



City of Huntington Woods
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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PREFACE

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CITY OF HUNTINGTON WOODS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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February 1st, 2020

Mrs. Amy Sullivan
City Manager
City of Huntington Woods
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Huntington Woods, MI 48070

Dear Mrs. Sullivan,

On behalf of the members of the Department of Public Safety, I am pleased to present to you, Mayor Bob Paul, and the members of the City Commission the Annual Report for 2019. The report, through narrative, statistical comparison, and graphic description, identifies criminal occurrences, clearances and arrests. The report also indicates violations of local ordinances, identifies ambulance and fire responses, hazards, traffic statistics, programs and emphasizes major areas of public safety concern and involvement during 2019. In its entirety, the Huntington Woods Public Safety Department's annual report represents a record of occurrences and achievements, as well as shortfalls and problems yet to be resolved. As such, it creates a database to assist in planning and provides a means by which realistic goals and levels of service may be established for the years ahead.

The Public Safety Department has worked diligently during this past year to provide the best possible public safety services for the citizens of Huntington Woods. I am very proud of each and every one of our team members for their efforts, dedication, loyalty, and courage. Our Department faces new and unexpected challenges on a daily basis. I continued to focus on increasing residential patrol time, encouraging positive community relations, and fostering a good working relationship with area public safety departments.

In addition, our Department continues to provide the following services for are residents: NIXLE notification, Child Safety Seat Inspections, Kind-Call for seniors, residential Knox-Box installation, Safe Haven location for Craigslist transactions, Home Fire/Safety Inspections, and Prescription Drug Drop-Box.

The total number of crimes reported was 109. Index crimes, which are a subset of the total reported crimes and considered more serious, decreased 44 percent in 2019. The actual number of index crimes reported to the Department was 23, compared to 41 for the year 2018. Non-index crimes, which are the less serious category of offenses, also saw a significant decrease in 2019.

The number of non-index crimes reported to the Department was 86 in 2019, as compared to 158 in 2018. The total arrests for the year were 130. Our officers responded to 1,963 calls for service in 2019 involving criminal and non-criminal related runs.

The Detective Bureau prides itself on aggressive case investigation and the prosecution of the criminal element. The Public Safety Department has a close working relationship with area Departments and the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office. Our Detective Bureau is proud of the exceptionally high clearance rate for index offenses. This high clearance rate is a result of dedicated work by the patrol officers and Detective Bureau.

In 2019, the firefighting activity decreased from the totals in 2018. Our Department reported 230 responses to the State of Michigan. Those responses include: dwelling fires, smoke investigations, fire alarms, utility hazards, fuel spills, and car fires.

As we move forward into the future, the Department of Public Safety is excited for the opportunity to embrace whatever challenges may arise. We are continually improving our procedures so that we can act quickly to provide our community with the high level of service they deserve. Every situation is important to us whether it is the protection of our young children in school, a business owner in need of assistance, an elderly resident in need of the friendly reassurance of a daily phone call from our dispatch staff, rescuing those who are trapped in a burning building, maintaining the safety of those who drive on our roads, or helping a stray dog who has lost his/her way home.

I am proud and honored to serve as the Director of Public Safety for the City of Huntington Woods and look forward to many years of continued service. I will lead the Department in a professional and courteous manner to the best of my ability.

I would like to thank Mayor Paul, members of the City Commission, and all of the citizens we serve for your continued support in our mission to maintain safety and improve the quality of life in the City of Huntington Woods.

Sincerely,

Andrew L. Pazuchowski

Andrew L. Pazuchowski, Director
Department of Public Safety

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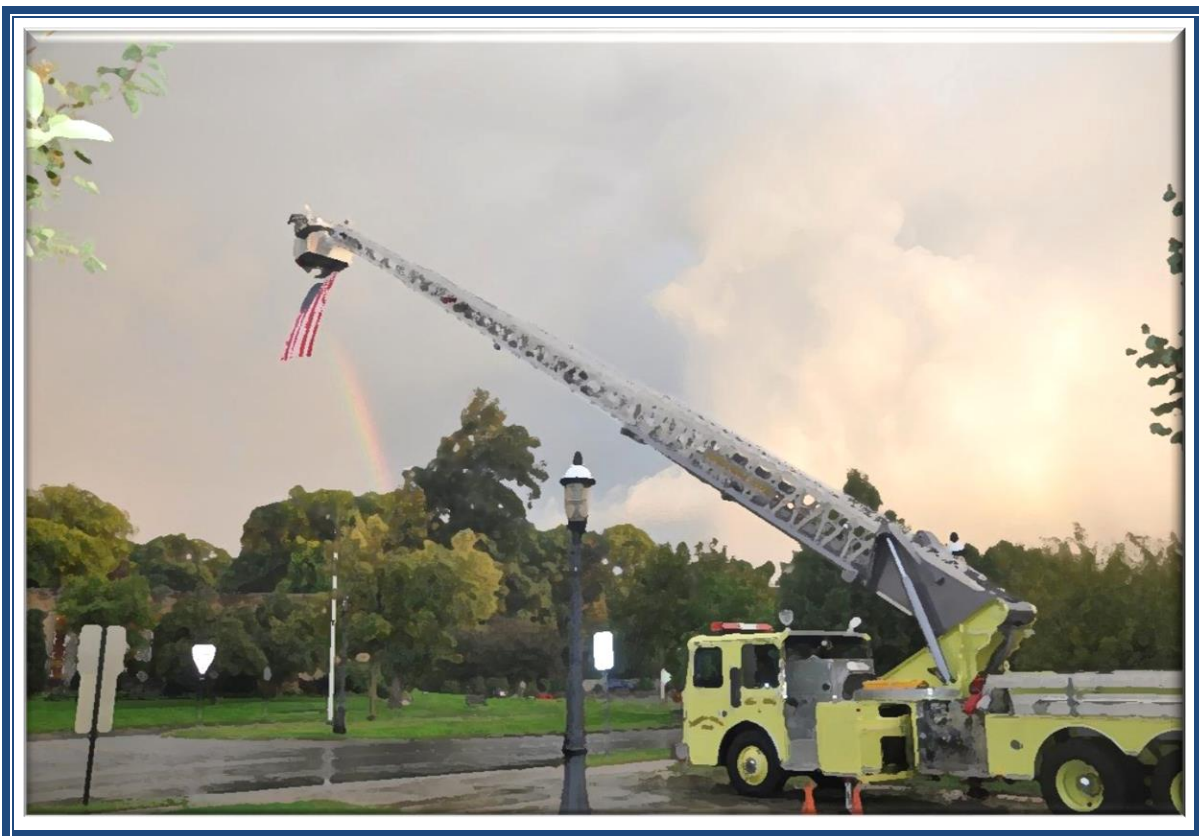
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MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission, both as a Department and as individual officers, is to provide exemplary public safety services to our residents, businesses, and to all who visit or travel through our community. We acknowledge that our effectiveness depends upon the acceptance of our authority and approval of our actions by the community. Toward that end, we constantly strive to reach the highest level of excellence in all that we do. We demand professional conduct from our officers and employees. We treat all people with respect and preform our duties in a fair, unbiased manner.

“Never Forget”



Annual Remembrance of the Twin Towers

September 11th, 2001

INTRODUCTION

Each year, the Huntington Woods Department of Public Safety prepares an annual report of crime statistics for the City of Huntington Woods, the Michigan Incident Crime Reporting (MICR), and the Federal Bureau of Investigation Uniform Crime Report (UCR). This data is compiled from offenses reported to the Department of Public Safety, monthly police reports, and individual crime incident reports.

The primary objective of this annual report is to provide a reliable set of criminal justice statistics for police administration, operations, and management. The localized study of crime data enables personnel to assess the influence of crime in areas, neighborhoods, and people. Similarly, crime statistics permit analysis among neighboring jurisdictions and with those of similar populations and other characteristics. A broad examination of the crime data allows individuals to view the nature and movement of crime, underlying changes, and fluctuations throughout the City of Huntington Woods, the State of Michigan, and the United States.

The Huntington Woods Department of Public Safety is committed to improving the reliability and validity of our crime reporting data. We are attempting to achieve this goal by study and analysis of major crime indexes and understanding the impact of classification revisions mandated by the State. As a result, some offense categories have decreased, while others have increased. Our efforts are to provide a reporting system that will be more accurate, valid, reliable, and compatible with State and Federal standards.



Various members of the Huntington Woods Department of Public Safety are pictured above.

HUNTINGTON WOODS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



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Director
of
Public Safety

Deputy Chief (Detective)

School Crossing Guards (Lt. Spencer)

Executive
Secretary

Records Clerk

Shift Lieutenant
24 Hour Shift

Shift Lieutenant
24 Hour Shift

Shift Lieutenant
24 Hour Shift

Shift Sergeant
24 Hour Shift

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Day Shift

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Volunteer Fire Company (Lt. Bell)

DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Andrew L. Pazuchowski

Deputy Director/Detective

Bill Cudney

Lieutenants

Billy Spencer

Ben Zawacki

Mark Bell

Sergeants

Jason Jordan

Jason Brockdorff

John DiJanni

Public Safety Officers

Todd Tyler

Dan Steeby

Clarence Bennett

Mike Nielsen

Joe Ajlouny

Jaclyn Siekierka

Jon Lences

Brian Luther

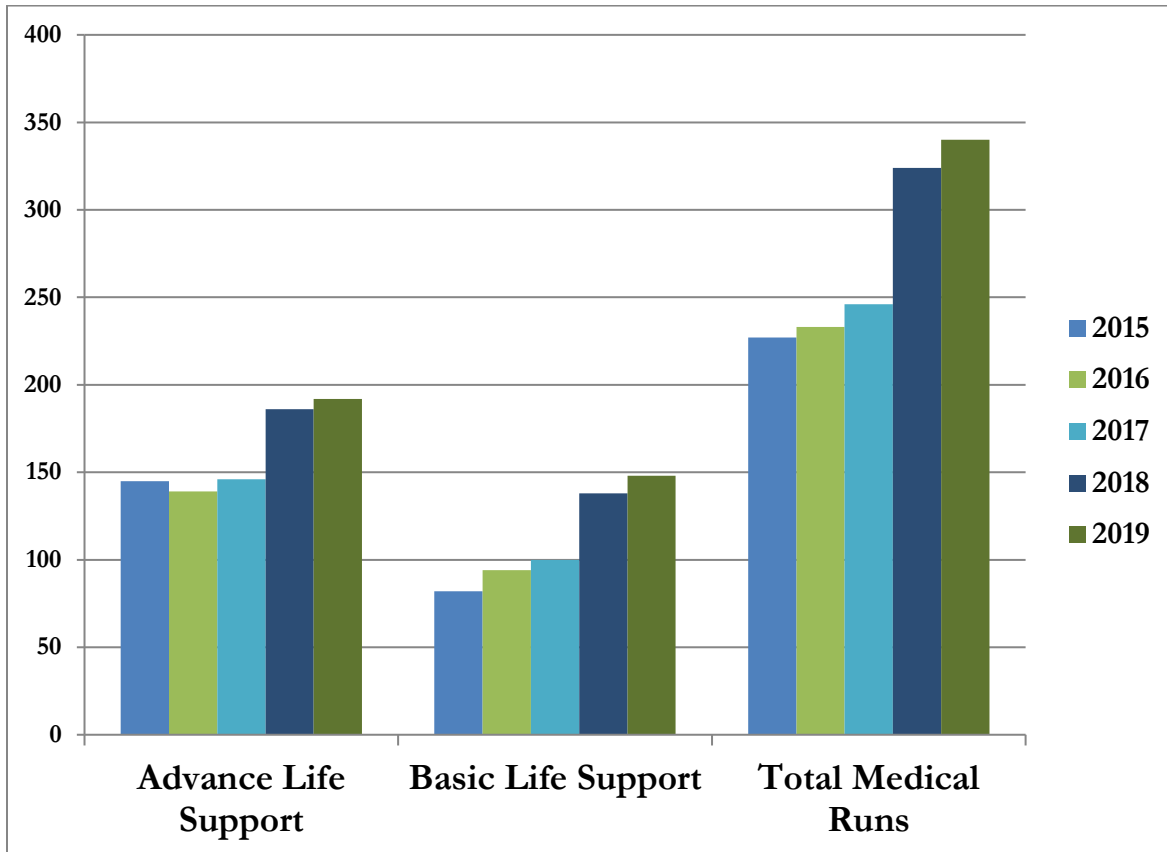
Clerk/Administrative Assistant

Lynn Wren

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

The City contracts an advanced life support service with Alliance Mobile Health. They provide 24/7 advanced life support service to the City of Huntington Woods. Their vehicles are staffed with two licensed paramedics.

On every ambulance run, in addition to Alliance paramedics, two public safety officers respond. With enhanced technology and equipment, paramedics can begin advanced lifesaving procedures and transmit EKGs to area hospitals before the patient arrives. Also, all of our patrol vehicles are equipped with an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED), Naloxone (NARCAN) and Epinephrine.



	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Advance Life Support	145	139	146	186	192
Basic Life Support	82	94	100	138	148
Total Medical Runs	227	233	246	324	340

INDEX CRIMES BREAKDOWN

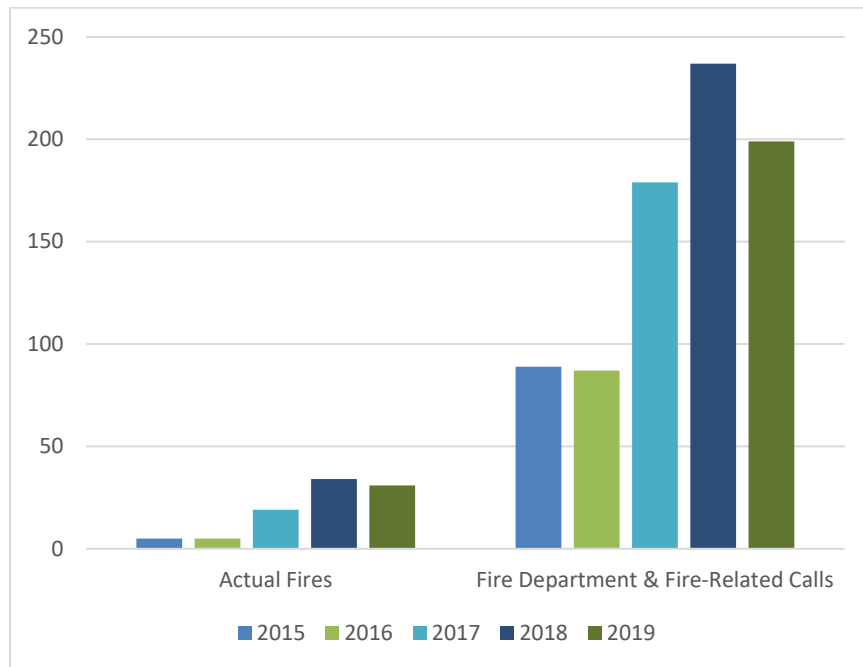
The National Crime Index is composed of selected offenses used to gauge fluctuations in the overall volume and rate of crime reported to law enforcement. Index Crimes are considered to be the most serious of all crimes reported.

These include the violent crimes of:

- **Aggravated Assault**
- **Arson**
- **Auto Theft**
- **Burglary**
- **Criminal Homicide**
- **Criminal Sexual Conduct**
- **Larceny - Theft**
- **Robbery**

FIRE OPERATIONS

The Huntington Woods Department of Public Safety has a mutual aid agreement with the City of Berkley, the Village of Beverly Hills and the City of Oak Park. In 2019, the Huntington Woods Department of Public Safety requested mutual aid, or responded to mutual aid requests from the agencies listed above for 24 separate fire-related incidents. There were 31 actual fires for 2019. **Note:** In 2018, the Department (in cooperation with Oakland County CLEMIS) changed its fire reporting platform. With the implementation of the CLEMIS Fire Incident Reporting System (CFIRS), data is able to be more accurately classified and reported. The Department prides itself on its quick response to all emergencies.



	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Actual Fires	5	5	19	34	31
Fire Department & Fire-Related Calls	89	87	179	237	199

DETECTIVE BUREAU

The basic objective in the investigation of a crime is the arrest and conviction of the perpetrator. Once an offense comes to police notice, no single unit can be charged with every investigation because of the chance occurrence of crime and the necessity for its immediate investigation. Many will have a role, but the principal units will be the Patrol and Investigative Elements. The need for patrol service is continuous, thus responsibility for conclusion of certain specified classes of crimes by subsequent apprehension of criminals and the recovery of property should rest with the Investigative Element. The requirements of the investigative process demand that a separate division of the Police Department be given responsibility for providing a continuous investigation for those crimes which the Patrol Division cannot complete because of the restrictions of time and area.

In the Huntington Woods Public Safety Department, investigative responsibilities are assigned to the Detective Bureau. The Bureau is staffed by one Detective and assisted by another road patrol command officer. These two are veteran officers who have risen through the ranks of the Department by demonstrating certain attributes which lend themselves favorably to the investigative function of police work. These traits include, but are not limited to, knowledge of the law, thoroughness in case preparation, and the ability to interact with City, County, and Federal Prosecutors when cases are presented in court.

The Detectives receive highly specialized training in investigative techniques which include case preparation, evidence recognition and collection, interviewing, surveillance, photography, etc.

The Detective Bureau is also responsible for non-criminal investigations of an administrative nature. These include background investigations on all new hires to the Public Safety Department. Furthermore, the Detective Bureau conducts background investigations for liquor licenses, handgun registrations, and permits to carry handguns (CPL permits). Within the Department the Detective Bureau is assigned the responsibility of Internal Affairs which investigates any complaints lodged against members of the Public Safety Department by the public which we serve.

Finally, the Detective Bureau has another function - that being the collecting and assessing of "intelligence" information. Intelligence translates into the coalition of information concerning criminal activity in and about the community. Officers of the Detective Bureau must network throughout the state and beyond to expedite this intelligence gathering process. This function is facilitated by memberships in various Police Associations.



Pictured above: Deputy Director/Detective Bill Cudney

99% of the 80 Criminal Cases assigned to the Detective Bureau in 2019 are closed.

DEPARTMENT TRAINING

The Department (including both sworn & civilian staff) participated in various police, fire and EMS training sessions and/or exercises during the calendar year of 2019. Training hours for 2019 totaled 4,050. This includes both in-house training and training completed at local community colleges and other training facilities.



Pictured above are Huntington Woods Department of Public Safety members engaged in fire behavior & flashover training drills.

SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS

The parents of our community depend upon our Crossing Guard team for the safety of their children when walking or riding a bicycle on their route to school or home. No matter what the weather is, our team of dedicated guards is ready to guide and protect our children. We are deeply appreciative of their efforts.



Pictured above: Mr. David Falkiewicz (7 years of service).

Not pictured: Ms. Betty Winkler-Piester (5 years of service), Mr. William Cudney (3 years of service), and Ms. Cheryl Williams (2 years of service).

FIRE COMPANY

The Fire Company Unit is a vital resource for the Department. Not only do they fight fires in our community, but they also provide assistance at community events such as the annual Fourth of July Parade/Fireworks, Woodward Cruise, and Fire Safety Open House.

The Fire Company underwent 163 hours of training and devoted several hours of service to the City of Huntington Woods in 2019. They are an indispensable part of our community.



Huntington Woods Fire Company Members: Larry Osiecki & Rick Polan

FIRE SAFETY OPEN HOUSE

The Fire Safety Open House was held on Saturday October 5th, 2019 and proved to be a popular event once again.

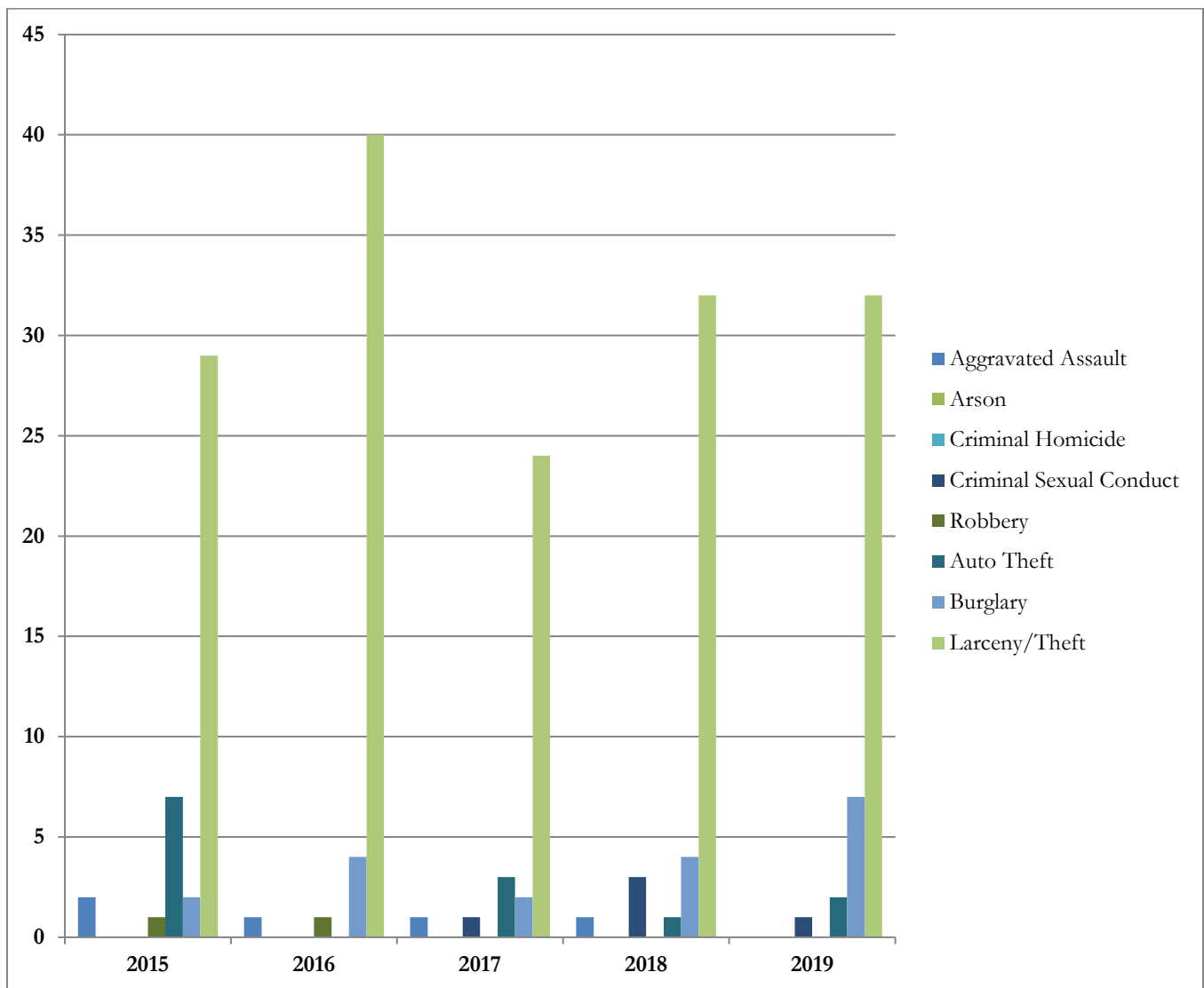
Children and adults had the opportunity to interact with Police, Fire, and EMS personnel. The attendees learned how to extinguish fires from personal clothing, watched a demonstration on vehicle extrication and received tips on electrical safety.

Several Department members were instrumental in making this event a success including Director Pazuchowski, Deputy Director Bill Cudney, Lt. Billy Spencer, Lt. Mark Bell, Sgt. Jason Brockdorff, PSO Mike Nielsen, PSO Jon Lences, and Volunteer Firefighters Larry Osiecki and Rick Polan.



INDEX CRIMES

	Aggravated Assault	Arson	Criminal Homicide	Criminal Sexual Conduct	Robbery	Auto Theft	Burglary	Larceny/Theft
2015	2	0	0	0	1	7	2	29
2016	1	0	0	0	1	0	4	40
2017	1	0	0	1	0	3	2	24
2018	1	0	0	3	0	1	4	32
2019	0	0	0	1	0	2	7	13



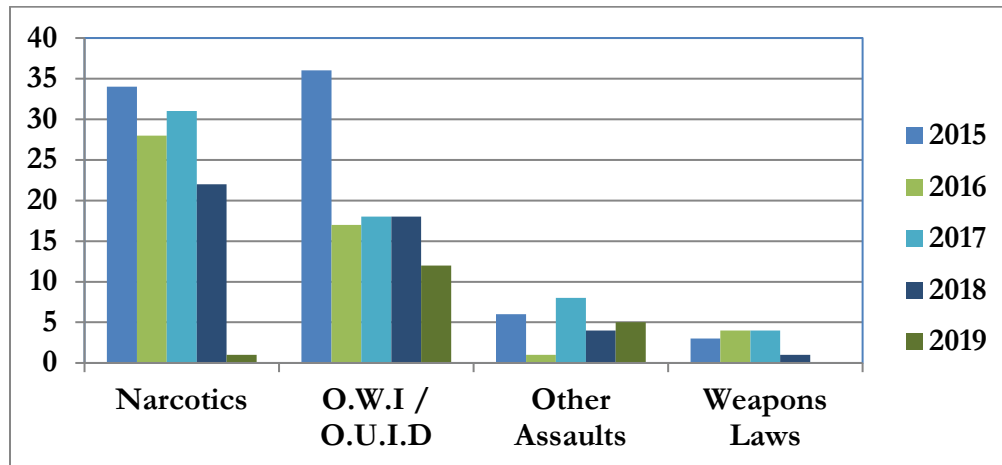
NON-INDEX CRIMES BREAKDOWN

Non-Index offenses encompass all other reportable classifications outside those defined as Index Offenses. Only arrest data involving the Non-Index offenses are reported to the FBI.

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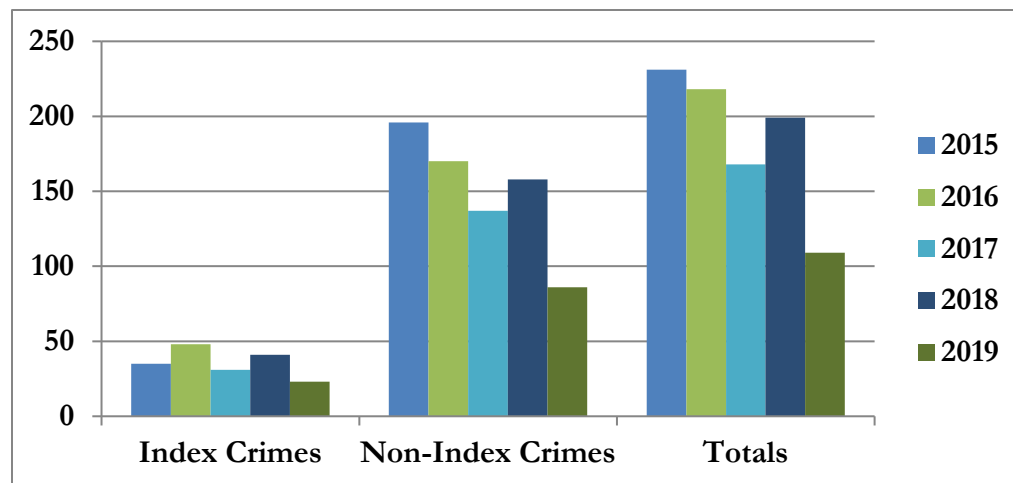
- Curfew and Loitering Laws (persons under 18)
- Disorderly Conduct
- Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol
- Drug Abuse Violations
- Drunkenness
- Embezzlement
- Forgery and Counterfeiting
- Fraud
- Gambling
- Liquor Laws
- Offenses Against the Family and Children
- Other Assaults
- Prostitution and Commercialized Vice
- Runaways (persons under 18)
- Sex Offenses
- Stolen Property: Buying, Receiving, Possessing
- Vandalism
- Weapons: Carrying, Possessing, etc...
- All Other Offenses

NON-INDEX CRIMES



	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Narcotics	34	28	31	22	1
O.W.I. / O.U.I.D	36	17	18	18	12
Other Assaults	6	1	8	4	5
Weapons Laws	3	4	4	1	0

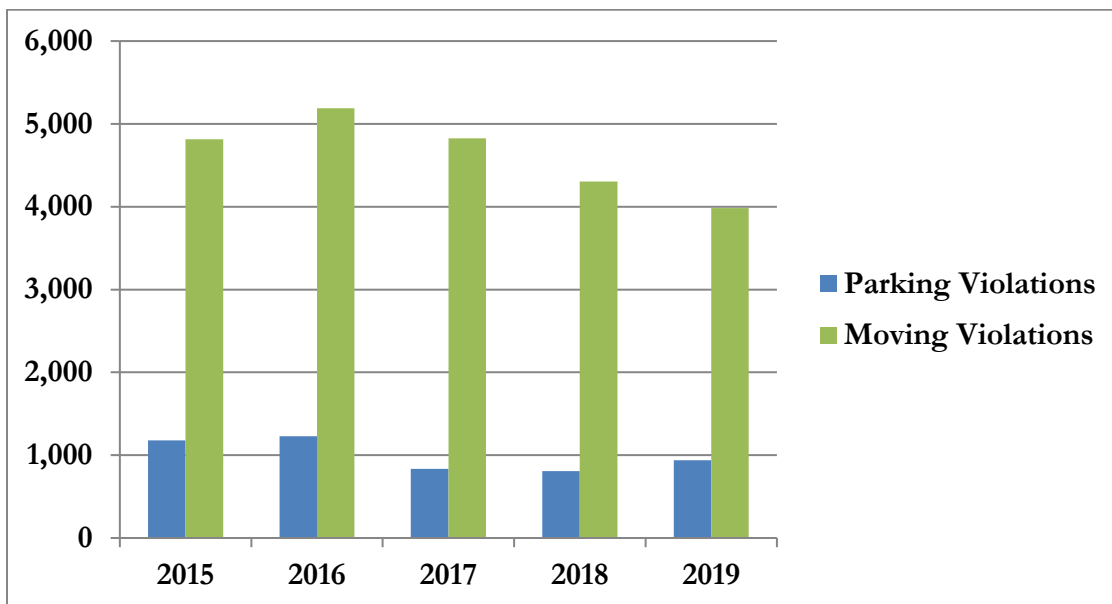
INDEX / NON-INDEX CRIME TOTALS



	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Index Crimes	35	48	31	41	23
Non-Index Crimes	196	170	137	158	86
Totals	231	218	168	199	109

The 109 Index and Non-Index crimes reported for 2019 represent a 45 percent decrease from last year.
The five-year average is 185 Index and Non-Index crimes.

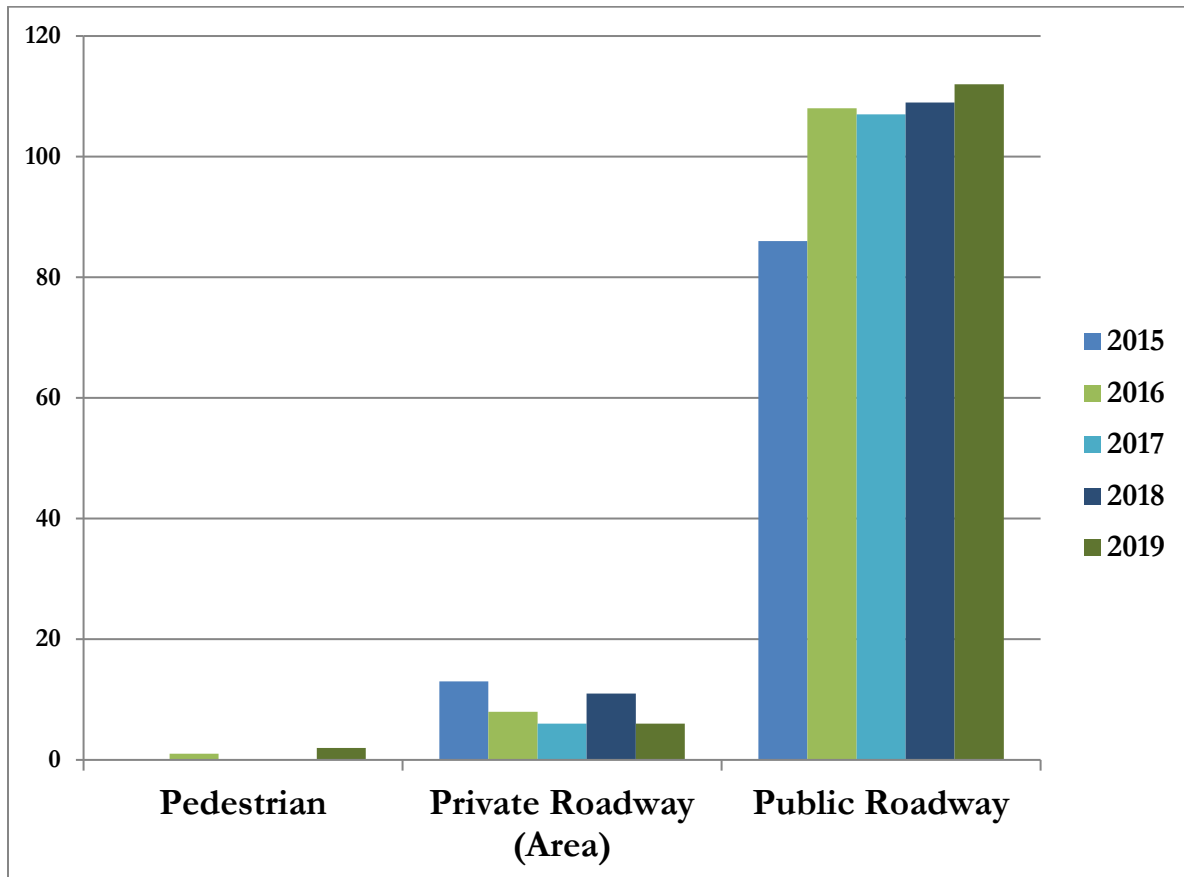
MOVING AND PARKING VIOLATIONS



	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Parking Violations	1,178	1,228	835	807	940
Moving Violations	4,816	5,189	4,825	4,306	3,983

TRAFFIC & PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS

The statistics below include figures for private property accidents which are not required to be reported by State law. The State of Michigan, for reporting purposes, does not include or record private property accidents. These types of accident reports are taken as a courtesy to citizens.



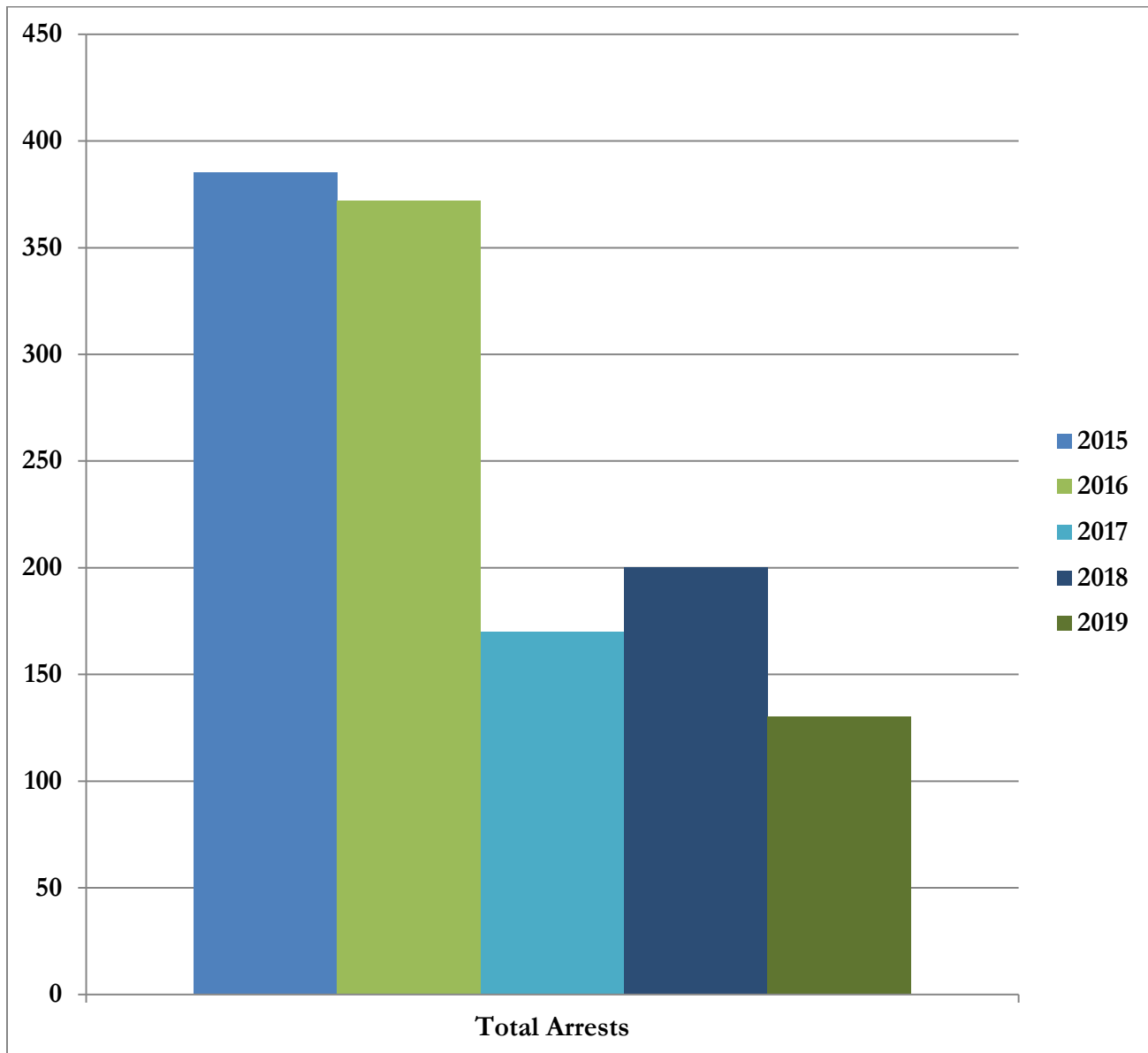
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Pedestrian	0	1	0	0	2
Private Roadway	13	8	6	11	6
Public Roadway	86	108	107	109	112

There were no fatalities in 2019

ARREST TOTALS

The five-year average is 332 arrests per year.

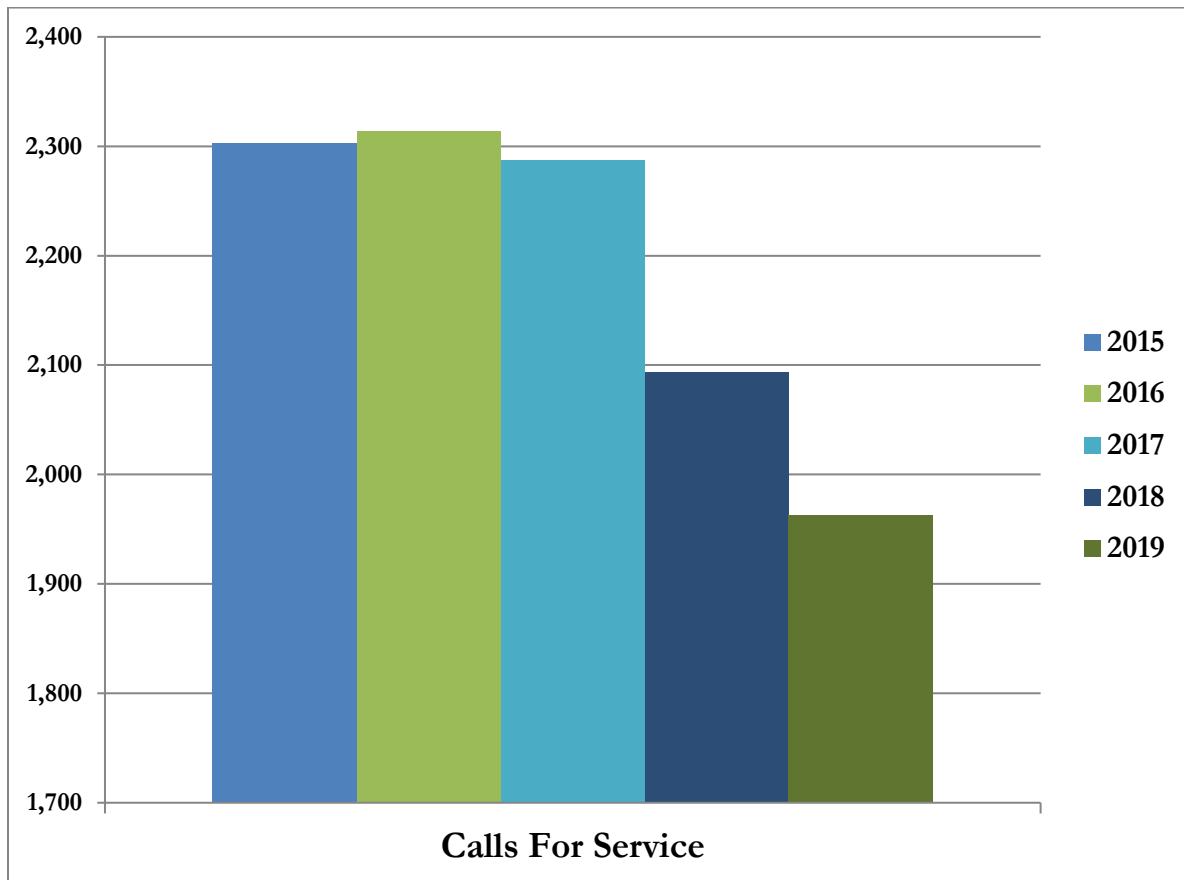
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Total Arrests	385	372	170	200	130



TOTAL INCIDENTS

Since the utilization of CLEMIS, the Department has been able to successfully capture crime statistics on a grand scale. This valuable resource continues to enhance Department operations with its ease of use and impressive capability.

In 2019, the Department responded to 1,963 calls for service. The five-year average for calls for service is 2,192.



	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Total Calls for Service	2,303	2,314	2,287	2,093	1,963

PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

The Public Safety Department is providing the following services to the residents of Huntington Woods:

Kindcall

This is an automatic telephone calling service for residents who are reassured of personal safety by daily phone calls by the Public Safety Department. A Public Safety Dispatcher calls the resident daily at a pre-approved time. If no one answers the phone, a Public Safety officer responds to the home to assure the resident is safe. The service is upon request, and with no charge to the resident.

Residential Knox-Box Service

The Knox Company has been the leading provider in the Rapid Access Solutions to the fire service, government and security industries for more than 30 years. The Knox-Box Residential Program is an extension of the Knox Rapid Entry system that provides first responders with safe and immediate entry into a residential property in the event of an alarm or an emergency.

Child Car Seat Safety Inspection

The Public Safety Department has implemented a Child Car Seat Safety Inspection Program that started January 1, 2015. This program is free of charge to all Huntington Woods residents. The inspection will be by appointment only and conducted by a certified Huntington Woods Public Safety Officer.

Community Notification Service

The City of Huntington Woods Department of Public Safety has launched a new Community Notification Service called "Nixle" to provide communication with people who live, work, and visit our area. The system provides a quick, efficient, and secure way to get neighborhood-level information out to community members who subscribe to the system. Through Nixle, the public safety Department will be able to send text message (SMS) and e-mail alerts to subscribers in a specific area, down to .25 miles. This service allows us to deliver messages securely to citizens by e-mail and cell phone. Please spread the word about our use of the system. Nixle informational updates will be disseminated from the City of Huntington Woods Department of Public Safety by E-Mail and cell phone.

Prescription Drug Drop-Off Box

Residents can safely dispose of unwanted and expired prescription drugs between 8:30am and 5:00pm, Monday through Friday. The Department also provides free prescription drug lock-boxes and drug test kits for concerned parents, no questions asked.

Residential Home Inspections

Residents can schedule a home inspection for fire safety and home security issues. This service is free of charge to all residents.

Safe Haven

The Public Safety building lobby can be used as a 'safe haven' for Craigslist or other similar person-to-person transactions. If the other party refuses to meet in the lobby or parking lot of Public Safety, don't participate in the transaction! Residents do not need to call in advance and the lobby is available 24/7. If you need to use the lobby after regular business hours, use the red phone located in the foyer to contact a Public Safety Officer to open the building.