

Blackman-Leoni Township Department of Public Safety



2017 Annual Report

Mission Statement

"The mission of the Blackman-Leoni Township Department of Public Safety is to provide for the safety and welfare of all their citizens, by preserving, protecting and defending people and property, while respecting the rights and dignity of all persons.

Code of Ethics

As a sworn Public Safety Officer of the Blackman-Leoni Township Department of Public Safety, my fundamental duty is to serve all citizens, to safeguard lives and property, to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence and disorder, and to respect the Constitutional rights of all persons to liberty, equality and justice.

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all, maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn, or ridicule, develop self-restraint, and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature, or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duties.

I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence, and never accepting gratuities.

Personnel/Hire Date

Director Michael Jester	8/30/94
Deputy Director Scott Grajewski	11/8/95
Deputy Director Christopher Boulter	8/23/03
Sergeant Steven Stowe	5/14/96
Sergeant Richard Gillespie	8/2/00
Sergeant Robert Shrock	2/19/01
Detective Joseph Merritt	9/28/03
Detective David Lubahn	11/1/10
Detective Shayne Allen	11/1/10
Detective Michael Villarreal	11/1/10
S/PSO Paul Long	2/28/92
S/PSO Thomas Brower	8/1/96
S/PSO Christopher Jacobson	8/16/97
PSO Samuel Philipp	2/21/01
PSO Bryan French	7/16/01
PSO Patrick Boulter	4/15/02
PSO James Prus	5/24/05
PSO Jan Ganzel	2/28/06
PSO Christopher Pohl	8/1/06

PSO Martin Jordon	10/6/06
PSO Brandon Casler	10/16/06
PSO Kory Torbet	2/8/07
PSO Darin McIntosh	5/23/09
PSO Thomas Bertram	11/1/10
PSO Justin Davis	11/1/10
PSO Rachel Doxtader	8/12/13
PSO Chad Burdette	2/17/16
PSO Isaac Clelland	2/17/16
PSO Jeremiah Wheeler	2/17/16
PSO Alexander Norris	2/17/16
PSO Chad Root	2/17/16
PSO Ryan Martin	8/5/16
PSO Chandler Fryt	5/15/17
Clerk Danielle Elwell	4/16/13

Administration

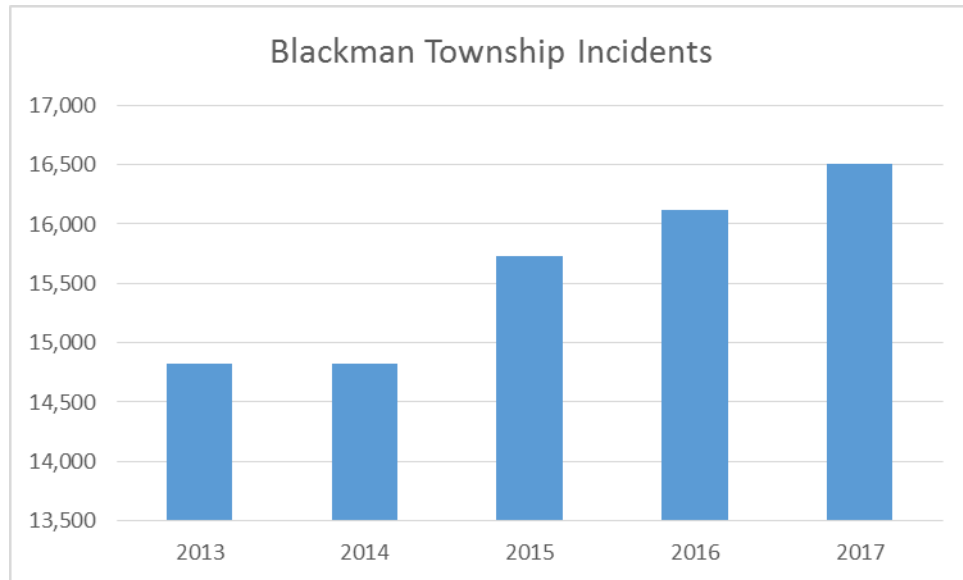
The Department is led by Director Michael L. Jester. Deputy Director Scott J. Grajewski is in-charge of the Operations/Patrol Division and Deputy Director Christopher R. Boulter is in-charge of the Support Services Division.

Operations/Patrol Division

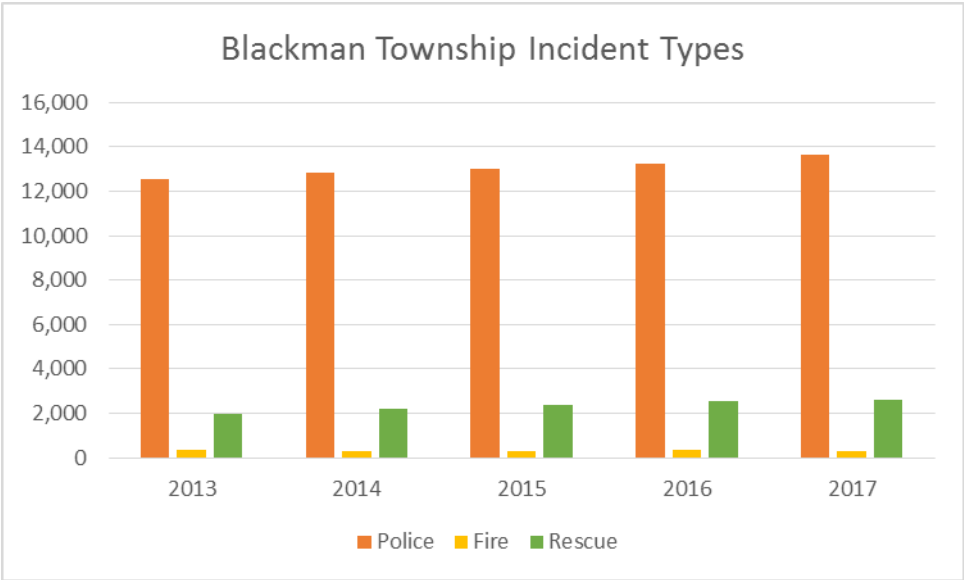
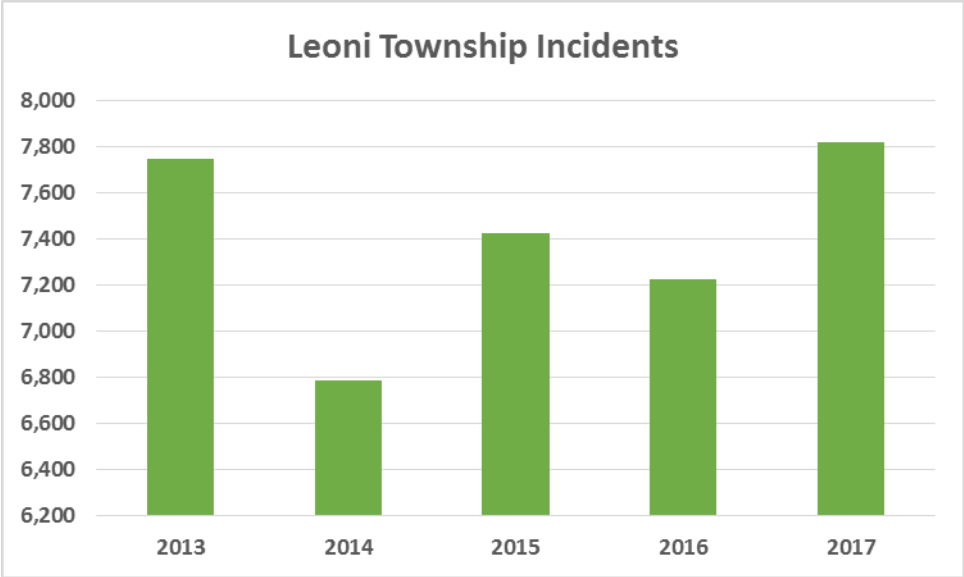
The operations division consists of public safety officers, K-9 officers and shift supervisors, who provide 24/7 public safety services to the 39,039 residents of Blackman and Leoni Townships, utilizing 24-Public Safety Officers, 4-Detectives and 4-Sergeants. The headquarters building on West Parnall Road in Blackman Township and the 5th Street Station in Leoni Township are staffed 24-hours per day, in order to provide an immediate response to medical emergencies and fire suppression/extrication incidents. In 2017, there were 24,320 incidents handled in Blackman and Leoni Townships by the Department of Public Safety. The operations division issued 3,357 traffic citations in 2017.

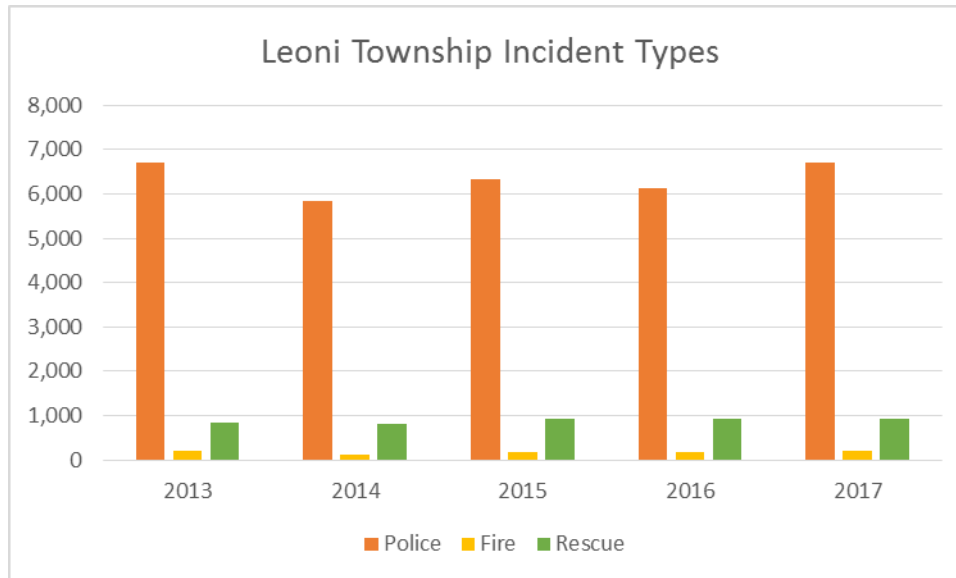
The operations division lost (2) officers to retirement in 2017. Senior Public Safety Officer Patrick England and Sergeant Ralph VanHeyningen. Both officers were dedicated public servants and their experience and knowledge will be missed. The Township Board of Trustees approved replacing these (2) officer in December of 2017 and their replacements will be on-board in early 2018.

Blackman Township - Incidents by Year					
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Police	12,539	12,812	13,034	13,250	13,620
Fire	334	308	301	352	298
Rescue	1,954	2,184	2,390	2,517	2,584
Total	14,827	14,827	15,725	16,119	16,502



Leoni Township -Incidents by Year					
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Police	6,704	5,849	6,330	6,140	6,699
Fire	194	122	167	161	202
Rescue	850	813	929	923	917
Total	7,748	6,784	7,426	7,224	7,818





Call For Service-As Received Through Central Dispatch			
Type	Number	Type	Number
Abandoned Vehicle	121	Accidents-No Injuries	1,249
Accidents-With Injuries	253	Accidents-Private Prop.	181
Alarms	1,005	Animal Complaints	456
Arson	2	Assault	149
Bomb Threats	3	Breaking and Entering	125
Concealed Weapon	4	Child Abuse/Neglect	25
Citizen Assist	45	Civil Dispute	175
Conservation	98	Criminal Sexual Conduct	59
Disorderly	1,385	Domestic	1,429
Embezzlement	14	Field Contact	142
Fire	546	Forgery/Counterfeiting	19
Found Property	146	Fraud	228
Assist-Other Agency	755	Health and Safety	1
Hit and Run Accidents	160	Indecent Exposure	2
Homicide	1	Inspections-Vehicles	46
Inspections-Property	768	Kidnapping	0
Larceny	1,079	Liquor Violations	4
Loitering	0	Loud Music	129

MDOP	176	Minors/Juveniles	9
Missing Person	27	Motorist Assist	419
Natural Death	52	Obstructing Police	12
Operating While Intoxicated	91	Ordinance Violation	39
Overdose	64	Parking Complaints	89
Peace Officer	1,402	Prostitution	0
Rescue	3,545	Robbery	7
Runaway	70	Sex Offense	0
Shooting	0	Shots Fired	60
Stolen Property	19	Suicide and Attempts	130
Suspicious Situation	1,356	Threats	90
Traffic Offenses	4,428	Traffic Hazard	627
Trespassing	38	Stolen Vehicle	40
Controlled Substance	100	Walk-Away	1
Warrant Arrest	356	Weapons	8

Investigative Division

The investigative division is staffed by 4-detectives. This division investigates major crimes and completes follow-up on any open case. The investigative division reviewed and/or investigated a total of 3,055 cases in 2017. The investigative division is also a member of the Jackson County Major Crime's Task Force. The Jackson County Major Crime's Task Force is a cooperative team with members from the Blackman-Leoni Township Department of Public Safety, the Jackson County Sheriff's Department, the Jackson Police Department and the Michigan State Police, who investigate high-profile criminal complaints in Jackson County.

Members of the investigative division participate in the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council, the Child Death Review Team, the

Child Advocacy Center, and the Recovery Court. The investigative division also puts on presentations to local businesses and financial institutions on personal safety, robbery response and how to assist investigators, as a witness, during criminal incidents.

Investigations - Comparison by Year				
2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
2,616	2,488	2,849	3,086	3,055



K-9 Division

The K-9 division is comprised of two K-9 handlers, Officer Chris Jacobson and Officer Patrick Boulter, along with K-9 Hooch and K-9 Pyro. The two K-9 Teams are assigned to opposite night-shifts, so that a K-9 Team is on duty every evening from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. Officer Jacobson and Officer Boulter spend an enormous amount of time training, above and beyond what is required by the Department or required standards. Both K-9 Teams also assist other departments, conduct school searches and provide training demonstrations to the public, upon request. The K-9 division logged over 450 hours of training in 2017 and over 200 deployments.

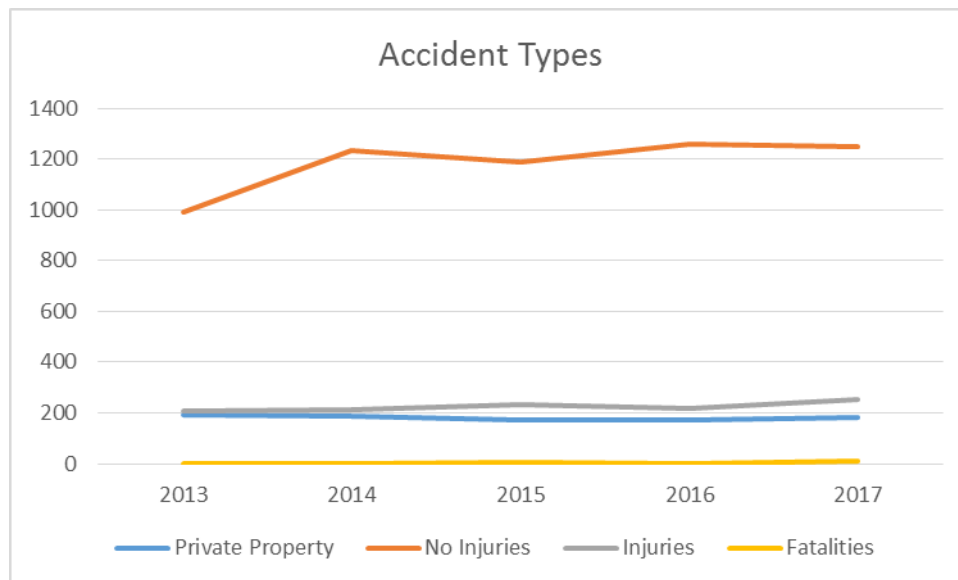
Traffic Crash Reconstruction Team

The Blackman-Leoni Township Department of Public Safety Traffic Crash Reconstruction Team is comprised of several officers, with varied levels of training. The department currently has three trained investigators who have been trained in Accident Reconstruction and has investigators assigned to the Jackson County Accident Investigation Team, which investigates serious or fatal accidents within Jackson County. This team consists of members from the Blackman-Leoni Township Department of Public Safety, the Jackson County Sheriff's Department and the Michigan State Police. In a typical year, the Blackman-Leoni Township Traffic Crash Reconstruction Team will investigate anywhere from three to ten traffic fatalities.

Of the 1,691 traffic crashes handled in 2017, (8) fatalities were reported. Team members investigated numerous traffic crashes that resulted in serious injuries, which had the possibility of resulting in a fatality.

Traffic Crashes by Type-2017			
Private Property	No Injuries	Injuries	Fatalities
181	1,249	253	8

Accident Type	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Private Property	193	187	172	171	181
No Injuries	993	1236	1188	1259	1249
Injuries	208	215	233	217	253
Fatalities	0	1	4	2	8



Fire Inspections/Investigation Division

The Blackman-Leoni Township Department of Public Safety has two state certified fire inspectors and three fire investigators, who have either received their training through the Michigan State Police or the National Fire Academy. This division is headed by the Deputy Director of Public Safety-Operations and is responsible for the enforcement of the National Fire Code, Building Plan Review, Commercial and Industrial Fire Inspections and the determination of cause and origin at all structure fires. This division completes numerous continuing educational training classes on a yearly basis.

Records Division

The records division consists of one full-time clerk. The records division maintained criminal records databases, conducted local background checks, handled requests for information from the public, by telephone and at the service counter and answered the overflow telephone calls to the Department.

Training

The Blackman-Leoni Township Department of Public Safety Officers have all been certified by the State of Michigan, as a police officer, firefighter II and to a minimum level of medical first responder, but additional training is fundamental in providing the best public safety services to the residents of Blackman and Leoni Townships. The department completed **7,456** hours of training in 2017, which included the following:

Arson Investigation	Emergency Driving	Fire Officer I and II
Fire Instructor I and II	Fire Instructor Trainer	Pump Operator Training
Water Supply	Incident Safety Officer	Vehicle Extrication
Fire Strategy and Tactics	Clandestine Lab	Preventing Injuries
AED Update Training	Traumatic Injuries	Shock Awareness
Confined Space Awareness	Geriatric Emergencies	Infectious Diseases
Abdominal Trauma	Incident Command	Pediatric Trauma
Active Shooter Training	Computer Security	Crime Scene Processing
K-9 High Stress Decoy	Site Safety Officer	Child Sexual Assault
Hand-Gun Training	Patrol Rifle Training	Use of Force/Defensive
Taser Deployment	Less-Lethal Force	Fire Apparatus Driving

Awards

The 2017 Officer of the Year was Detective Mike Villarreal. Detective Villarreal joined the department in 2010, when the Blackman Township and Leoni Township Public Safety Departments merged. Detective Villarreal was nominated by his peers and selected based on his work ethic, attitude and professionalism. Detective Villarreal has a positive attitude and is relentless in following through on investigations, in hopes of bringing some type of closure to the victims in the cases he investigates.

Citizen Complaints

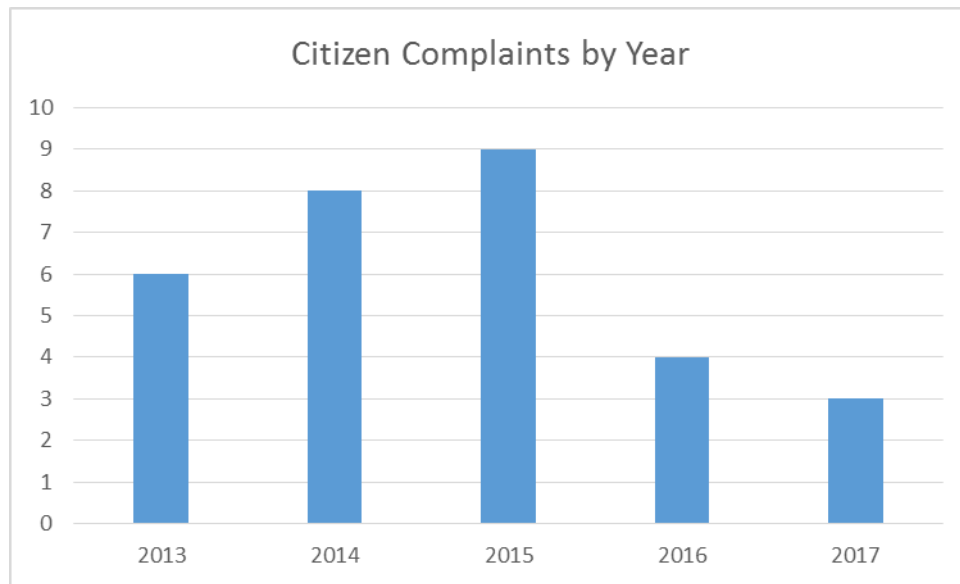
The department takes citizen complaints seriously and does a thorough investigation into the complaints. Assisting the department in these investigations is the use of in-car video cameras, which document the interaction officers have with the public, either capturing both video and audio or just audio, when the officer is out of view of the camera. At the end of 2014 the department received a grant for body cameras, which supplements the existing in-car video cameras in an effort to further document the interaction officers have with the public. In 2017, the

department received three (3) citizen complaints, which included the following:

- A citizen made a complaint of an officer being rude and unprofessional. After reviewing the video, the complaint was sustained.
- A citizen made a complaint that an officer was rude and unprofessional. After reviewing the video, the complaint was determined to be unfounded.
- A citizen made a complaint that an officer was rude and unprofessional. The complaint was investigated and after reviewing the video and audio recordings of the incident, the complaint was determined to be unfounded.

Citizen Complaint Comparison by Year					
Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Total	6	8	9	4	3
Sustained	1	0	3	2	1
Not-Sustained	0	1	0	0	0
Exonerated	0	0	0	0	0
Unfounded	5	8	6	2	2

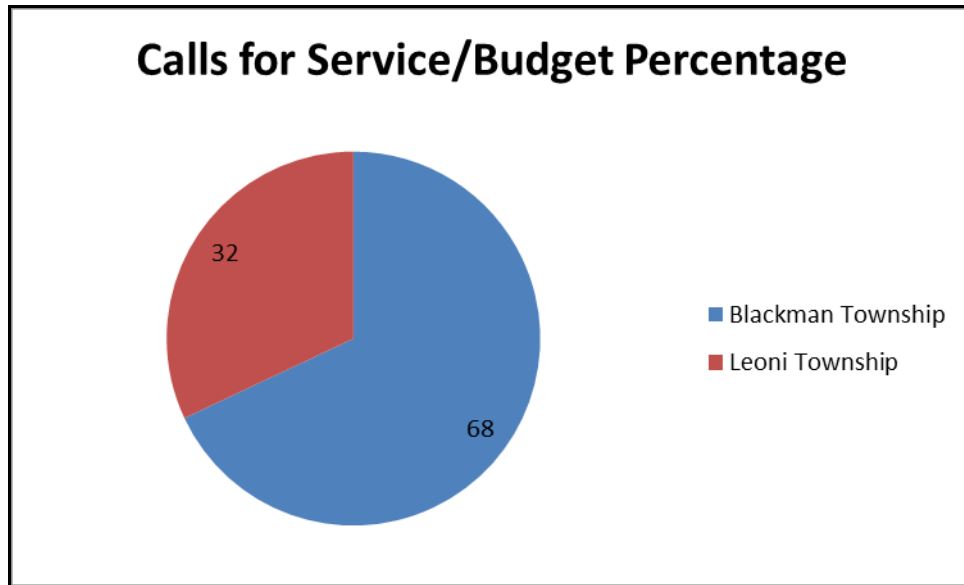
In 2017, the Department received, on average, one citizen's complaint for every 8,106 contacts that officers made with the public.



Funding

The Department of Public Safety is funded through numerous revenue sources, including a Public Safety Millage from Blackman Township residents, a Public Safety Millage from Leoni Township residents and the General Funds of both Blackman Township and Leoni Township. The public safety budget for 2017 was \$4,537,469. The adopted 2018 public safety budget is \$4,737,680, which is a 4.3% increase over 2017. The budget fluctuates on a yearly basis, depending on personnel costs and scheduled equipment replacement.

The percentage of the public safety budget that is paid for by each Township has a direct relationship to the historical percentage of service calls in each Township. The current percentage breakdown is 68% of the budget is paid for by Blackman Township and 32% of the budget is paid for by Leoni Township.



Social Media

The Blackman-Leoni Township Department of Public Safety, in an effort to partner with the community to accomplish its mission, utilizes social media and direct correspondence with citizens on a daily basis. The Public Safety Facebook Page currently has 7,093 followers and a daily activity report is sent to approximately 750 people and is posted on the M-Live website, in conjunction with the Jackson Citizen Patriot.

Community Involvement

The Blackman-Leoni Township Department of Public Safety is very active in community events, and is proud to be involved in the following:

- Shop with a Cop-100+ Students
- Jackson Christmas Parade
- Blackman Township Halloween Open House
- Leoni Township Halloween Open House
- Toys for Tots
- Homecoming Parades-Northwest, East Jackson, Michigan Center
- Michigan Center Christmas Parade

Vehicle Fleet

The current fire apparatus fleet is as follows:

- 2003 Pierce 100 ft. Tower (Ladder 1)
- 1990 Pierce 65 ft. Tele-Squirt (Ladder 2)
- 2017 Rosenbauer Pumper/Tanker (Engine 1)
- 2014 Chevy Tahoe 4x4 (Rescue 2)
- 2014 Chevy Tahoe 4x4 (Rescue 1)
- 2017 Rosenbauer Pumper/Tanker (Engine 2)
- 2017 Chevy 1-Ton-4x4-Brush Truck (Truck 1)
- 2017 Chevy 1-Ton-4x4-Brush Truck (Truck 2)

In the spring of 2017, the department took delivery of (2) 2017 Rosenbauer Pumper/Tankers. 1-Pumper/Tanker is housed in Blackman Township and 1-Pumper/Tanker is housed in Leoni Township. Each Township purchased 1-Pumper/Tanker and these trucks combined several trucks into one, thus reducing the fleet of fire apparatus and saving both Townships in on-going maintenance costs.

The current patrol fleet is as follows:

- 3-Chevy Tahoe Police Pursuit Vehicles
- 7-Dodge Charger Police Pursuit Vehicles

The current investigative/administrative fleet is as follows:

- 5-Dodge Charger Police Administrative/Investigative Vehicles

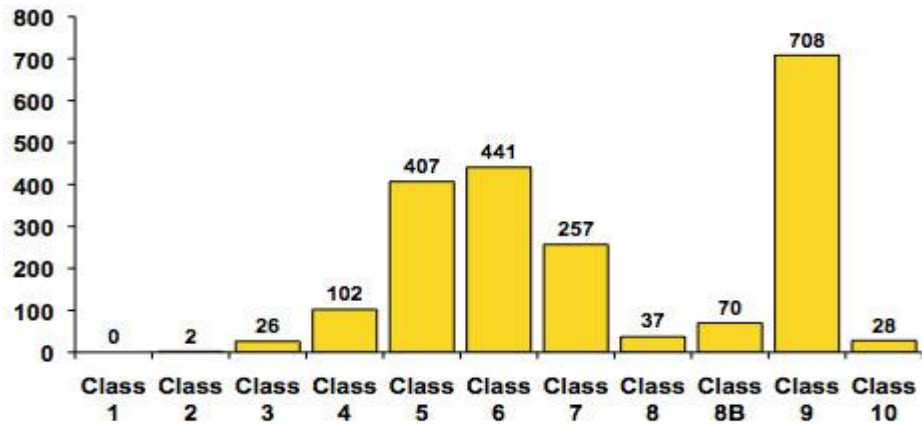
Insurance Services Office Fire Classification

In 2012, the department went through the process of being re-evaluated by the Insurance Services Organization (ISO), which sets fire service classifications for communities throughout the United States. After completion of the audit, ISO rated both Blackman Township and Leoni Township with a classification of 5/9. This was an improvement for both communities. A split classification indicates the difference between parts of the community that have municipal water, versus those that don't. This directly relates to the department's firefighting capabilities, as areas serviced by fire hydrants provide an uninterrupted supply of water for fire suppression, where non-hydrant areas do not. During hard economic times, which have resulted in a loss of staffing and the closing of fire stations across Michigan, we are proud to be able to improve our fire service classification. Our department maintained their ISO classifications in 2017.

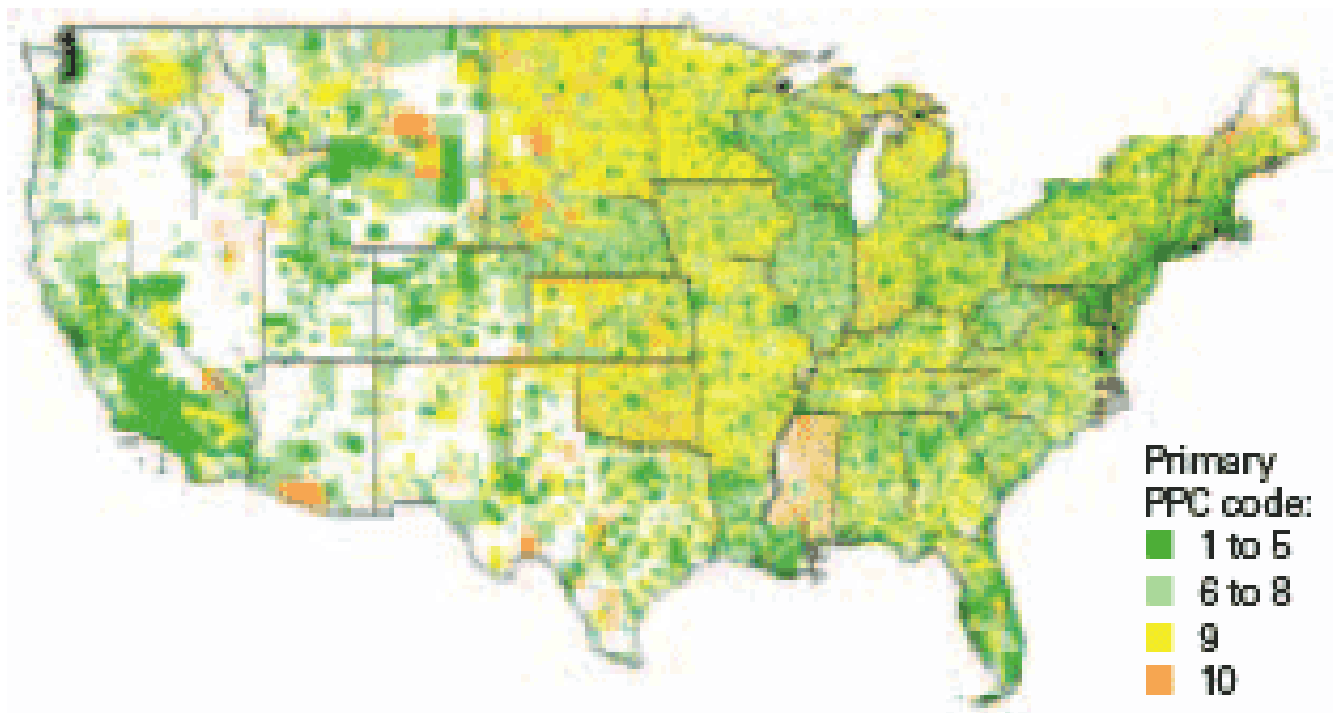
	<u>Current Classification</u>	<u>Previous</u>
Blackman Township	5/9	7/9
Leoni Township	5/9	6/9

ISO Public Protection Classifications

Michigan



U.S. ISO Public Protection Classifications



Asset Forfeiture

In 2017, the department continued to enforce the Controlled Substance Act, and in doing so, made numerous property seizures. The following seizures were made:

Cash/Property \$6,764

