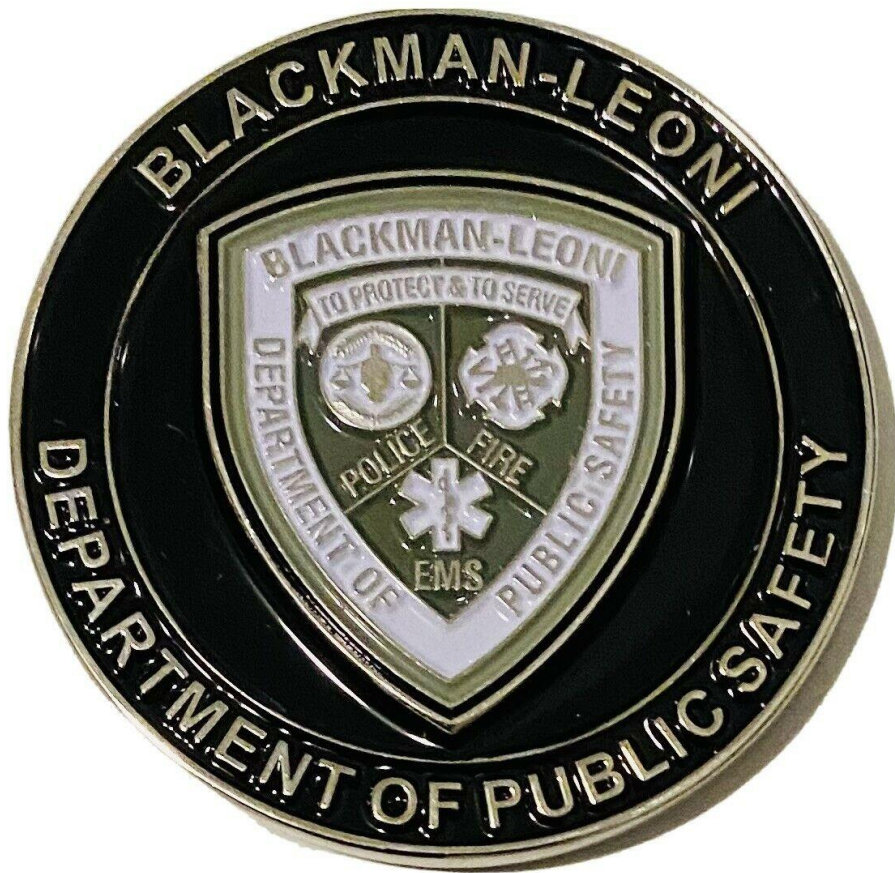


Blackman-Leoni
Department of Public Safety



2021 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 Darin McIntosh	5/23/09
Sergeant Jan Ganzel	2/28/06
Sergeant James Prus	5/24/05
D/Sergeant Robert Shrock	2/19/01
Detective Joseph Merritt	9/28/03
Detective Sam Philipp	2/21/01
Detective Mike Villarreal	11/1/10
Detective Jeremiah Wheeler	2/17/16
S/PSO Paul Long	2/28/92
S/PSO Thomas Brower	8/1/96
S/PSO Bryan French	7/16/01
S/PSO Patrick Boulter	4/15/02
PSO Christopher Pohl	8/1/06
PSO Martin Jordon	10/6/06
PSO Brandon Casler	10/16/06

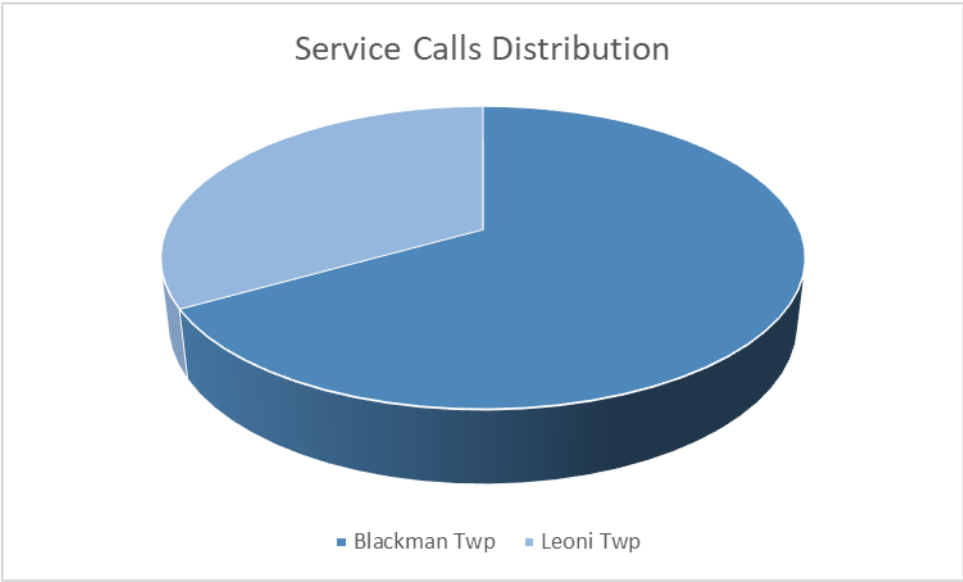
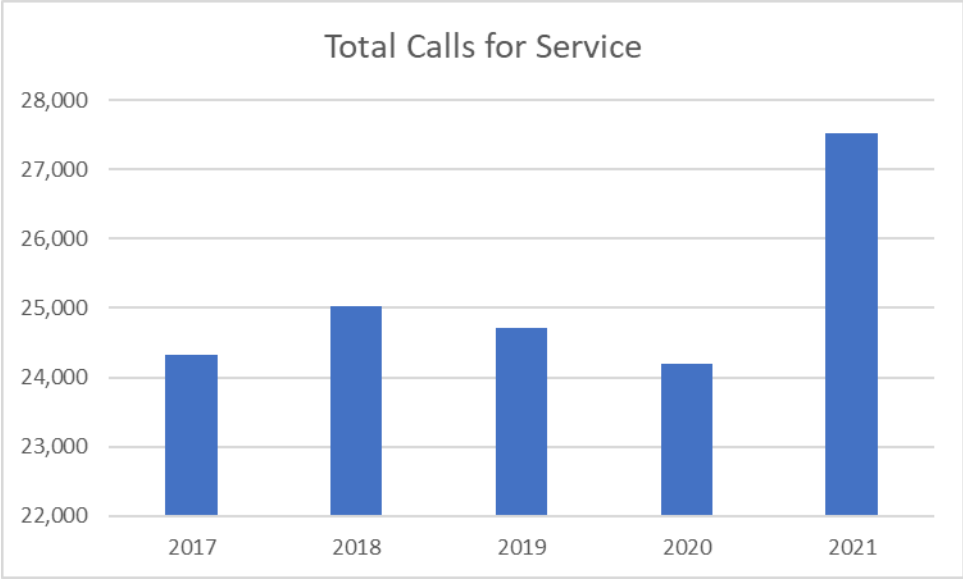
PSO Kory Torbet	2/8/07
PSO Thomas Bertram	11/1/10
PSO Justin Davis	11/1/10
PSO Rachel Doxtader	8/12/13
PSO Chad Burdette	2/17/16
PSO Isaac Clelland	2/17/16
PSO Jeremiah Wheeler	2/17/16
PSO Alexander Norris	2/17/16
PSO Ryan Martin	8/5/16
PSO Chandler Fryt	5/15/17
PSO Britanee Owen	7/30/18
PSO Kyle Wilson	8/6/18
PSO Bill Regnier	6/2/19
PSO David Grumhaus	6/2/19
Officer Jason Jahn	11/30/20
Officer Jonathan King	12/28/20
Officer Rebecca Luce	2/8/21
Officer Thomas Porter	5/4/21
Officer Connor Kish	5/17/21
Officer Jeremy Harrell	6/7/21

Administration

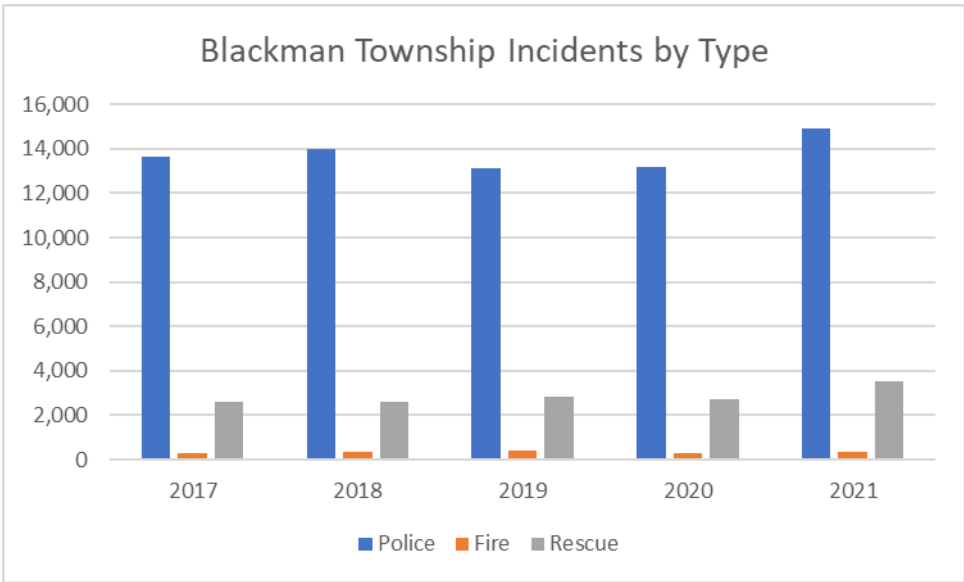
The Director of Public Safety is Michael L. Jester. Deputy Director Scott J. Grajewski is in-charge of the Operations/Patrol Division and Deputy Director Christopher R. Boulter is in-charge of the Support Services Division.

Operations/Patrol Division

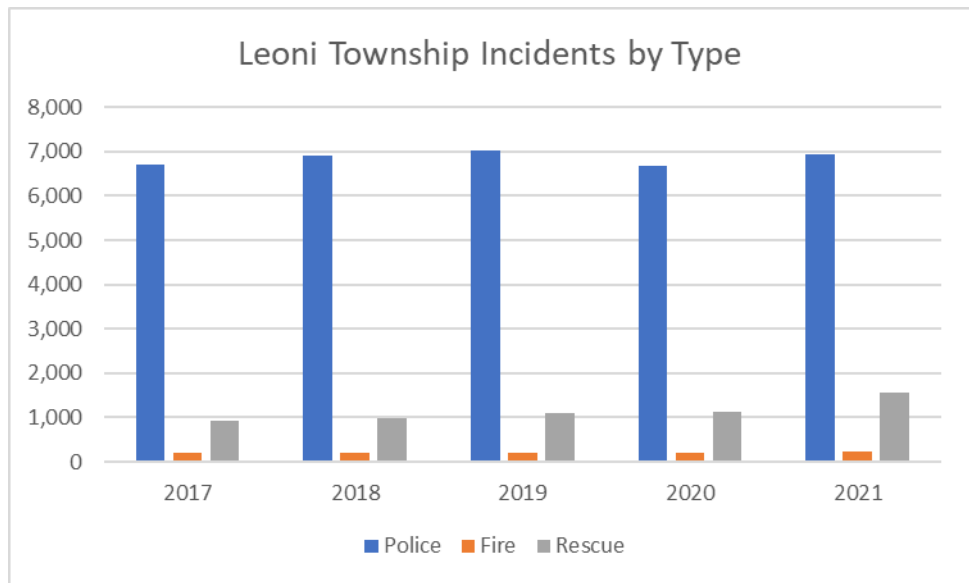
The Operations/Patrol Division consists of public safety officers, K-9 officers, and shift supervisors, who provide 24/7 public safety services to the 39,489 residents of Blackman and Leoni Townships, utilizing 27-Public Safety Officers and 4-Sergeants. The headquarters building on West Parnall Road in Blackman Township and the 5th Street Station in Leoni Township are staffed 24-hours per day, to provide an immediate response to medical emergencies and fire suppression/extrication incidents. In 2021, there were 28,114 incidents managed by the Department of Public Safety. The operations division issued 2,031 traffic citations in 2021.



Blackman Township - Incidents by Year					
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Police	13,620	13,968	13,136	13,157	14,894
Fire	298	329	413	295	376
Rescue	2,584	2,628	2,841	2,708	3,515
Total	16,502	16,925	16,390	16,160	18,785



Leoni Township -Incidents by Year					
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Police	6,699	6,919	7,034	6,691	6,934
Fire	202	215	189	209	241
Rescue	917	977	1,108	1,141	1,571
Total	7,818	8,111	8,331	8,041	8,746



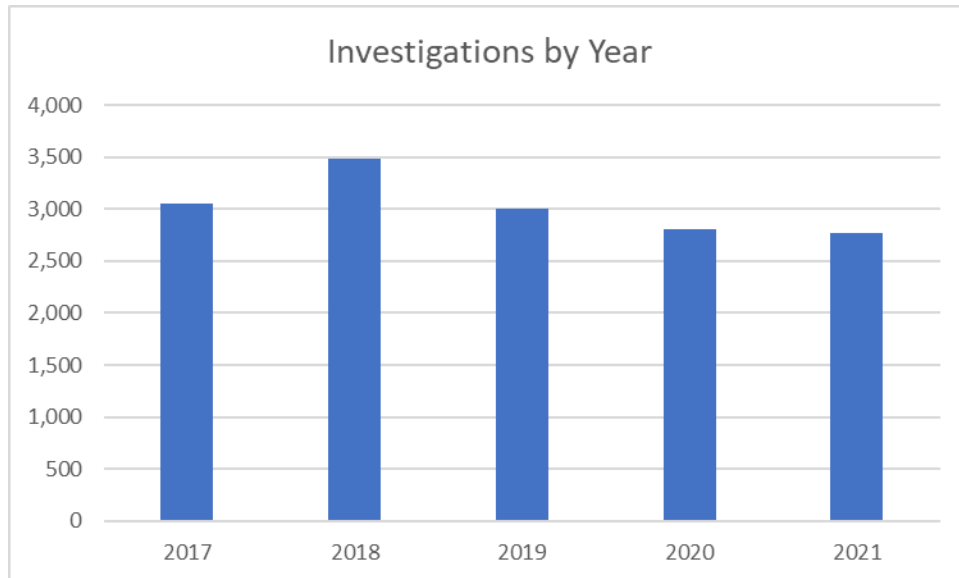
Service Calls-As Received Through Central Dispatch			
Type	Number	Type	Number
Abandoned Vehicle	180	Accidents-No Injuries	1,250
Accidents-With Injuries	257	Accidents-Private Prop.	276
Alarms	939	Animal Complaints	253
Arson	2	Assault	183
Bomb Threats	0	Breaking and Entering	109
Concealed Weapon	25	Child Abuse/Neglect	35
Citizen Assist	25	Civil Dispute	172
Conservation	84	Criminal Sexual Conduct	53
Disorderly	2,256	Domestic	1,819
Embezzlement	12	Field Contact	232
Fire	832	Forgery/Counterfeiting	7
Found Property	179	Fraud	183
Assist-Other Agency	619	Health and Safety	3
Hit and Run Accidents	253	Indecent Exposure	8
Homicide	2	Inspections-Vehicles	141
Inspections-Property	709	Kidnapping	0
Larceny	1,093	Liquor Violations	0
Loitering	0	Loud Music	195
MDOP	184	Minors/Juveniles	6
Missing Person	51	Motorist Assist	388
Natural Death	66	Obstructing Police	63
Operating While Intoxicated	83	Ordinance Violation	191
Overdose	66	Parking Complaints	48
Peace Officer	233	Personal Welfare Check	1,939
Rescue	5,166	Robbery	7
Runaway	70	Sex Offense	2
Shooting	5	Shots Fired	94
Stolen Property	47	Suicide and Attempts	119
Suspicious Situation	1,404	Threats	81
Traffic Offenses	3,611	Traffic Hazard	551
Trespassing	29	Stolen Vehicle	97
Controlled Substance	125	Walk-Away	12
Warrant Arrest	272	Weapons	31

Investigative Division

The investigative division is staffed by 4-Detectives and 1-Detective Sergeant. This division investigates major crimes and completes follow-up on any open case. The investigative division reviewed and/or investigated a total of 2,771 cases in 2021. The investigative division is also a member of the Jackson County Major Crime’s Task Force and the Sexual Assault 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. The Sexual Assault Task Force is a cooperative team in coordination with the Michigan Attorney General’s Office and the Ingham County Sheriff’s Department. This task force is a regional team that investigates cold-case sexual assaults.

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				
2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
3,055	3,480	3,003	2,805	2,771



K-9 Division

The K-9 division is comprised of two K-9 handlers, Officer Chandler Fryt and Officer Patrick Boulter, along with K-9 Dani and K-9 Pyro. K-9 Hooch was retired in 2021, after a successful career with the Department. The two K-9 Teams are assigned to opposite nightshifts, so that a K-9 Team is on duty every evening from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. Officer Fryt and Officer Boulter spend an enormous amount of time training, 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 2021 and over 250 deployments.

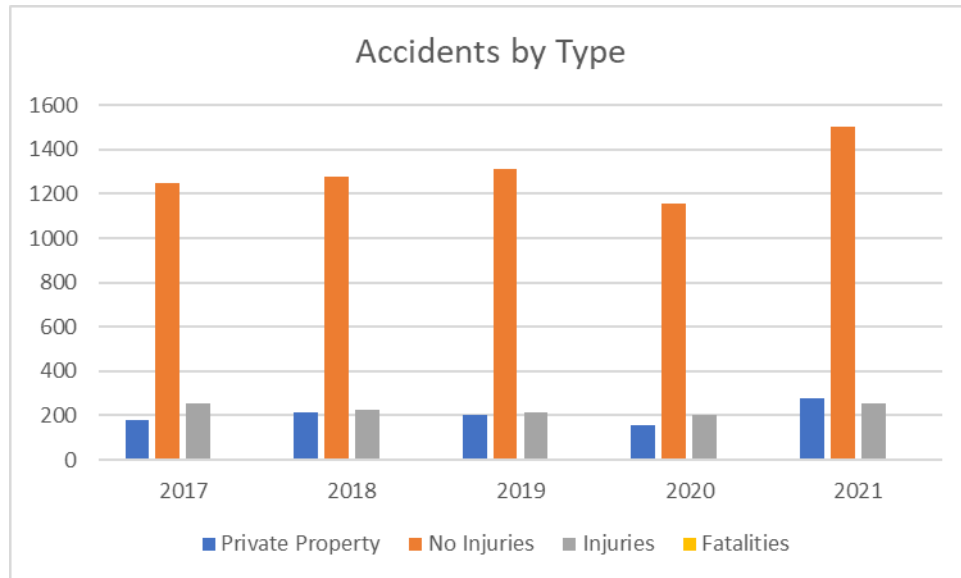
Traffic Crash Reconstruction Team

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.

Of the 1,519 traffic crashes managed in 2020, (5) 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-2021			
Private Property	No Injuries	Injuries	Fatalities
276	1,503	257	5

Accident Type	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Private Property	181	216	203	158	276
No Injuries	1,249	1,275	1,313	1,159	1,503
Injuries	253	223	216	202	257
Fatalities	8	1	6	5	5



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 maintains the criminal records databases, conducts local background checks, manages requests for information from the public, by telephone and at the service counter and answered the overflow telephone calls to the Department.

School Resource Officers

The Blackman Township Board of Trustees and the Leoni Township Board of Trustees both made significant investments in trying to provide a safer environment at the three school districts in our two townships. Officer Blake Hudson is assigned full-time to the Northwest School District in Blackman Township and Officer Chris Pohl is assigned full-time to the East Jackson and Michigan Center School Districts in Leoni Township. School safety is important to both communities and we are fortunate to be afforded these two positions to accomplish that goal.

Marijuana Compliance Unit

The Marijuana Compliance Unit is comprised of Sergeant Steve Stowe and Officer Kory Torbet. Their responsibilities include enforcing Leoni Township's Marijuana Ordinances, conducting background checks on applicants and employees, processing application paperwork, following-up on complaints regarding medical marijuana facilities, providing visible patrol in and around these facilities and anything else related to the Marijuana Ordinance or the facilities covered by this ordinance. This unit works closely with the Michigan State Police and the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs. The goal of these positions is to seek a balance between providing a safe environment for those patients receiving their medical marijuana and protecting the quality-of-life aspects of the residents and visitors of/to Leoni Township.

Jackson County Violent Crime Unit

A public safety officer is assigned to the Jackson County Violent Crime Unit. This unit is made up of officers from the Blackman-Leoni Department of Public Safety and the Jackson Police Department. The mission of this unit is to reduce violent crime in Jackson County, specifically targeting gang and gun violence and making the streets of Jackson County a safer place to live, work and visit.

Regional Sexual Assault Kit Initiative Task Force

Detective Joe Merritt is assigned to the Ingham County/Jackson County Sexual Assault Kit Initiative Task Force. This unit investigates sexual assault cases where a sexual assault kit was obtained, but the case has not been solved and/or needs further investigation. This unit has and will make Blackman Township, Leoni Township, Jackson County, and the Mid-Michigan Region a safer place to live, work and visit.

Special Response Team

Two Blackman-Leoni Public Safety Officers are members of the Jackson County Special Response Team. This team is a cooperative effort between the Jackson County Sheriff's Department, the Jackson Police Department and the Blackman-Leoni Department of Public Safety. This team responds to a variety of situations, specializing in critical incident management, barricaded gunmen, hostage rescue and high-risk warrant service.

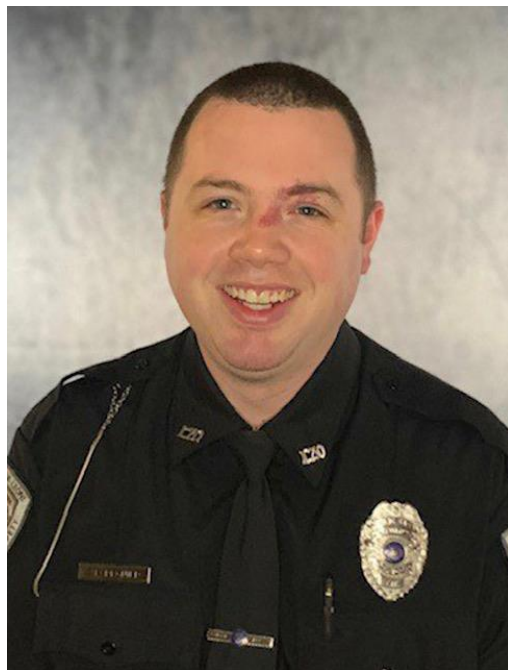


Training

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 2,638 hours of additional training in 2021.

Awards

The 2021 Officer of the Year was Officer William Regnier. Officer Regnier was hired as a public safety officer in 2019. Officer Regnier was nominated by his co-workers, who recognized that he is an extremely diligent worker, and he puts the safety of the community and his fellow officers as his number one priority. Officer Regnier demonstrates a strong work ethic and strives to bring his cases to successful closure. We are proud to have Officer Regnier as our 2021 Officer of the Year.



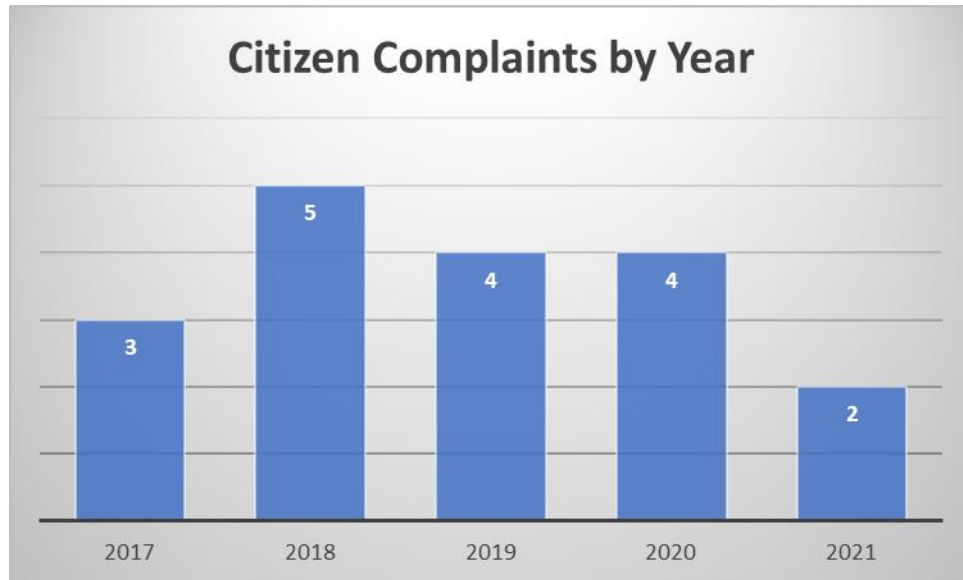
Citizen Complaints

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 and body worn cameras. In 2021, the department received two (2) citizen complaints, which included the following:

- A citizen made a complaint of an officer being rude and unprofessional. After reviewing body camera footage, this complaint was determined to be unfounded.
- A citizen made a complaint that an officer was unprofessional and rude during a domestic dispute call. After reviewing body camera footage, the complaint was determined to be sustained.

Citizen Complaint Comparison by Year					
Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Total	3	5	4	4	2
Sustained	1	1	1	0	1
Not Sustained	0	1	0	4	0
Exonerated	0	0	0	0	0
Unfounded	2	3	3	0	1

In 2021, the Department received, on average, one citizen's complaint for every 16,695 contacts that officers made with the public.

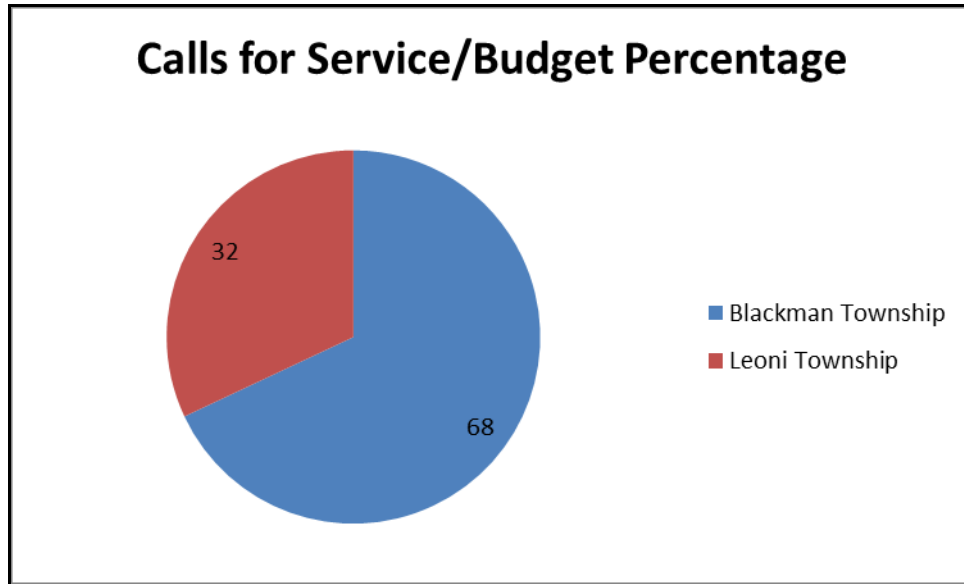


Funding

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 2021 was \$7,968,604.00. The adopted 2022 public safety budget is \$7,308,850.00, which is an 8% decrease from 2021. The budget fluctuates on a yearly basis, depending on personnel costs and scheduled equipment replacement. The 8% decrease is attributed to a budgeted equipment purchases in 2021.

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

approximately 68% of the budget is paid for by Blackman Township and approximately 32% of the budget is paid for by Leoni Township.



Social Media

The Blackman-Leoni Township Department of Public Safety, to partner with the community to accomplish its mission, utilizes social media and direct correspondence with citizens daily. The Public Safety Facebook Page is updated daily, and a daily activity report is sent to approximately 750 people by email and is posted on both the Facebook page and the Township's website

Community Involvement

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

- Shop with a Hero Event-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





Apparatus/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)
- 2017 Rosenbauer Pumper/Tanker (Engine 2)
- 2018 Chevy Suburban 4x4 (Rescue 1)
- 2018 Chevy Suburban 4x4 (Rescue 2)
- 2017 Chevy 1-Ton-4x4-Brush Truck (Truck 1)
- 2017 Chevy 1-Ton-4x4-Brush Truck (Truck 2)

The current vehicle fleet is as follows:

- 10-Dodge Durango Police Pursuit Vehicles
- 15-Dodge Charger Police Pursuit Vehicles

Insurance Services Office Fire Classification

In 2021, both Blackman Township and Leoni Township had an ISO classification of 5/5Y. A split classification indicates the difference between parts of the community that have municipal water, versus those that do not. This 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.

Recent investments by both the Blackman Township Board and the Leoni Township Board for new, updated equipment and additional staffing has and continues to have a positive effect on our ISO classification.

	<u>Current Classification</u>	<u>Prior to 2019</u>
Blackman Township	5/5Y	7/9
Leoni Township	5/5Y	6/9

ISO Public Protection Classifications

National ISO Fire Rating Distribution

