



ANNUAL REPORT 2022

LETTER FROM THE CHIEF

It is my honor and privilege to present the 2022 Blissfield Police Department Annual Report. Within the pages of this report, you will find statistics 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.

2022 saw some return to normalcy for our community as we all recovered from the impacts of the global pandemic. Traffic increased to levels more in-line with pre-pandemic levels as people returned to work. There were also increases in criminal activity that were consistent with pre-pandemic levels as well.

Officer Rhoni Khouri left the department after serving here for three years. Officer Dave Luce came on early in 2022 as a part-time officer and finished the year in the capacity of the newly created position of School Resource Officer.

The two vacancies from patrol positions were in addition to the loss of a part-time equivalent position when Officer Luce was hired part-time to fill the full-time opening that was the result of the departure of Officer Tyler Raburn in 2021. Recruitment has been challenging as we compete with hundreds of other law enforcement agencies around the State of Michigan for qualified applicants. There is a continuing shortage of individuals seeking careers in law enforcement. While we seek the right candidates to work in a small-town atmosphere, we must compete with other agencies that are offering significantly higher salary and benefit packages.

On behalf of the Blissfield Police Department, I want to thank the entire community for their ongoing support of their police department. 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
Thomas Anton
David Luce
Receptionist: Stacie Becker

Resignations:

Officer Roni Khouri resigned in good standing on August 26, 2022.

AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS

There were no new or renewals of agreements or contracts during the year.

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 2022, we experienced a sustained manpower shortage. The law enforcement profession throughout the State of Michigan has become very competitive with regards to agencies attracting and retaining personnel. We continued to focus on providing the best possible services. In light of the number of school shootings within the state and around the country, the safety and security of our schools remained a top priority and concern. Through a coordinated effort with the Blissfield Community Schools, we were able to create a full-time School Resource Officer (SRO). Police Officer David Luce was assigned as our SRO and assumed his role shortly after the school year started this past Fall.

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 casualty events.

The State of Michigan has also initiated new statutory requirements for Active Threat Response Training to be implemented through the Michigan Coalition on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES.) MCOLES is in the process of establishing the training standards and we are working through our training consortium to obtain that training once the courses are established. Most, if not all, of the standards have already been achieved through various trainings attended by our officers prior to the statute being enacted. However, we will continue to train in compliance, and in addition, to the statutory requirements.



SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

In October the Village of Blissfield and the Blissfield School District embarked on a partnership to provide a School Resource Officer for Blissfield Community Schools. Blissfield police officer Dave Luce was selected to fill this position. Officer Luce attended a 40-hour Basic School Resource Officer training in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Since the onset of this new position, the school administration, staff, and students have all been very supportive of Officer Luce within the school system. On an average day, Officer Luce will have a presence in the elementary, middle and high schools throughout his shift.

The school resource officer has been a valuable asset for both Blissfield Community Schools and the Blissfield Police Department. Though this position is still in its early stages, it continues to grow into a vital part of the community and a vital asset to both the school district and the police department.

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

The Blissfield Police Department utilizes the RAVE Alert System offered through the Lenawee County Sheriffs Department. While use of that system is restricted to established criteria, there is no cost to the Village to use the system and alerts can be sent to all telecommunication devices within the geographical area. For incidents and situations that do not meet the criteria for a RAVE alert (such as snow emergency declarations) the Police Chief continues to issue press releases directly to the media as well as for publication on the Village social media pages.

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 2022 are as follows:

- LEIN Monthly Validation Policy
- Missing Persons Policy
- LEIN Disciplinary Policy

SPECIAL EVENTS

The BPD assisted with a number of special events throughout the year. The annual events were as follows:

- May 12, 2022: Car and Bike Show
- May 15, 2022: Senior Parade
- June 9, 2022: Car and Bike Show
- June 16, 2022: Movies on the Lane
- July 7-9, 2022: River Raisin Festival
- July 14, 2022: Car and Bike Show
- July 21, 2022: Movies on the Lane
- August 11, 2022: Car and Bike Show
- August 18, 2022: Movies on the Lane
- August 8-12, 2022: Safety City
- August 5, 2022: Tractor Cruise-In
- August 13, 2022: Bluegrass on the River
- August 20, 2022: Art at Your Feet
- August 13, 2022: Blissfield on Tap
- September 8, 2022: Car and Bike Show



- December 9, 2022: Cha-Cha Run and Wassailfest
- December 10, 2021: Parade of Lights

Safety City

The annual Safety City was held August 8-12, 2022. This is the second year that the Blissfield School District has organized the event. Safety City continues to provide an enjoyable environment for new students to learn about their community.

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.

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>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
911 "Hang-up" Calls	10	10	11	3	7	9
Abandoned Vehicle					4	2
Accident Private Property	17	12	12	10	11	3
Accident Property Damage	48	49	63	36	37	55
Accident W/Injuries	24	31	13	20	15	17
Alarm Burglary	90	89	99	116	103	61
All Other Offenses	23	10	17	5	11	14
Animal Complaints	45	52	41	50	40	62
Assaults	10	8	6	8	6	17
Assist to Other Agencies	78	119	110	77	107	112
Burglary	6	5	8	8	5	18
Check Welfare	31	34	50	72	65	84
Civil Disputes	36	35	47	45	32	39
Conservation	0	0	0	2	0	0
Criminal Investigations	0	0	1	0	0	2
Damage to Property	11	7	13	17	11	10
Death Investigations	4	5	1	1	3	3

INCIDENT	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Delinquent Minors	18	9	11	11	6	9
Disorderly Conduct	36	26	33	26	33	40
Disturbance - Domestic	17	33	29	27	32	50
Disturbance - Non-Domestic	81	50	61	37	26	31
Driving Offenses	59	59	42	33	0*	0*
Embezzlement	1	0	0	1	0	1
Extortion	1	0	0	0	0	0
Fire - EMS	92	79	82	51	49	34
Follow Up Investigation	5	0	0	1	77	145
Forgery	0	0	1	0	1	0
Fraud	12	13	11	20	10	16
General Assistance Requests	19	0	1	1	1	0
Hit and Run	3	2	0	7	0	0
Identity Theft	4	0	0	0	0*	0*
Intimidation/Harassment/ Threats	5	2	0	0	0*	0*
Intoxicated Driver	5	3	0	1	2	0
Juvenile Complaints	18	9	11	5	6	3
Kidnapping/Abduction	0	1	0	0	0	0
Larceny	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liquor License Establishment Violation	0	1	0	0	0	0
Lost and Found Property	7	6	4	8	9	6
Medical Calls for Service					46	52
Misc. Criminal Offense	2	1	2	0	0	0
Missing Persons / Runaway	7	5	6	8	6	5
Motorist Assists					7	11
Narcotics Offenses	7	12	5	5	4	9
Narcotics Equipment	6	8	0	0	0	0
New Call	2	1	1	0	0	1
Noise Complaint	18	6	4	8	8	11
Obstructing Justice	48	3	0	0	0	0
Obstructing Police	5	1	0	0	0	0
Ordinance Violations	22	44	26	14	7	7
Other Offenses	23	10	17	0	0	0
Overdose	3	2	0	0	0	0
OWI	17	30	24	0	0	0
Parking Complaint	3	5	7	11	5	5

INCIDENT	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Park Checks	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	232	179
Plaza Mall Checks	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	76	124
Police Services - Non-criminal	47	10	10	10	8	10
Premises Check	1858	3817	3527	4734	4994	1363
Prisoner Transports	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	11
Public Works / Traffic Signal	4	5	4	1	0	0
Retail Theft	2	1	2	5	3	0
Resisting Arrest	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery Armed	0	0	0	0	0	1
School Property Checks	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	151	213
Sex Offenses	5	3	7	4	7	6
Shoplifting	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shots Fired	3	1	2	1	3	4
Special Detail	0	0	0	0	0	22
Stalking	0	0	0	2	1	0
Structure Fire	1	3	6	1	1	0
Subpoena Service	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	13	10
Suicidal Threats/Investigations	7	12	12	7	10	19
Suspicious Activity	86	81	99	88	63	67
Theft	35	17	22	18	18	23
Traffic Complaint	32	27	21	23	24	27
Transport of Prisoner	2	6	0	1	3	1
Trespassing	4	1	2	2	5	4
Violation of PPO	0	0	0	0	0*	0
Warrant Check	0	9	25	4	3	3
Warrant Service	43	17	2	0	2	0
Weapons Offenses	2	4	1	4	0	1
Zoning Violations	11	13	0	0	0*	0*
TOTAL	2973	4795	4582	5620	6334	3032

* 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>	<u>2022</u>
ARREST – CASE PENDING IN COURT	77	10	17	16	12
CLEARED - NON CRIMINAL	64	39	47	46	48
CLEARED - WARRANT NOT SOUGHT	4	18	14	18	12
DEFENDANT PLED GUILTY - MISDEMEANOR	32	39	18	11	11
DEF PLED GUILTY - FELONY	1	4	1	2	1
TURNED OVER TO OTHER LEA	3	21	13	16	16
CASES WITH NO DISPOSITION (ACTIVE)	5	38	9	4	8
INACTIVE - SUSPECT UNIDENTIFIED	16	4	21	19	33
CITATION	5	4	10	31	18
JUVENILE DETAINED	3	0	1	0	3
EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE - CASE DISMISSED	9	11	3	1	0
EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE – DEATH OF OFFENDER	0	0	0	1	0
EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE - DIVERSION ORDERED	0	1	2	0	1
EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE - JUVENILE / NO CUSTODY	2	1	1	1	3
EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE - NOLLE PROSEQUI	4	9	1	5	3
EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE - VICTIM REFUSED TO COOPERATE	3	10	9	4	7
EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE - WARRANT DENIED	6	1	15	4	3
FAILURE TO APPEAR FOR ARRAIGNMENT / ABSCONDERS	N/A	7	3	0	0
UNFOUNDED	0	0	0	3	0
WARRANT ISSUED – CASE PENDING	N/A	N/A	8	0	3
<u>TOTAL CASES</u>	<u>234</u>	<u>233</u>	<u>193</u>	<u>182</u>	<u>192</u>

REPORTED CRIMINAL OFFENSES

REPORTED CRIMINAL OFFENSES are the confirmed reported crimes that occurred in the Village. The total number of reported crimes increased 3.4% from 2021 to 2022.

- **Property crimes** (Larcenies, Breaking and Entering, property damage) increased from 34 in 2021 to 39 in 2022 – a 14% increase.
- **Violent crimes** (Assaults, kidnapping, sex crimes, stalking, weapons offenses, obstructing police) increased 16 in 2021 to 22 in 2022 – a 27% decrease.

- **Driving offenses** (Suspended license, uninsured motor vehicle, etc. excluding OWI offenses) decreased from 37 in 2021 to 23 in 2022 – a 37% decrease.
- **Operating while intoxicated/impaired by Alcohol / Narcotics** 8 in 2021 and 8 in 2022 – no change.
- **Narcotics offenses** increased from 1 in 2021 to 2 in 2022– a 100% decrease.

REPORTED OFFENSES	2021	2022	CHANGE
AGGRAVATED/FELONIOUS ASSAULTS	1	4	300%
ALARMS	2	2	N/C
ANIMAL COMPLAINTS	3	4	33.3%
ANIMAL CRUELTY	0	1	N/A
ARSON	0	1	N/A
BURGLARY -FORCED ENTRY	1	7	600%
BURGLARY – ENTRY WITHOUT FORCE (INTENT TO COMMIT)	1	3	200%
BURGLARY – UNLAWFUL ENTRY (NO INTENT)	1	0	-100%
COMMERCIAL VEHICLE CITATIONS	1	1	N/A
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	9	7	-22%
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	4	4	N/C
EMBEZZLEMENT	0	2	N/A
EXTORTION	0	2	N/A
FAMILY – ABUSE / NEGLECT NON-VIOLENT	0	2	N/C
FORGERY/COUNTERFEITING	2	2	N/C
FRAUD -CREDIT CARD/AUTOMATIC TELLER MACHINE	2	0	-100%
FRAUD -FALSE PRETENSE/SWINDLE/CONFIDENCE GAME	5	1	-80%
FRAUD - IDENTITY THEFT	2	4	100%
FRAUD – WIRE FRAUD	0	2	N/A
HEALTH AND SAFETY	1	2	100%
HIT and RUN MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT	5	1	-80%
INVASION OF PRIVACY - OTHER	1	0	-100%
INTIMIDATION/STALKING	3	7	133%
JUVENILE OFFENSES AND COMPLAINTS	0	1	N/A

LARCENY -OTHER	6	5	-16%
LARCENY – THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE PARTS / ACCESSORIES	0	2	N/A
LARCENY – POCKET PICKING	0	1	N/A
LARCENY -THEFT FROM BUILDING	2	4	100%
LARCENY -THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	0	1	N/A
LIQUOR VIOLATIONS -OTHER	0	1	N/A
MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES (6000)	1	0	-100%
MISCELLANEOUS TRAFFIC COMPLAINTS	7	3	-57%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	1	0	-100%
MISCELLANEOUS COMPLAINTS	52	48	-7.6%
MISCELLANEOUS CRIMINAL OFFENSE	1	5	400%
MURDER / NON-NEGLEGT MANSLAUGHTER (VOLUNTARY)	0	1	N/A
NARCOTIC EQUIPMENT	0	1	N/A
NON-AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	10	9	-10%
NON - CRIMINAL COMPLAINTS	10	12	20%
OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE	6	5	-16%
OBSTRUCTING POLICE	3	3	N/C
OPERATING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF LIQUOR OR DRUGS	8	8	N/C
PARKING CITATIONS	1	0	-100%
PUBLIC PEACE - OTHER	1	0	-100%
RETAIL FRAUD - THEFT	2	0	-100%
SEXUAL CONTACT FORCIBLE -CSC 2ND DEGREE	2	2	N/C
SEXUAL CONTACT FORCIBLE – CSC 4 TH DEGREE	1	0	-100%
SEX OFFENSE - OTHER	0	1	N/A
SEXUAL PENETRATION ORAL/ANAL CSC 1 ST DEGREE	0	1	N/A
SEXUAL PENETRATION PENIS/VAGINA -CSC 3RD DEGREE	1	0	-100%
SEXUAL PENETRATION PENIS/VAGINA -CSC 1 ST DEGREE	1	0	-100%
SICK / INJURY COMPLAINT	16	19	18.75%
STOLEN PROPERTY	0	2	N/A
TRAFFIC CRASHES	41	44	7%

TRAFFIC OFFENSES	28	17	-32%
VIOLATIONS OF THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT	1	1	N/C
WARRANTS	13	11	-15%
WEAPONS OFFENSE- CONCEALED	1	2	100%
TOTAL	260	269	3.4%

ARRESTS AND DETENTIONS

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Total Arrests and Detentions	190	180	190	140	43	41	26

WORK HOURS

Total hours worked by officers are as follows:

YEAR	HOURS WORKED
2018	12,444
2019	11,813
2020	12,418
2021	11,288
2022	11,826


TIME DISTRIBUTION (HOURS)						
<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Patrol and Traffic Enforcement	5319	6438	6193	6001	4726	5070
Complaint Investigations and Report Writing	1740	1284	1412	849	962	1951
Administration	2101	1820	2067	2196	2068	2173
Medical Assists	unk	unk	unk	44	46	24
Officer Training	229	762	672	202	346	271
Public Relations	226	410	263	127	77	275
Equipment Service	229	234	238	170	141	258
Meal Breaks	687	492	525	632	629	740
Court	98	139	92	32	29	147
Assists to other Agencies	226	208	129	76	43	47
Special Meetings	159	252	237	169	124	219

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Total Stops:	2860	2510	3057	2370	1309	1349	802
Citations Issued:	1175	1078	1875	1584	584	539	526
Warnings:	1727	1534	1435	1207	725	810	362
Motor Vehicle Crashes:	44	49	51	63	43	37	38

SUMMARY

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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