



ANNUAL REPORT 2021

LETTER FROM THE CHIEF

It is my honor and privilege to present the 2021 Blissfield Police Department Annual Report. Within the pages of this report, you will find statistics, charts, graphs and descriptions which measure and document the activity of the department over the course of the year. In reviewing this report, please keep in mind that it not only consists of numbers and percentages, but it also represents the dedication and commitment of the police department's employees who make our Village a safe place to live, work, enjoy leisure time and raise a family.

2021 saw the continuing challenge to combat the global pandemic. As in 2020, our officers were forced to adapt to this new threat that appears to be with us all for some time to come. Not only did our officers have to take additional steps for their own personal health and safety, but they also had to take steps to prevent becoming carriers of the disease themselves. COVID-19 has changed the way our officers engage the community, make arrests, conduct searches, and virtually every other aspect of their duties.

We also lost former Council Member George Brown and current Council Member Jan Luce during the year. Their personal friendship and public support of this department and Village as a whole will be sorely missed.

On behalf of the Blissfield Police Department, I want to thank the entire community for their ongoing support of their police department during a particularly difficult year. It is this community support that allows us to be a professional and proactive law enforcement agency. Community Policing continues to be a high priority for the department.

I am extremely proud of the dedicated members of the Blissfield Police Department who will continue to carry us into the future. I would also like to ask that if you see an officer or other Village employee doing a great job, please let us know. We want to recognize those officers and civilian staff members for their hard work, dedication and efforts.

It has been my honor to serve as the Chief of Police for the Village of Blissfield. Thank you for the continued trust and support you have instilled in the department. The department will continue to provide exceptional service to our citizens with a commitment to our core values. Your support goes neither unnoticed nor unappreciated.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale A. Greenleaf".

DALE A. GREENLEAF
Chief of Police



PERSONNEL

Chief of Police: Dale A. Greenleaf
Lieutenant: Jacob Wagner
Police Officers: Christopher Portincasa
Roni Khouri
Thomas Anton
Receptionist: Holly Koester

Resignations:

Officer Matthew Dushane resigned in good standing on April 3, 2021. Officer Tyler Raburn resigned in good standing on June 5, 2021.

AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS

The contract with the Southern Michigan Criminal Justice Training Consortium was renewed in December. There were no changes to the contract.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

The Blissfield Police Department continues to plan and train for responding to any critical incidents that might occur, including natural occurrences such as storms and flooding and criminal acts such as active shooters. During 2021, much of our focus continued on providing the best possible services during the pandemic. Emphasis and effort was focused on keeping vehicles and working spaces clean and following best practices designed to keep officers and the public safe from contracting or transmitting the virus.

We continue to train with the Blissfield Township Fire Department (BTFD) and the Madison Township Fire Department with a multi-pronged objective to continue preparations for any critical incidents that might result in mass casualties events.

NARCOTICS

The Blissfield Police Department continues to work with the Lenawee County RHINO Unit on detecting any trafficking activity within the Village limits.

COMMUNITY ALERT AND ADVISORY SYSTEM

We have discontinued use of the NIXLE Community Alert and Advisory System. This system was subscriber based – meaning that only those that signed up for the service received notifications when messages were sent out. Continued use of the system would have also required a subscription fee to the Village. In lieu of this service the Blissfield Police Department will utilize the RAVE Alert System offered through the Lenawee County Sheriffs Department. While use of that system is restricted to established parameters, there is no cost to the Village to use the system and alerts can be sent to all telecommunication devices within the geographical area.



OFFICER TRAINING

Law Enforcement agencies in Lenawee and Jackson Counties are members of the Southern Michigan Criminal Justice Training Consortium. The Blissfield Police Department receives many hours of officer training at minimal cost. In accordance with the agreement, BPD normally contributes half of the Public Act 302 training funds that we received from the State of Michigan to support the training activities. Common training includes:

- Precision Driving School
- Defensive Training for all officers,
- Radar/LIDAR (speed measurement) recertification and certification.
- Taser recertification for all officers.
- Emergency Vehicle Operation.
- Narcan Administration Training.
- Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Training.

Additional Training:

BPD participates regularly in a wide spectrum of training topics, including quarterly firearms qualification and training, Active Shooter Response Training, Computer Training, Legal Update, Interviews and Interrogations, and Counter-Terrorism.

FIREARMS TRAINING:

Officers are expected to constantly keep up with professional skills and changing requirements. All members participated in quarterly weapons training and/or qualification. The BPD conducts regular firearms training, both in daylight and darkness. Firearms training now includes the Tactical Patrol Rifle, handgun, and shotgun. Additionally, BPD officers may participate in tactical training with other agencies for readiness preparedness and response for active threat situations.

POLICY REVISIONS

Department policies are reviewed and updated when new standards are determined to be best practice or to comply with new legal requirements. The policies that were updated in 2021 are as follows:

- Financial Crimes
- Search and Seizure
- Blood-Borne Pathogens
- Use of Force
- Domestic Violence



SPECIAL EVENTS

The BPD assisted with a number of special events throughout the year. Many events were cancelled due to the pandemic. The annual events were as follows:

- May 13, 2021: Car and Bike Show
- May 22, 2021: Senior Parade
- June 10, 2021: Car and Bike Show
- June 17, 2021: Movies on the Lane
- July 8-10, 2021: River Raisin Festival
- July 8, 2021: Car and Bike Show
- July 15, 2021: Movies on the Lane
- July 24-25, 2021: Railroad Days
- August 12, 2021: Car and Bike Show
- August 19, 2021: Movies on the Lane
- August 16-23, 2021: Safety City
- August 7, 2021: Tractor Cruise-In
- August 14, 2021: Bluegrass on the River
- August 21-22, 2021: Art at Your Feet
- August 28, 2021: Blissfield on Tap
- September 9, 2021: Car and Bike Show
- December 10, 2021: Cha-Cha Run and Wassailfest
- December 18, 2021: Parade of Lights

Safety City

The annual Safety City was held August 16-23, 2021. There were a number of teacher resignations from the program. After reviewing the personnel procedures and legal requirements necessary to hire replacement teachers with Principal Linda Mueller at Blissfield Elementary, it was determined that it would be more efficient to transfer administrative responsibility to the school district. Chief Greenleaf presented the Police Department portion of the program to the students. The five-day event is designed for incoming kindergarteners and gives the children an opportunity to learn how to reduce injuries by teaching them how to be safe in their world. The program is broken up into three areas. One area taught the children about general traffic safety.

The children get to drive battery powered cars, pedal bikes or walk as pedestrians on a painted traffic area. There was a guest speaker each day to talk about bike safety, poison safety, fire safety, electrical or water safety and bus safety. The third part of the day was spent in the classroom setting with games and activities focused on the theme for the day. The children also enjoy a snack each day.

This annual event would not be possible without the financial support we receive from the community. Their continued support is appreciated. The following businesses and organizations provided financial support for the 2021 Safety City:

- American Legion Post 325
- Blissfield Lions Club
- Blissfield Parts
- Blissfield Rotary
- Blissfield State Bank
- Iott Insurance
- K & J Absorbent
- K & S Tire
- Lightning Quick Gas-n-go
- Maxitrol
- Nutrien AG
- Pixley Heating
- Shrader Tire
- Sieler Construction
- Transcend Physical Therapy
- Uckele Health
- Valero
- William Warner
- Richard Zubkoff

STATISTICS

CALLS FOR SERVICE

Calls for Service include all 911 calls, calls initiated by the patrol officer, calls for backup, and calls for mutual aid. Calls for Service do not necessarily equate to an actual criminal offense having occurred. Calls for Service simply characterizes the nature of the call. If more than one officer responded to an incident, such as a traffic crash, then a separate call is logged for each responding officer. Actual criminal offenses that occurred are reported separately.

<u>INCIDENT</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
911 "Hang-up" Calls	6	10	10	11	3	7
Accident Private Property	14	17	12	12	10	11
Accident Property Damage	65	48	49	63	36	37
Accident W/Injuries	16	24	31	13	20	15
Alarm Burglary	127	90	89	99	116	103
All Other Offenses	28	23	10	17	5	11
Animal Complaints	33	45	52	41	50	40
Assaults	11	10	8	6	8	6

<u>INCIDENT</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Assist to Other Agencies	86	78	119	110	77	107
Burglary	9	6	5	8	8	5
Check Welfare	54	31	34	50	72	65
Civil Disputes	44	36	35	47	45	32
Conservation	0	0	0	0	2	0
Damage to Property	18	11	7	13	17	11
Death Investigations	3	4	5	1	1	3
Delinquent Minors	20	18	9	11	11	6
Disorderly Conduct	46	36	26	33	26	33
Disturbance - Domestic	35	17	33	29	27	32
Disturbance - Non-Domestic	86	81	50	61	37	26
Driving Offenses	66	59	59	42	33	0*
Embezzlement	1	1	0	0	1	0
Extortion	0	1	0	0	0	0
Fire - EMS	74	92	79	82	51	49
Follow Up Investigation	1	4	0	0	1	0
Forgery	0	0	0	1	0	1
Fraud	19	12	13	11	20	10
General Assistance Requests	2	19	0	1	1	1
Hit and Run	3	3	2	0	7	0
Identity Theft	1	4	0	0	0	0*
Intimidation / Harassment / Threats	5	5	2	0	0	0*
Intoxicated Driver	7	5	3	0	1	2
Juvenile Complaints	20	18	9	11	5	6
Kidnapping/Abduction	0	0	1	0	0	0
Larceny	1	0	0	0	0	0
Liquor License Establishment Violation	0	0	1	0	0	0
Lost and Found Property	10	7	6	4	8	9
Misc. Criminal Offense	1	2	1	2	0	0
Missing Persons / Runaway	9	7	5	6	8	6
Narcotics Offenses	12	7	12	5	5	4
Narcotics Equipment	0	6	8	0	0	0
New Call	2	2	1	1	0	0
Noise Complaint	7	18	6	4	8	8

INCIDENT	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Obstructing Justice	64	48	3	0	0	0
Obstructing Police	0	5	1	0	0	0
Ordinance Violations	23	22	44	26	14	7
Other Offenses	28	23	10	17	0	0
Overdose	1	3	2	0	0	0
OWI	17	17	30	24	0	0
Parking Complaint	8	3	5	7	11	5
Police Services - Non-criminal	66	47	10	10	10	8
Premises Check	1244	1858	3817	3527	4734	4994
Public Works / Traffic Signal	9	4	5	4	1	0
Retail Theft	2	2	1	2	5	3
Resisting Arrest	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	5	5	3	7	4	7
Shoplifting	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shots Fired	0	3	1	2	1	3
Special Detail	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stalking	1	0	0	0	2	1
Structure Fire	2	1	3	6	1	1
Suicidal Threats/Investigations	6	7	12	12	7	10
Suspicious Activity	119	86	81	99	88	63
Theft	33	35	17	22	18	18
Traffic Complaint	29	32	27	21	23	24
Transport of Prisoner	4	2	6	0	1	3
Traffic Stops	2860	2510	3057	2369	1309	1349
Trespassing	4	4	1	2	2	5
Violation of PPO	2	0	0	0	0	0*
Warrant Check	0	0	9	25	4	3
Warrant Service	26	43	17	2	0	2
Weapons Offenses	8	2	4	1	4	0
Zoning Violations	2	11	13	0	0	0*
TOTAL	5321	5483	7852	6950	6929	7152

* The category was eliminated in the tracking system.

CASE STATUS DISPOSITION SUMMARY

CASE STATUS DISPOSITIONS are the outcome of all cases opened or closed during the year. This includes reports for non-criminal matters such as welfare checks, traffic crashes in which a police report was created in addition to the crash report, accidental injuries, etc.

<u>CASE STATUS DISPOSITION</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
ARREST – CASE PENDING IN COURT	77	10	17	16
CLEARED - NON CRIMINAL	64	39	47	46
CLEARED - WARRANT NOT SOUGHT	4	18	14	18
DEFENDANT PLED GUILTY - MISDEMEANOR	32	39	18	11
DEF PLED GUILTY - FELONY	1	4	1	2
TURNED OVER TO OTHER LEA	3	21	13	16
CASES WITH NO DISPOSITION (ACTIVE)	5	38	9	4
INACTIVE - SUSPECT UNIDENTIFIED	16	4	21	19
CITATION	5	4	10	31
JUVENILE DETAINED	3	0	1	0
EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE - CASE DISMISSED	9	11	3	1
EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE – DEATH OF OFFENDER	0	0	0	1
EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE - DIVERSION ORDERED	0	1	2	0
EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE - JUVENILE / NO CUSTODY	2	1	1	1
EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE - NOLLE PROSEQUI	4	9	1	5
EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE - VICTIM REFUSED TO COOPERATE	3	10	9	4
EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE - WARRANT DENIED	6	1	15	4
FAILURE TO APPEAR FOR ARRAIGNMENT / ABSCONDERS	N/A	7	3	0
UNFOUNDED	0	0	0	3
WARRANT ISSUED – CASE PENDING	N/A	N/A	8	0
<u>TOTAL CASES</u>	<u>234</u>	<u>233</u>	<u>193</u>	<u>182</u>

REPORTED CRIMINAL OFFENSES

REPORTED CRIMINAL OFFENSES are the confirmed reported crimes that occurred in the Village. Reported crimes decreased 16.3% from 2020 to 2021.

- **Property crimes** (Larcenies, Breaking and Entering, property damage) decreased from 40 in 2020 to 34 in 2021– a 15% decrease.
- **Violent crimes** (Assaults, kidnapping, sex crimes, stalking, weapons offenses, obstructing police) decreased from 26 in 2020 to 16 in 2021– a 38.4% decrease.
- **Driving offenses** (Suspended license, uninsured motor vehicle, etc. excluding OWI offenses) decreased from 78 in 2020 to 37 in 2021 – a 52.5% decrease.
- **Operating while intoxicated/impaired by Alcohol / Narcotics** decreased from 12 in 2020 to 8 in 2021– a 33.3% decrease.
- **Narcotics offenses** decreased from 3 in 2020 to 1 in 2021– a 66.6% decrease.

REPORTED OFFENSES	2020	2021	CHANGE
AGGRAVATED/FELONIOUS ASSAULTS	3	1	-66.6%
ALARMS	1	2	100%
ANIMAL COMPLAINTS	12	3	-75%
BURGLARY -FORCED ENTRY	0	1	N/A
BURGLARY – ENTRY WITHOUT FORCE (INTENT TO COMMIT)	0	1	N/A
BURGLARY – UNLAWFUL ENTRY (NO INTENT)	0	1	N/A
COMMERCIAL VEHICLE CITATIONS	0	1	N/A
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	10	9	-10%
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	1	4	400%
EMBEZZLEMENT	1	0	-100%
FORGERY/COUNTERFEITING	1	2	100%
FRAUD -CREDIT CARD/AUTOMATIC TELLER MACHINE	4	2	-50%
FRAUD -FALSE PRETENSE/SWINDLE/CONFIDENCE GAME	3	5	66.6%
FRAUD - IDENTITY THEFT	1	2	100%
FRAUD – WIRE FRAUD	1	0	-100%
HEALTH AND SAFETY	2	1	-50%

HIT and RUN MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT	7	0	-100%
INVASION OF PRIVACY - OTHER	0	1	N/A
INTIMIDATION/STALKING	5	3	-40%
JUVENILE OFFENSES AND COMPLAINTS	4	0	-100%
JUVENILE RUNAWAY	1	0	-100%
LARCENY -OTHER	5	6	20%
LARCENY -THEFT FROM BUILDING	2	2	N/C
LARCENY -THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	3	0	-100%
LIQUOR CITATIONS / SUMMONS	2	0	-100%
LIQUOR VIOLATIONS -OTHER	1	0	-100%
MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES (6000)	0	1	N/A
MISCELLANEOUS TRAFFIC COMPLAINTS	5	7	40%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	2	1	-50%
MISCELLANEOUS COMPLAINTS	72	51	-29.1%
MISCELLANEOUS CRIMINAL OFFENSE	2	1	-50%
NON-AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	13	10	-23%
NON - CRIMINAL COMPLAINTS	21	10	-52.3%
OBSCENITY	0	1	N/A
OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE	0	6	N/A
OBSTRUCTING POLICE	1	3	200%
OPERATING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF LIQUOR OR DRUGS	12	8	-33.3%
PARKING CITATIONS	1	1	N/C
PUBLIC PEACE - OTHER	0	1	N/A
RETAIL FRAUD - THEFT	4	2	-50%
SEXUAL CONTACT FORCIBLE -CSC 2ND DEGREE	0	2	N/A
SEXUAL CONTACT FORCIBLE – CSC 4 TH DEGREE	0	1	N/A
SEXUAL PENETRATION PENIS/VAGINA -CSC 3RD DEGREE	0	1	N/A
SEXUAL PENETRATION PENIS/VAGINA -CSC 1ST DEGREE	0	1	N/A
SICK / INJURY COMPLAINT	21	16	-23.8%
STOLEN PROPERTY	1	0	-100%
TRAFFIC CRASHES	41	37	-9.7%
TRAFFIC OFFENSES	21	28	33.3%

TRESPASS	2	0	-100%
VIOLATIONS OF THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT	3	1	-66.6%
WARRANTS	3	13	333.3%
WEAPONS OFFENSE- CONCEALED	3	1	-66.6%
WEAPONS OFFENSE -OTHER	1	0	-100%
TOTAL	300	251	-16.3%

ARRESTS AND DETENTIONS

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Total Arrests and Detentions	190	180	190	140	43	41

WORK HOURS

Total hours worked by officers are as follows:

YEAR	HOURS WORKED
2017	11,328
2018	12,444
2019	11,813
2020	12,418
2021	11,288

TIME DISTRIBUTION (HOURS)					
<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Patrol and Traffic Enforcement	5319	6438	6193	6001	4726
Complaint Investigations and Report Writing	1740	1284	1412	849	962
Administration	2101	1820	2067	2196	2068
Medical Assists	unk	unk	unk	44	46
Officer Training	229	762	672	202	346
Public Relations	226	410	263	127	77
Equipment Service	229	234	238	170	141
Lunch	687	492	525	632	629
Court	98	139	92	32	29
Assists to other Agencies	226	208	129	76	43
Special Meetings	159	252	237	169	124

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Total Stops:	2860	2510	3057	2370	1309	1349
Citations Issued:	1175	1078	1875	1584	584	539
Warnings:	1727	1534	1435	1207	725	810
Motor Vehicle Crashes:	44	49	51	63	43	37

SUMMARY

As we continue to work through the pandemic, the Blissfield Police Department continues to work diligently for the preservation of the good quality of life in this community. We appreciate the support of the citizens, recognizing that you are our customers. We can be reached by dialing 911 or 517-263-0524 for Central Dispatch non-emergency police service. The office can be reached directly during normal business hours at 517-486-4340.



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