 Citations Issued

YEAR	MIP	Noise	Open Alcohol	Traffic/ Appearance	Seat Belt	Speeding	PACE Parking	PACE Enforcement
2010	674	327	417	14646	676	4392	42857	1882
2011	758	342	728	15191	903	3629	43345	1788
2012	559	514	528	11995	438	2008	45196	1025
2013	482	385	501	13646	720	2464	40717	1348
2014	387	474	482	10624	491	1915	45099	1154
2015	306	276	420	7649	322	2067	48421	1095
2016	408	379	464	10933	385	1956	43228	956
2017	207	179	245	6155	331	1243	32368	878
2018	104	107	100	7560	189	1154	33445	743
2019	112	78	156	8172	173	1342	35018	858