

Blackman-Leoni Township Department of Public Safety



2016 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 Ralph VanHeyningen	8/18/97
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 Patrick England	1/6/96
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
Clerk Danielle Elwell	4/16/13

Administration

In 2016, the department administration was changed back to having a Director of Public Safety and 2-Deputy Directors, with 1-Deputy Director overseeing Operations and 1-Deputy Director overseeing Support Services. Deputy Director Jon Johnston left the Department and Scott Grajewski and Christopher Boulter were promoted to those open positions. The department had operated under this structure in the 1990's, prior to one of the Deputy Director positions being eliminated through attrition.

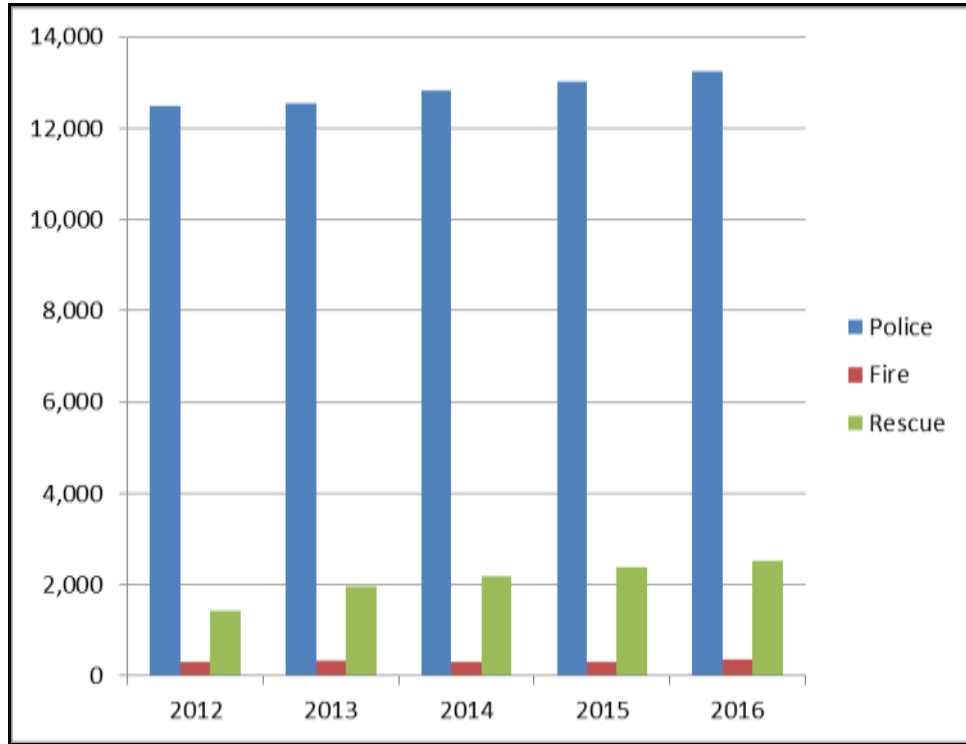
Operations/Patrol Division

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 23-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 2016, there were 23,343 incidents handled in Blackman and Leoni Townships by the Department of Public Safety. The operations division issued 2,266 traffic citations in 2016.

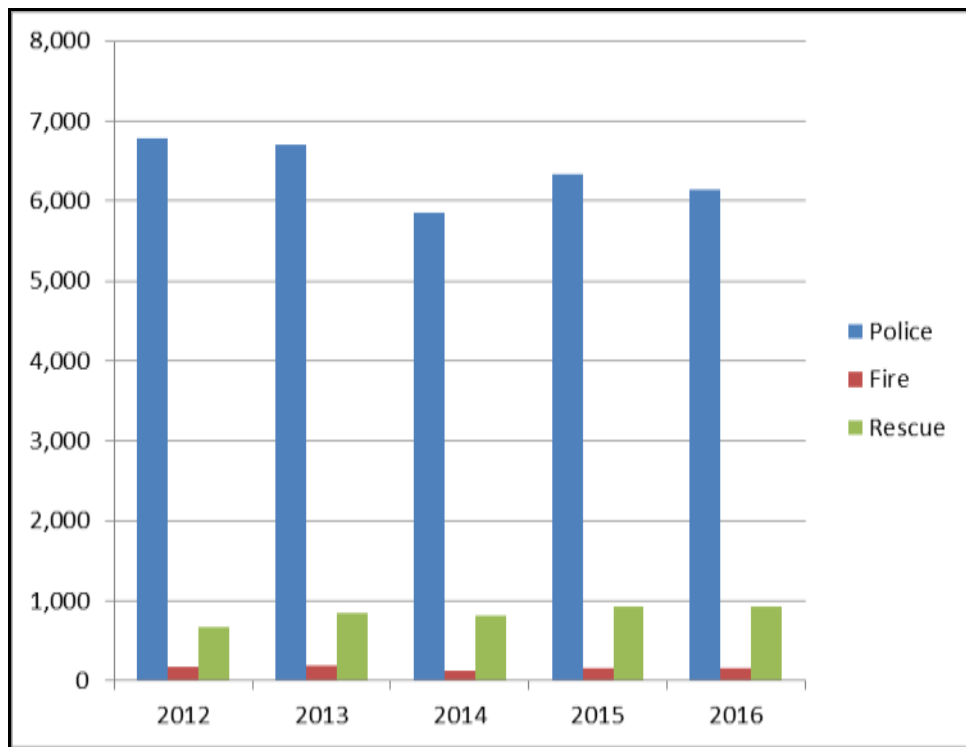
Blackman Township - Incidents by Year					
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Police	12,482	12,539	12,812	13,034	13,250
Fire	311	334	308	301	352
Rescue	1,426	1,954	2,184	2,390	2,517
Total	14,219	14,827	14,827	15,725	16,119

Leoni Township - Incidents by Year					
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Police	6,779	6,704	5,849	6,330	6,140
Fire	172	194	122	167	161
Rescue	678	850	813	929	923
Total	7,629	7,748	6,784	7,426	7,224

Blackman Township-Calls for Service



Leoni Township-Calls for Service



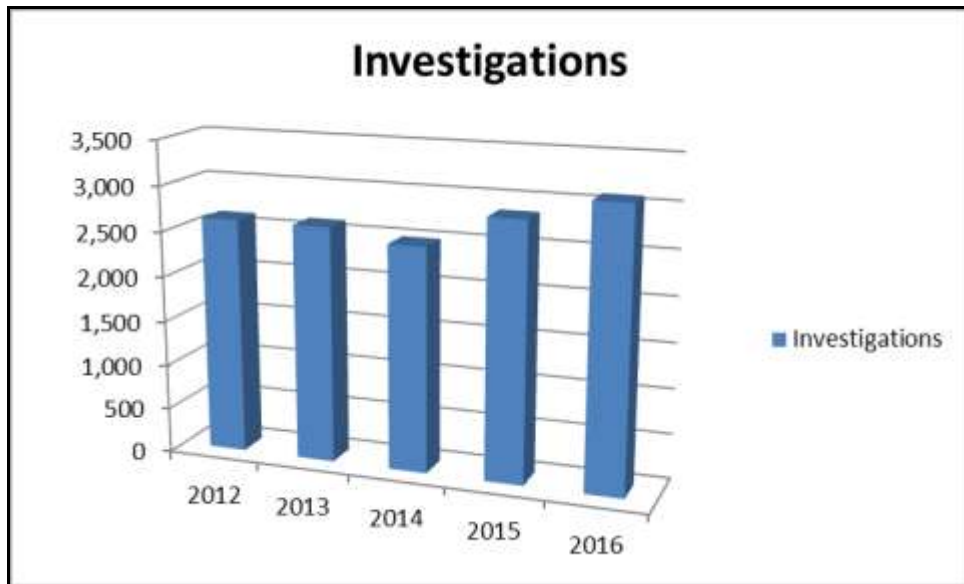
Call For Service-As Received Through Central Dispatch			
Type	Number	Type	Number
Abandoned Vehicle	144	Accidents-No Injuries	1,259
Accidents-With Injuries	217	Accidents-Private Prop.	171
Alarms	1,033	Animal Complaints	471
Arson	3	Assault	153
Bomb Threats	2	Breaking and Entering	130
Concealed Weapon	2	Child Abuse/Neglect	32
Citizen Assist	32	Civil Dispute	153
Conservation	108	Criminal Sexual Conduct	46
Disorderly	1,290	Domestic	1,476
Embezzlement	28	Field Contact	127
Fire	543	Forgery/Counterfeiting	17
Found Property	120	Fraud	320
Assist-Other Agency	647	Health and Safety	6
Hit and Run Accidents	163	Indecent Exposure	3
Homicide	2	Inspections-Vehicles	41
Inspections-Property	693	Kidnapping	0
Larceny	982	Liquor Violations	6
Loitering	0	Loud Music	114
MDOP	236	Minors/Juveniles	3
Missing Person	38	Motorist Assist	423
Natural Death	50	Obstructing Police	6
Operating While Intoxicated	64	Ordinance Violation	30
Overdose	54	Parking Complaints	71
Peace Officer	1,046	Prostitution	0
Rescue	3,476	Robbery	16
Runaway	74	Sex Offense	2
Shooting	3	Shots Fired	62
Stolen Property	17	Suicide	149
Suspicious Situation	1,216	Threats	102
Traffic Offenses	4,306	Traffic Hazard	577
Trespassing	28	Stolen Vehicle	45
Controlled Substance	80	Walk-Away	15
Warrant Arrest	294	Weapons	7

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 3,086 cases in 2016. 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				
2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
2,622	2,616	2,488	2,849	3,086



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. K-9 Axe was retired in December of 2016 and his service to the residents and the department is much appreciated. 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.

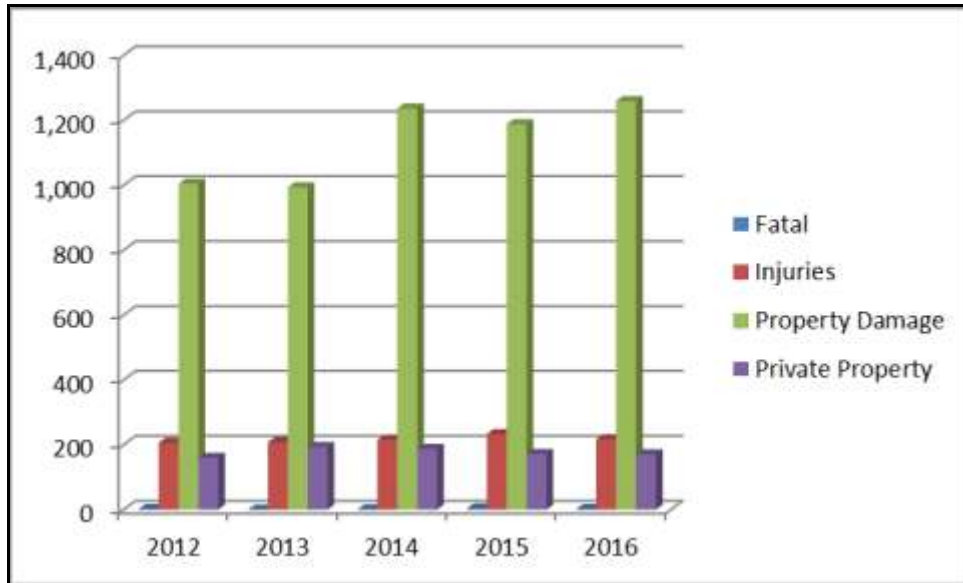
Traffic Crash Reconstruction Team

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 1,647 traffic crashes handled in 2016, (2) accidents resulted in a traffic fatality. Team members investigated numerous traffic crashes that resulted in serious injuries, which had the possibility of resulting in a fatality.

Traffic Crashes by Type-2016			
Private Property	No Injuries	Injuries	Fatalities
171	1,259	217	2

Traffic Crashes



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 **1,836** hours of training in 2016, which included the following:

Prison Pre-Plan	Thermal Imaging Cameras
Prison Pre-Plan-Administration	Spinal Injuries
RIT Training	Geriatric Patients
L-Z Training Presentation	Shock Management
Vehicle Extrication	Fire Code Training - MSU
Ground and Aerial Ladder	Fire Code Training-Advanced
Apparatus Driving	May-Day Training
Pump Operations	Fire Instructor I
Class-B Foam Training	Fire Instructor II
Structural Entanglement	NIMS – ICS
Ventilation Training	Incident Safety Officer
Advanced Vehicle Extrication	ICS 300
Ladder 1 Truck Operations	Radiation Exposure Training
Apparatus Driving	Citgo Bulk Fuel Plant

Landing Zone Training	FETN Haz-Mat I and II Series
Roof Operations	Haz-Mat Tech I
Search and Rescue	Haz-Mat Hot Zone Rescue
Vehicle Extrication-Air Bags	Haz-Mat Tech Advanced – MSP
Small Pump Operations	Haz-Mat Branch Officer School
Multiple Pump Operations	Haz-Mat Tech Advanced – MSP
Reid Interview School	Advanced Reid School
Personal Protective Equipment	Defensive Driving
Ventilation and RIT Scenario	Accident Investigation 11/12
Airbag Training-Machines	Accident Investigation 14
Blood Borne Pathogens	Homicide Investigation
Ventilation Training	Forensic Interviewing
Vehicle Fires	Firearms Training-Pistol
Bus Rescue	Firearms Training-Long Guns
Hose Line Tactics	Defensive Tactics

Awards

The 2016 Officer of the Year was Detective David Lubahn. Detective Lubahn joined the department in 2010, when Blackman Township and Leoni Township Public Safety Departments merged. Detective Lubahn served as Deputy Director of Public Safety for Leoni Township, prior to the merger. Detective Lubahn was nominated by his peers and selected based on his work ethic, attitude and professionalism. Detective Lubahn 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.

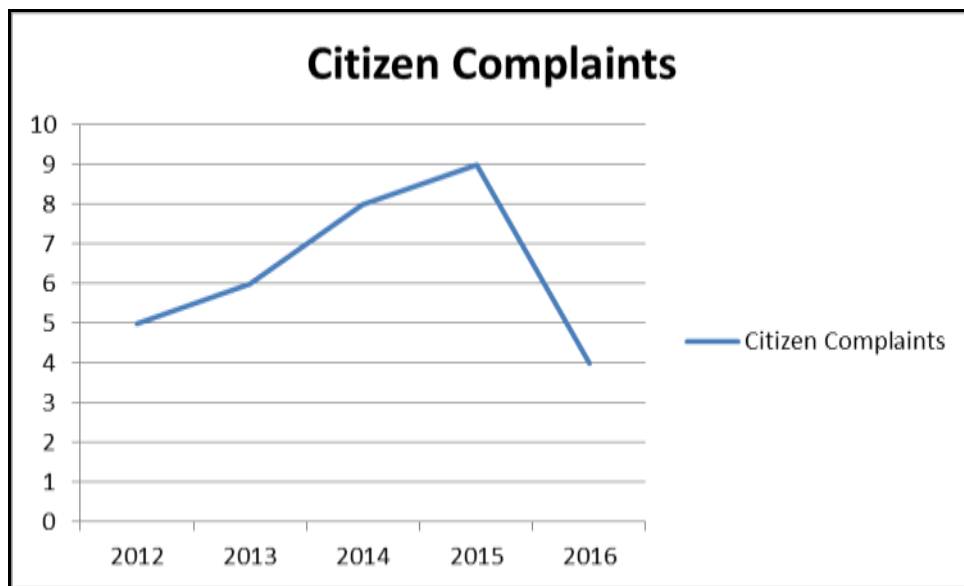
Citizens Complaints

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 2016, the department received four (4) 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.
- A citizen made a complaint that an officer was rude and unprofessional. After reviewing the video, the complaint was sustained.

Citizen Complaint Comparison by Year					
Year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Total	5	6	8	9	4
Sustained	2	1	0	3	2
Not-Sustained	0	0	1	0	0
Exonerated	0	0	0	0	0
Unfounded	3	5	8	6	2

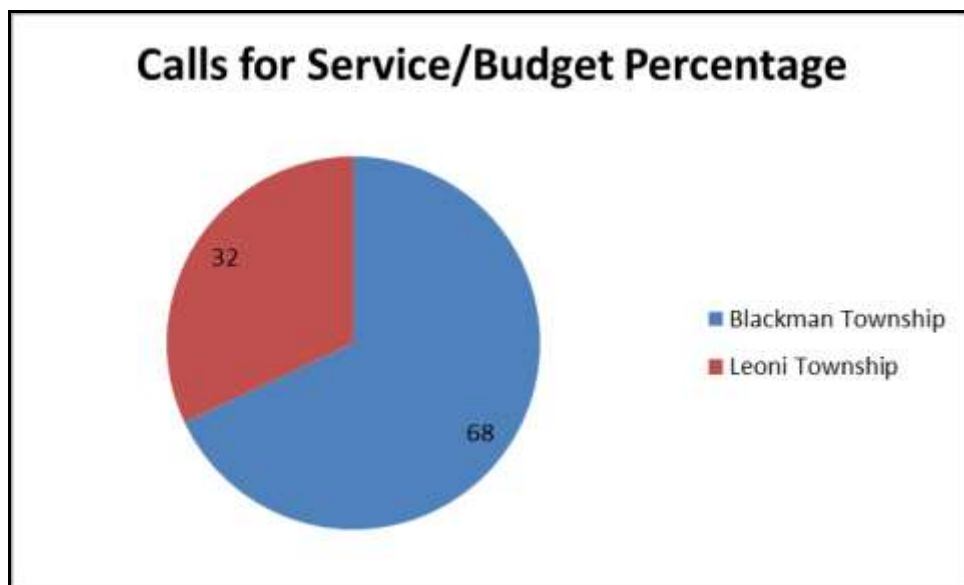
In 2016, the Department received, on average, one citizen's complaint for every 5,835 contacts that officers made with the public.



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 2016 was \$5,252,351, which was a 20% increase from 2015, when it was \$4,219,742. The majority of these increases were due to Capital Expenditures, such as the purchasing of a new fire truck, purchasing seven new vehicles and building improvements to the Headquarters building on West Parnall Road. The 2017 public safety budget saw a 16% reduction from the 2016 budget, due to the majority of the needed Capital Expenditures having already been purchased.

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 6,035 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)
- 2006 GMC Rescue Truck (Rescue 3)
- 2014 Chevy Tahoe 4x4 (Rescue 2)
- 2014 Chevy Tahoe (Rescue 1)
- 1992 Spartan Pumper (Engine 1)
- 1995 International Pumper (Engine 3)
- 1990 Chevy 4x4 Brush Truck (Truck 1)
- 1990 Ford 4x4 Brush Truck (Truck 2)

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

The current patrol fleet is as follows:

- 6-Chevy Tahoe Police Pursuit Vehicles
- 4-Dodge Charger Police Pursuit Vehicles

The current investigative/administrative fleet is as follows:

- 5-Dodge Charger Police Administrative/Investigative Vehicles

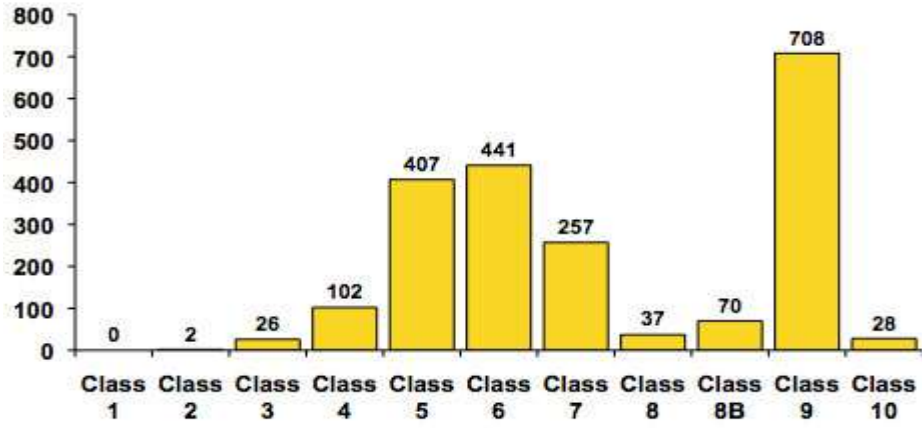
Insurance Services Office Fire Classification

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 2016.

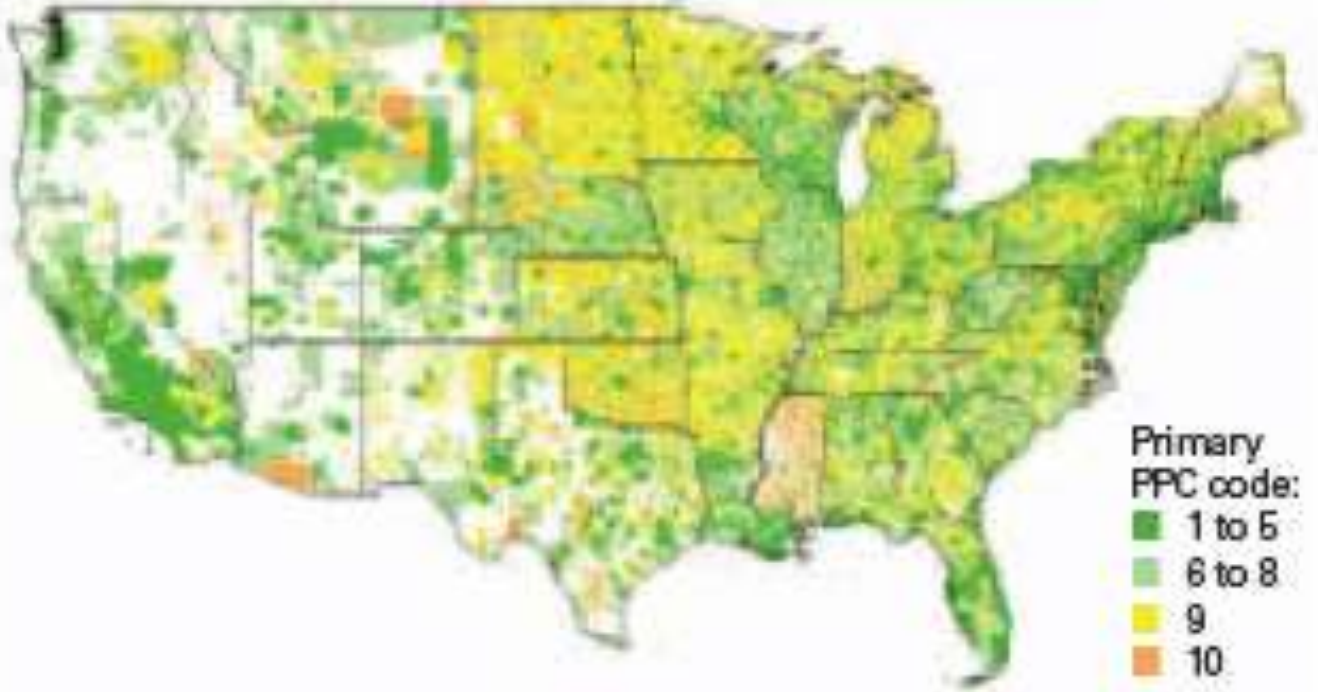
	<u>Current Classification</u>	<u>Previous</u>
Blackman Township	5/9	7/9
Leoni Township	5/9	6/9

ISO Public Protection Classifications

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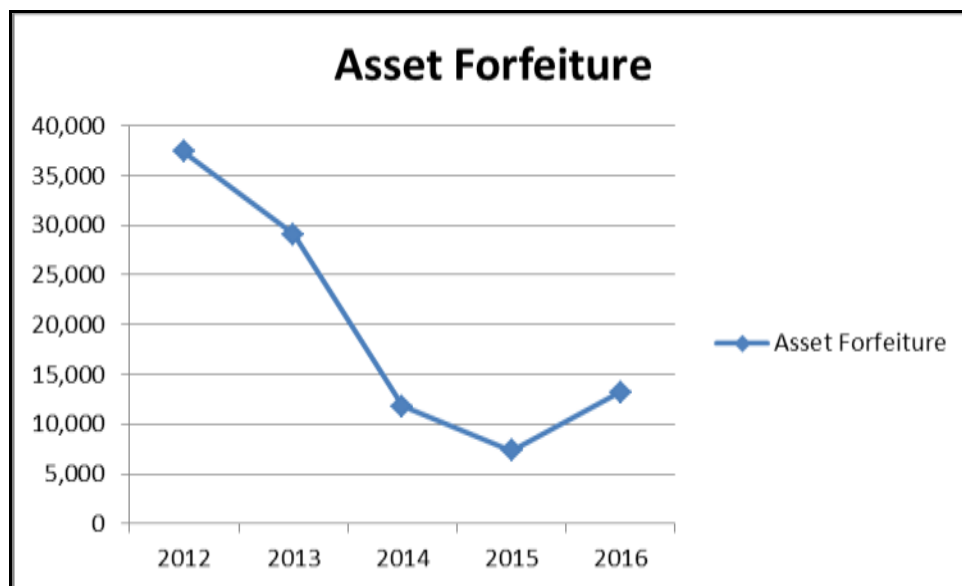
U.S. ISO Public Protection Classifications



Asset Forfeiture

In 2016, the department continued to enforce the Controlled Substance Act, and in doing so, made numerous property seizures. The following seizures were made:

Cash/Property \$13,257.50



The above funds were used in accordance with the Controlled Substance Act and were used for the following purposes:

Equipment	98%
<u>Legal Expenses</u>	<u>2%</u>
Total	100%

