

# *Police Department*

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

*To enhance the quality of life on Grosse Ile by providing prompt, professional community oriented police services, while enforcing state statutes and local ordinances for a safe and secure community.*

The Grosse Ile Police Department consists of twenty-four employees: Chief of Police, Deputy Chief, two Lieutenants, one of which is assigned to the Detective Bureau, one Detective Sergeant, two Sergeants, ten Police Officers, two of which are assigned to work with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration Task Forces, one Animal Control Officer, five Clerk Dispatchers and one Administrative Secretary. Reverend Edward Aller serves as Police Chaplain for the department.

The Reserve Police Department currently consists of nine volunteers: Reserve Chief, Reserve Captain, two Reserve Sergeants and five Reserve Officers.

Five residents serve on the Grosse Ile Police Commission. Chairperson Carl Bloetscher III, Commissioners James Jurecki, Paul Anderson, George Gorno and Trustee Erik Ranka, as Township Board Liaison.

Last year members of the police department answered 20,425 calls for service. 1189 written reports were filed by officers, of which 172 were accident reports. Patrol officers issued 803 traffic citations, 48 were for OWI, 764 for other traffic offenses, 58 parking violations and 690 Notices to Appear. 1615 verbal warnings were issued for traffic offenses. There were 256 total arrests made, of which 168 were misdemeanor arrests, 26 felony and 62 warrant arrests. Officers also issued 246 courtesy security notices to residents. The Detective Bureau had 87 complaints assigned to investigate. The Detective Bureau submitted 39 warrant requests to the prosecutor's (combined local and state). The Detective Bureau reviewed numerous Freedom of Information Act requests, which were submitted and processed through the Records Bureau prior to release and numerous Discovery Motions for case material. Department vehicles were driven a total of 207,433 miles.

Our department participates in various Mutual Aid Organizations such as, the Downriver Mutual Aid SWAT Team and Officer Todd Brozek, a seven-year member, is assigned to the Downriver Mutual Aid Dive Team.

Training remains a priority in this department. Officers attended Search and Seizure Update; Cultural Diversity: Interpersonal Communication Skills; FEMA Courses ICS-300 and ICS-400; Dry Gas PBT Calibration; Forfeiture Police Training; The Rights of School and Police Personnel: Managing your School Environment; Investigating and Prosecuting Criminal Sexual Conduct Cases; Sex Offender Registration; Domestic Violence; National Concealed Trap Initiative; Sobriety Court; Nuts and Bolts of OWI Arrests; Legal Update; Auto Theft; DRMA Active Shooter; Visual Statement FX3 CAD Software; Officer Involved Shootings and Use of Lethal Force by Police Officers; Open Meetings, FOIA and Managing Electronic Records; Standardized Field Sobriety Testing; SFST Drug Recognition; CPR/AED and Hazardous Communication; Bloodborne Pathogen for Law Enforcement; ResQ Disc and Cold Water Self-Rescue; Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings and a Firearms Proficiency Workshop.

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Officers completed Quarterly Firearms Qualifications with the department issued Sig Sauer sidearms. Reserve Officers also participated in range training.

Dispatchers attended Suicide Intervention Courses; Homeland Security for Telecommunicators; Domestic Violence Intervention and Emergency Medical Dispatch.

In January, the Grosse Ile Police and Fire Departments and Grosse Ile Schools participated in a Shelter-in-Place simulation involving the activation of the Emergency Operations Center in the Public Safety Building

In February, the Grosse Ile Police Department along with the Grosse Ile Schools participated in school lock-down simulations.

Lieutenant Porcarelli attended the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Michigan Police Executive Development Seminar in Augusta, Michigan.

Detective Sergeant Bow graduated from the 8<sup>th</sup> Class of Eastern Michigan University's School of Computer Forensic Investigation.

Officer Relich participated in a Field Training Officer Conference in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan and completed TASER Instructor Training conducted at the Public Safety Building.

Officer Pelland attended the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Michigan Traffic Safety Summit 2008 in East Lansing.

Officer Brozek attended the annual Municipal Employee's Retirement System Conference in Traverse City, Michigan.

In March, Officer Vazquez and Deputy Chief Skrocki attended the MADD 2007 Lifesaver Award Ceremony in which Officer Vazquez received an award for outstanding service in the fight against drunk operation of vehicles.

Officer Carrico successfully completed Police Motorcycle Recertification course held in Troy, Michigan.

Deputy Chief Skrocki attended the Michigan Association Chiefs of Police Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan during the month of February, 2008.

Chief Barron attended the Michigan Association Chiefs of Police Conference in Boyne Falls, Michigan during the month of June, 2008.

In 2008, Animal Control responded to 704 calls for service. 207 cats were sheltered, with 172 adopted and 3 returned to owner. 86 dogs were sheltered, with 54 returned to owner and 29 adopted. 290 verbal warnings were given and 5 violations issued.

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The Community Policing Program continued its efforts of educating residents in such areas as crime prevention, traffic safety, internet safety and drug awareness while building upon the community policing philosophy. This was accomplished through articles in the Ile Camera, school presentations and safety programs.

“Operation Chill” a program that rewarded children for demonstrating safe bike riding behavior with a free slurpee coupon and a Bicycle Rodeo held at the beginning of the school year in cooperation with the “Safe Routes to Schools” committee and Macomb Street businesses, focused on bicycle and pedestrian safety. To continue along the traffic safety concept, the police department participated in the Click it or Ticket seat belt and You Drink You Drive You Lose impaired driving campaigns sponsored by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The Drug Abuse Resistance (DARE) program remains a staple for elementary schools as 150 5<sup>th</sup> grade students graduated in 2008. Other school-based programs included civics, underage drinking and drug awareness presentations in the middle and high schools. Child Identification, each 1<sup>st</sup> grade student was fingerprinted, and Introduction to Police Officer presentations were held at each elementary school. Detective Pelland also participated in National Reading Awareness week by reading to 3<sup>rd</sup> graders.

Animal Control Officer Schaller and Detective Pelland participated in Safety Town, bringing presentations on Animal Safety, Stranger Awareness and bicycle safety to the kindergarten bound students.

Grants for Party Patrol Task Force (\$50,000) and Safe Communities (\$40,000) were received.

The Knopf Company sponsored the police department in conducting tobacco compliance checks during the year. Every Island establishment passed their respective checks.

In January of 2008, Clerk Dispatcher Darzniek attended the Wayne County Regional Police Training Center and Graduated in May, 2008.

The Members of the Grosse Ile Township Police Department would like to thank all of the Grosse Ile Residents who supported our Police Millage during these difficult economic times. We wish to thank our residents for their support in November. By working together we can keep Grosse Ile one of the Safest Communities in Michigan and provide a quality environment for all Islanders.