

Officer James Duthie

Sex Offender Registration



Michigan Public Sex Offender Registry (PSOR)

All sex offenders who live within the city limits of Mason are required to register at the Mason Police Department. They are then responsible for verifying their addresses during specified times of the year. I've kept present a listing of these offenders, and in October, 2007, I personally visited all 16 residences to confirm they were still living there.

Abandoned Vehicles



One of the duties I have taken on in the past couple of years is the handling of abandoned vehicles and making sure all related paperwork is kept up to date. After vehicles are tagged “abandoned”, I make sure they are hauled away within the proper amount of time, and that they are entered into the Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN). I stay in contact with the tow companies and monitor whether the vehicles are claimed by their owners, or are written off as “scrapped.” As soon as the vehicles are claimed or disposed of, I certify that they are promptly cancelled from LEIN. We had 39 abandoned vehicles in 2007.

Vehicle Inspections

Occasionally the Mason Police Department is requested to do salvage vehicle inspections. Inspections are required when individuals purchase salvaged vehicles from insurance companies and restore them so they can be driven again. Before these vehicles legally can be licensed to operate on the roadway, however, they must be inspected. Only Sergeant Ed Hude and I have been trained to do these inspections. We perform them by painstakingly reviewing all paperwork, including receipts for replaced parts, and physically going over the vehicles. In the past we would inspect vehicles for people from all of Ingham County, but we had so many requests that we finally had to limit doing inspections for City of Mason residents only. In the year 2007, I performed 2 vehicle inspections.

