

ASSOCIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Getting involved in organizations and activities that will benefit the City, its residents, and the community at large is just part of being a member of the Mason Police Department. Participation in various activities and organizations—whether they be job-related and during work hours, or community-orientated and after work—is not only beneficial to others, but is often rewarding to the participants. The following are just a few examples of how some of our members spend their time.

John Stressman, Chief of Police



PANDEMIC INFLUENZA PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE

In 2007, I was invited to sit on the Governor's Pandemic Influenza Planning Coordinating Committee, Public Safety Legal Subcommittee, as a representative of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police. I agreed to participate, not just as an MACP member, but as a representative of smaller police agencies, and Mason in particular, to insure all our best interests are represented. It's been an enlightening and interesting experience from which I have brought back many ideas to incorporate into our response plans here.

MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE

I continue my work with the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police as a member of the Legislative Committee, the Awards Committee, and the Environmental Crimes Committee. I have found that the networking and information exchange, as well as the educational experience, has been invaluable in my development as a police administrator, and for planning for the future of the Mason Police Department and its function in the community.

MID-MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE

Also in 2007, I have been elected to a 1-year term as President of the Mid-Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, not only a personal honor to me, but also, I feel, a reflection of the regard held for the City of Mason. I have been a driving force to increase the influence of our district's Chiefs in legislative issues in Lansing and in pushing for cooperatives such as would involve joint training programs.

MASON PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

And finally, but most importantly, I remain a member of the Board of Directors for Mason Promise Scholarship, a program of utmost importance to this community. The education and development of our youth is a high priority and an issue which must be

supported. To say “our children are our future” is only a small part of the scholarship program. To provide an opportunity to a young citizen, who would not otherwise be able to seek higher education, or who may have no sense of direction without this kind of incentive, is where the true value lies, and I will continue my association with Promise as long as the Board wants me.

Sergeant Ed Hude

MICHIGAN CHIEFS OF POLICE TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

During the fall of 2007, I was accepted as a member of the Michigan Chiefs of Police Technology Committee. The purpose of the Committee is to explore forms of technology that would be useful to the law enforcement community in Michigan and to evaluate technology currently being proposed for use. This includes communications systems, reporting systems, and software. The position will provide a voice for smaller law enforcement agencies like ours, as well as provide a better insight into technologies becoming available to law enforcement in Michigan.



INGHAM COUNTY TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

I am currently the Mason Police Department’s representative to the Ingham County Technology Improvement Committee. The purpose of this committee is to explore and develop technology that will benefit the member law enforcement agencies in Ingham County. This includes computer software, as well as the associated hardware and communication equipment and systems.

LANSING AREA SAFETY COUNCIL

I am one of the primary instructors for the Lansing Area Safety Council, School Crossing Guard Training Program. I provide instruction to the area school districts’ crossing guards prior to the opening of the school year.



Detective-Corporal Lynne Mark

TRIAD



TRIAD is an organization of law enforcement, senior citizens, and community service agencies all working together with one common goal—to better the lives of senior citizens through crime prevention and educational programs to reduce the risk of their becoming crime victims. To this end, there are monthly meetings which the Department's Detective attends. A fundraiser is conducted in order to support TRIAD's major project, which is the purchase, maintenance, and distribution of "Files of Life." Files of Life is a program in which senior citizens—at no cost to them—are provided with special informational packets.



These packets include forms for them to fill out with all their medical histories, physicians' names and phone numbers, and relatives' names and phone numbers. This information is then kept in a location readily available to EMS should the need arise. There are stickers and decals that alert EMS that the File of Life is available inside the senior citizens' residences. Each packet costs the TRIAD \$2.40, and over 10,000 have been prepared, with a great number of these already distributed. In order to pay for this substantial cost, TRIAD held its "Second Annual Senior Prom" on August 10, 2007. Tickets were sold and donated; food was donated; and a nine-piece live orchestra was on stage for dancing. After expenses, TRIAD realized nearly \$11,000.00 for the program. An additional program, with its associated costs, is "No Senior Alone at Christmas." Again, donations were received, as well as out-of-pocket expenses, in order to prepare some 230 food and gift baskets. These baskets were distributed by the Detective Lynne Mark, Officer Matt Thorne, and staff member Sandy Stacy on December 18, 2007, to seniors in the local area. Fifteen of these seniors were in the Mason City limits.

