

LUDINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

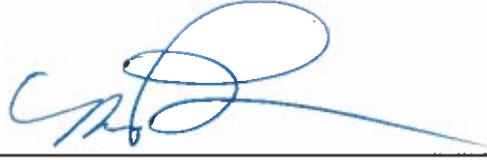


2018 ANNUAL REPORT

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Memorandum

To: Steve Miller, Mayor
Ludington City Council
Mitch Foster, City Manager



From: Chief Mark A. Barnett

Date: March 25, 2018

Re: 2018 Annual Report

POLICE ACTIVITY

Attached you will find a series of documents providing a summary of the various activities conducted by the Ludington Police Department in 2018.

Attachment #1

This report covers 2009 through 2018 and includes the following information:

- Departmental staffing levels
- Activity conducted
- Complaints Investigated
- Enforcement activity conducted
- Individual officer activity averages
- A chart illustrating trends of average officer activity

In 2018 the amount of Total Activity stayed fairly static at **9315**. The total number of Complaints Investigated increased by **90**. The number of Arrests decreased by **110**, Traffic Citations decreased by **31** and Parking Violations increased by **12** citations in 2018 as compared with 2017

Attachment #2

The Reported Crime Summary lists the most serious reported Person Crimes and Property Crimes, as well as the two most problematic Public Order Crimes encountered by the Ludington Police Department. It covers the time period of 2009 thru 2018.

In 2018 there were **3** more reported Person Crimes, **100** fewer Property Crimes and **18** more of the most problematic Public Order Crimes as compared to 2017

Attachment #3

Attachment #3 is the Enforcement History Report and summarizes the arrest activity for the same crime categories that are listed on attachment #2

Also included in the Enforcement History Report is information on traffic crashes, traffic citations and Operate While Intoxicated (O.W.I.) arrests, for the same time period.

In 2018 the number of arrests for Person Crimes reflect a decrease of 12 arrests compared to 2017. The number of Property Crime arrests in 2018 decreased by 36 from that in 2017, and the number of Public Order Crimes decreased by 4 from the previous year.

In 2018 the number of Traffic Crashes decreased by 12.

Officers arrested 37 individuals for O.W.I. in 2018, which is 5 more than in 2017. *(Note: This number includes both alcohol and illegal substance intoxication driving arrests.)*

Attachment #4

The 2018 Organizational Chart illustrates the total number of Ludington Police Department personnel and how they were utilized.

- 1 Chief of Police
- 1 Police Captain
- 4 Sergeants assigned to road patrol
- 6 Patrol Officers assigned to road patrol (Includes a half-time D.F.L. Person)
- 1 Detective
- 1 S.S.C.E.N.T. Officer
- 1 School Resource Officer
- 1 Full-time Administrative Assistant
- 1 Part-time Clerical Assistant
- 13 Police Reserve Officers (Volunteers)
- 1 Part-time (Sworn) Officer assigned to road patrol
- 3 Beach Patrol Members

SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS

The following information highlights incidents investigated by the Ludington Police Department that were significant due to type of incident, circumstances, amount of loss, required resources and/or the potential effect on the community.

Narcan (Naloxone) Saves

In 2018 L.P.D. officers responded to ten (10) separate incidents in which Narcan (Naloxone) was used (or available) on (to) victims of an opiate overdose. The Narcan was effective in bringing six of the ten victims out of the overdoses. Three of the victims were deceased when the officers arrived and the remaining victim was administered NARCAN but it was not effective and the victim died.

Manufacturing Child Pornography

In April of 2018 in the midst of an Uttering & Publishing investigation department personnel discovered evidence of the Manufacturing of Child Pornography. The detective worked with the Digital Forensics Lab officer and uncovered a significant amount of Child Sexually Abusive Material involving the 20-year-old suspect and a 16-year-old victim.

A two-count warrant was issued for the suspect (Count 1: Child Sexually Abusive Conduct – 20-year felony & Count 2: Computers-Using to Commit a Crime – 20-year Felony). Suspect has been arrested and is awaiting court..

Overdose Deaths

In May of 2018 officers responded to three separate Heroin overdoses within a twelve-day period. NARCAN was not deployed as the victims were deceased for a period of time when the officers arrived.

The death of one victim from a Heroin overdose is unusual. Three deaths are especially so given the very small time frame. Local history in 2017 & 2018 has been parallel to the nation-wide opioid epidemic wherein individuals have lost access to prescription medication and have turned to Heroin to feed their addiction.

Drowning-Pere Marquette Lake

June 17th of 2018 a group of friends were boating on Pere Marquette Lake and decided to return to shore. While en route a tube blew out of the boat and into the water. Upon seeing this the victim-Jay Phillip Cutter immediately dove into the water to retrieve it. The victim was not a strong swimmer and although the friends circled back to where he dove in at, were unable to locate him.

Members of the Ludington Fire Department, Mason County Dive Team (including L.P.D. Officers), Life E.M.S. L.P.D. Reserve Marine Unit and the M.S.P. Dive Team responded to the scene.

Breaking & Entering

In October of 2018 the department investigated a B&E where a former resident of the location is suspected to have forced their way back into the residence a number of times. Investigator was able to present sufficient evidence to the prosecutor to sustain the issuance of four separate warrants for Home Invasions. Two suspects were arrested and charged in each case.

Subsequent investigation revealed that the suspects had also committed multiple larcenies from Wal-Mart and Meijer wherein several thousand dollars of merchandise was stolen. Almost all the stolen property was recovered.

Passing of Counterfeit Currency

In November of 2018 a Ludington resident passed counterfeit currency at businesses located in the downtown area. The investigator was able identify the suspect and obtain sufficient evidence to support the charging of the individual with the Passing of Counterfeit Money.

Delivery Causing Death

In November of 2018 two Ludington residents traveled to Fountain to purchase Heroin. After the purchase they returned to their residence in Ludington and injected the Heroin. One of the subjects became unresponsive and died. Investigation revealed the identities of the dealers and sufficient evidence to charge them with Delivery Causing Death.

Additional subject involved in this incident have also been charged with various contributory crimes.

HIGHLIGHTS

The following highlights a number of initiatives that the Ludington Police Department is involved in. While some projects are directly linked with "traditional" law enforcement efforts, others involve activities that assist in making the community safer in a more indirect manner.

Reserve Marine Unit – Ofc. Tony Kuster

The Reserve Marine Officers (which includes active duty members of the U.S. Coast Guard- Station Ludington) staffed the Fire & Police Boat in 2018 and conducted the following activities:

- Marine Rescue
- Fire suppression
- Dive Team response and training support
- Harbor patrol
- Response to several marine incidents
- Special events (Macker, 4th of July and the Triathlon)
- Crew member training for both the Fire & Police Departments
- Equipment recovery

Reserve Marine Unit members conducted 20 missions in 2018, including one (1) Marine Fire Suppression of a boat fire in Pere Marquette.

Digital Forensic Lab – Ofc. Jacob Miller & Dep. John Balowski

As an ongoing cooperative effort between the Ludington Police Department, the Mason County Sheriff's Office and the Oceana County Sheriff's Office, the D.F.L. was staffed in 2018 by Ofc. Jacob Miller (L.P.D.) and Dep. John Balowski (M.C.S.O.).

In 2018 the Digital Forensics Lab processed 80 devices in 49 different cases. While the majority of cases for analysis were submitted by the Ludington Police Department, the Mason County Sheriff's Office and the S.S.C.E.N.T. Team, D.F.L. personnel have also provided assistance to the Oceana County Sheriff's Office, Hart P.D. and Scottville P.D. (Note: the Oceana County Sheriff's Office provides software and some hardware support for the D.F.L.)

Cases worked in 2018 by the D.F.L. include Criminal Sexual Conduct, Narcotics, Child Pornography, Fraud, Death, Fatal Traffic Crash, and Assault investigations.

Networking Group

The Ludington Police Department continued to coordinate the Networking Group throughout 2018 to respond to criminal issues that affect the Ludington/Mason County Community. And all the cooperating agencies continue to benefit by partnering together to address issues that are common challenges.

Target Area Problem Solving (TAPS) Committee – Sgt. Haveman

The citizens involved in the Target Area Problem Solving (TAPS) Committee continues to direct police efforts on areas of public concern.

The TAPS meetings, traditionally have been held on the third Wednesday of each month, involve discussion on issues ranging from special events, road construction and police enforcement activity. Reporting is provided on citations, arrests, accidents and other police activity. The information is analyzed and recommendations are made for the next month based in part on that information. Other determining factors include the time of year and expected problems.

There have been some areas which have remained problem areas for years such as Ludington Ave. and the area around the schools. We attempt to focus less on those areas as they naturally draw the attention of the patrol Officers. Instead we try to focus efforts on other areas and issues

such as speeding on Bryant Rd and neighborhoods where there had been a large number of incidents occurring.

During 2018 there was 103 documented times where enforcement actions were taken within a TAPS Zone. There were 70 traffic tickets written, 25 arrests and 8 criminal investigations where charges were not issued.

As stated in the 2017 TAPS Report citizen recruitment continued to be a challenge in 2018. We will continue our efforts to find ways to keep members of the community involved in providing input related to police resource deployment.

Sex Offender Registry Act (SORA) Report – Sgt. Haveman

During 2018 there we averaged 40-50 offenders registered within the City of Ludington. Of those offenders normally 5-10 were staying at Carr Manor or Melendy Manor. In the

winter time the numbers of offenders increased by 5 or so because Hospitality INC. is open and accepts Sex Offenders.

Residence Checks: During 2018 a residence check was completed on every Offender that was registered as living within the City. Each residence check includes verifying and updating all the information listed in Offender Watch. These checks were conducted in the spring and fall.

Halloween checks were completed on every Offender that was listed as being on Probation or Parole at Halloween. It is a condition of their probation to not hand out candy or have their porch light on during the trick or treat hours. No violations were detected.

Non-Compliant Offenders: In 2018 there were two Offenders assigned to Ludington that had moved out of state without reporting or transferring their offender status. One of the offenders has an active warrant for his arrest and according to Offender Watch has been arrested in Ohio for failure to register. The other offender currently lives in Illinois where he does not have to register according to their laws. This offender has been uncooperative in getting removed from the Michigan registry.

One other Offender has been charged and prosecution is underway for an address violation.

Outside Agency Assistance: The MSP Emergency Services team has been assisting with enforcing the SOR on a statewide basis including the City of Ludington and Mason County Sheriff's Office. We have worked with them along with Mason County Prosecutor's Office and Mason County Probation/Parole.

Legal Issues: Michigan's law regarding the Sex Offender Registry had been challenged in the Federal Court system. The Federal Court ruled many of the parts to the registry to be unconstitutional including the school safety zones. That ruling was appealed to the Appellate court which upheld the ruling. The Appellate court's decision was appealed to the Supreme Court which refused to hear the case which makes the Appellate court decision stand.

With the school safety zones being deemed unconstitutional under the Federal system enforcement under State of Michigan law risks exposure of the Ludington Police Department to civil liability. After conversations with the Mason County Prosecutor we were advised that charges can be brought in extreme cases but general prosecution will not be conducted.

2018 Movies in the Park

We had great weather and great crowds again this year. We were able to show four movies, *Sherlock Gnomes*, *Despicable Me 3*, *Paddington 2* and *Coco*, in Rotary Park. Audiences continue to enjoy the family friendly features surrounded by neighbors and visitors to our area.

The House of Flavors sponsorship makes the event possible by providing funds for movie licensing fees. And Evergreen Natural Foods continues to sponsor the sound and projection costs.

In addition to the aforementioned sponsorships this event would not be possible without assistance of Ms. Kaye Holman, Ms. Jackie Steckel, Ms. Melanie Tomaski, the Ludington High School Business Professionals of America Group, "Captain" Andrew Kimetz, First Mate Andy Kimetz (Baby Badger Engineer and Crew) as well as Mr. Ron Maluchnik (R.C.M. Audio), Mr. Caleb Nordine and the Downtown Ludington Board.

2018 Shop with a Cop Report – Ofc. Chad Skiba

The *2018 Shop with a Cop (Shop with a Hero) Campaign* raised a total \$19,789.26 this year through the generosity of Wal-Mart, Meijer, the annual *Shop with a Cop Pie Auction*, Nickelson's Tree Farm, as well as a number of other donors.

This year a total of 52 students shopped at either Wal-Mart or Meijer receiving up to \$200.00, depending on the number of children from the same family. They were paired with an officer from one of Mason County's law enforcement, firefighting or E.M.S. agencies and shopped for Christmas gifts for their families and themselves. After shopping at either Walmart or Meijer, their gifts were wrapped by volunteer wrappers and they were treated to a Jimmy John's meal.

The festive mood at Wal-Mart was enhanced by Christmas music performed by the L.H.S. choir.

A total of 48 families received a Christmas meal delivered by officers from the Ludington Police Dept., Mason County Sheriff's Office, Scottville Police Dept. and Michigan State Police-Hart Post. Twenty-three (23) families needing a Christmas tree were treated to a Nickelson's Tree Farm Christmas tree delivered to their homes.

After expenses there was a total of \$7,361.26 in funds remaining. This money was used to purchase additional gift cards from Wal-Mart and Meijer and they were distributed to the Ludington Area Schools and Resource Center, Mason County Central Schools and Mason County Eastern Schools, West Shore E.S.D., Ludington Area Catholic and Covenant Christian Schools to be used to provide emergency needs for students in those districts.

As a result of the above the City of Ludington *Shop with a Cop* budget is zeroed out for 2018.

The 2018 Shop with a Cop program success was due, in large part, to the assistance of L.P.D. Administrative Assistant Jessica Young, City Clerk Deb Luskin and City Treasurer Tom Ezdebski.

Drive Safe, Drive Sober Program

The 2018 Drive Safe, Drive Sober campaign was a great success again this year. Despite a snowfall just before festivities started the temperatures were tolerable. This New Year's Eve celebration was a safe and enjoyable one. This success was due to the combined efforts of Abrahamson's Towing, Quinn's Towing, Oceana Auto, Fier's Towing & Recovery, Judy's Rides and the Ludington Mass Transportation Authority. A total of 1,318 individuals were transported to and from their holiday destinations, rather than

driving themselves this year, and fourteen (14) of those individuals had their vehicles towed free of charge.

Because of the weather conditions around the county there were a total of eighteen (18) property damage traffic crashes responded to, however none of them involved injuries.

A review of Mason County Law Enforcement Agencies' activity reveals that there were three (3) arrests for Operating While Intoxicated (O.W.I.), and only one (1) other arrest involving alcohol. There were no assault arrests, other warrant arrests or controlled substance arrests reported. A total of eight (8) traffic citations were issued.

OBSERVATIONS / GOALS

The following progress was made on the departmental goals for 2018:

1. Worked collaboratively with other disciplines to combat opiate abuse.
2. Accomplished the reinstatement of a full-time School Resource Officer
3. Accomplished more stable staffing of the Digital Forensics Lab by department personnel.

Goals for 2019:

1. Maintain departmental capabilities and staffing in light of potential retirements and market pressures.
2. Continued training for newest departmental members
3. Continue collaborations to combat opiate abuse.

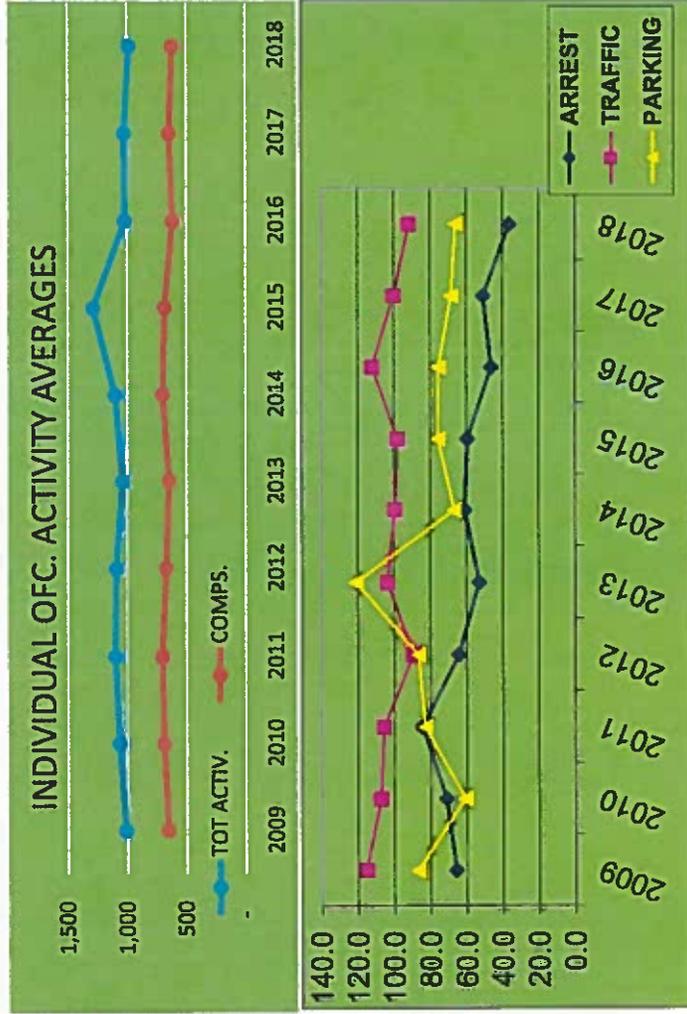
CONCLUSION

I am proud to serve alongside the men and women of the Ludington Police Department. They are a group of professional police officers and clerical staff that continue to do a great job! They continually seek ways to provide better service for the residents of the City of Ludington.

We appreciate the continued support of the citizens of Ludington and city officials. We will continue to do all we can to make Ludington a safe place to live and visit.

LUDINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
OFFICER STAFFING AND PRODUCTIVITY STUDY

DEPARTMENTAL TOTALS												
DEPT. YEAR	TOTAL	SWORN	CLERICAL	ADMIN.	SUPPORT	PATROL POS.	BUDGETED	TOTAL ACTIVITY	COMPS. INVEST.	ARRESTS	TRAFFIC	PARKING
2009	16.5	15	1.5	2	3	10	10	10,111	6,529	657	1,153	868
2010	15.5	14	1.5	2	3	9	9	9,573	6,181	640	966	547
2011	15.5	14	1.5	2	3	9	9	9,898	6,340	759	951	747
2012	15.5	14	1.5	2	3	9	9	9,828	6,027	577	804	780
2013	15.5	14	1.5	2	3	9	9	9,332	5,790	477	933	1,088
2014	15.5	14	1.5	2	3	9	9	9,885	6,297	548	896	600
2015	15.5	14	1.5	2	3	9	9	11,570	6,128	535	883	881
2016	15.5	14	1.5	2	3	9	9	9,176	5,536	416	1,007	678
2017	15.5	14	1.5	2	3	9	9	9,207	5,790	455	902	615
2018	16.5	15	1.5	2	3.5	9.5	9.5	9,315	5,880	345	871	627



OFFICER ACTIVITY AVG'S.					
YEAR	TOT. ACTIV.	COMPS.	ARREST	TRAFFIC	PARKING
2009	1,011	652.9	65.7	115.3	86.8
2010	1,064	686.8	71.1	107.3	69.8
2011	1,100	704.4	84.3	105.7	83.0
2012	1,092	669.7	64.1	89.3	66.7
2013	1,037	643.3	53.0	103.7	120.9
2014	1,098	699.7	60.9	99.6	66.7
2015	1,286	680.9	59.4	98.1	75.7
2016	1,020	615.1	46.2	111.9	75.3
2017	1,023	643.3	50.6	100.2	66.3
2018	981	618.9	36.3	91.7	63.0

LUDINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
 REPORTED CRIME SUMMARY

PERSON CRIMES

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Homicide (incl. Att.)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Abduction (incl. Att.)	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1
Robbery	1	1	1	0	2	1	0	2	4	4
Sexual Assault	30	32	21	18	22	22	25	18	21	21
Assault	101	97	100	141	128	108	150	149	129	153
Stalking	7	8	10	8	12	4	6	7	7	0
Sub-total	141	138	132	167	164	135	182	179	162	180

PROPERTY CRIMES

Arson	1	0	2	0	0	0	3	3	2	2
Burglary	24	34	24	37	36	46	46	38	35	55
Controlled Sub. Vio.	22	35	45	63	65	47	47	78	51	38
Damage to Property	61	71	64	73	114	78	133	122	136	162
Embezzlement	0	2	2	0	1	2	2	6	1	2
Fraud	42	55	52	70	49	52	49	40	53	43
Larceny	99	152	138	152	206	211	289	248	223	257
Retail Fraud	15	12	13	21	26	14	20	21	17	24
Vehicle Theft	2	4	6	1	4	5	8	3	7	6
Weapon Offenses	0	1	1	0	3	4	6	4	9	5
Sub-total	266	366	347	417	504	459	603	563	534	594

PUBLIC ORDER CRIMES

Disorderly	387	376	254	498	651	593	607	694	617	652
Liquor Violations	28	21	27	31	38	36	46	75	78	69
TOTAL	822	901	760	1113	1357	1223	1438	1511	1391	1495

LUDINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
ENFORCEMENT HISTORY REPORT

PERSON CRIMES

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Homicide (Includes Att.)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Abduction	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	6	0
Sexual Assault	5	5	6	2	3	4	5	1	1	2
Assault	38	48	49	72	69	44	65	86	55	63
Stalking	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
	44	56	55	74	74	48	71	88	63	65

PROPERTY CRIMES

Arson	1	0	0	0	0	6	0	3	0	0
Burglary	9	15	13	10	11	6	10	6	3	25
Controlled Sub.Vio.	13	25	37	48	33	20	42	44	54	30
Damage to Property	5	10	7	6	9	3	13	7	7	10
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	1	0
Fraud	2	4	6	1	3	0	1	6	3	8
Larceny	15	21	8	15	16	10	14	28	28	14
Retail Fraud	7	10	4	17	12	10	15	13	12	15
Vehicle Theft	0	2	0	0	0	2	4	1	3	3
Weapon Offenses	0	1	1	2	3	1	3	2	3	3
	52	88	76	99	88	58	103	112	114	108

PUBLIC ORDER CRIMES

Disorderly	50	45	44	39	53	49	81	73	81	63
Liquor Violations	16	25	38	38	50	40	64	75	70	129

TOTAL ARRESTS *

	199	246	237	293	295	235	355	401	367	414
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TRAFFIC

Traffic Crashes	204	216	175	172	247	239	204	219	210	252
Traffic Citations	871	902	1007	883	896	933	804	951	966	1153
Operate While Intox. Arrests	37	32	24	43	30	40	36	53	39	49

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LUDINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
 2018 ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

