

Mason Police Department

2013

Annual Report

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Chief of Police



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Introduction



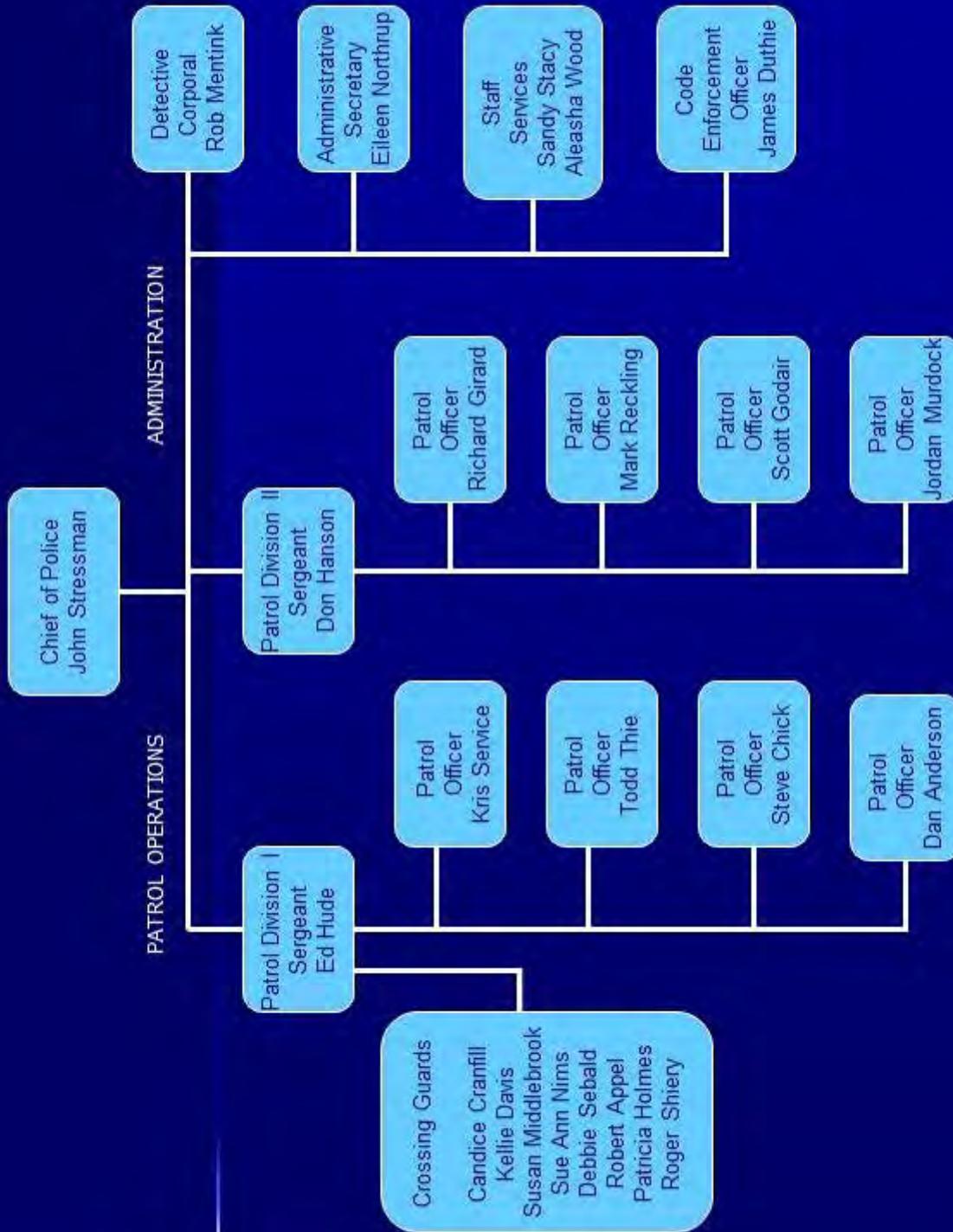
In this report, you will again see the Mason Police Department continues to be a pro-active organization, based on problem-solving and a community-oriented approach. We maintain this practice after adjusting to the loss of the Community Officer position in 2011 and reassigning those responsibilities, now shared by a number of officers willing to step up and address minor matters that want to fester into full-blown police and quality of life problems.

In 2013; for a second consecutive year, I am reporting a significant decline in citizen complaints, directly attributable to the tremendous efforts of our staff to efficiently deliver service and maintain a good level of communication with those with whom we make contact. Furthermore, I believe our continued efforts to keep Mason informed of our activities and by providing a mechanism to comment on service delivery, we maintain a higher level of transparency through which we can be scrutinized and evaluated.

I am again pleased to offer to the community what I believe you will find to be an interesting compilation of Mason Police Department activities.

City of Mason Mission Statement

“Mason is a community founded upon a respect for our historic past while encouraging an atmosphere that values family, business, the environment, and art creating a sense of place for present and future generations.”



Ethics and Standards

Openness and transparency are philosophically the backbone of any community-oriented organization and is the foundation on which public trust is built and thrives. We, at the Mason Police Department, embrace the concept of our authority deriving from the community's trust; thus, we value citizen evaluation of our performance and conduct with the utmost sincerity. Because of these core beliefs, the Mason Police Department's citizen complaint process is in place, ensuring adherence to our philosophy.

Complaints against the Department and its members are scrutinized thoroughly. Some are initiated by dissatisfaction with an officer's conduct or service received; some are rooted in disagreement or lack of understanding of procedural issues; and others originate internally during incident reviews. But one way or another, the complaints are investigated, resolved and the complainants apprised of the results by the Chief of Police. The following are the 2013 citizen complaints and their outcomes.

Internal Investigations are ordered if a sustained complaint could result in severe discipline or termination.

Citizen Initiated	0	Administrative	1	Survey Response	0
Sustained	0	Sustained	1	Sustained	0
<u>Not Sustained</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>Not Sustained</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>Not Sustained</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Closed	0		1		0

Administrative Reviews are ordered for possible infractions of a lesser nature which may result in reprimand or remedial training.

Citizen Initiated	3	Administrative	3	Survey Response	0
Sustained	0	Sustained	2	Sustained	0
		Rescinded	1		
<u>Not Sustained</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>Not Sustained</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>Not Sustained</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Closed	3		6		0

For 2013, there was a decrease in complaints made against the Department and officers as compared to 2012. This follows an even larger decrease in reported complaints between 2011 and 2012 of -71 percent. I attribute this trend to a concerted effort by all members of the Department to apply good service and maintaining a keen awareness of the community's priorities.

	2012	2013	Difference	% Change Complaints
Internal Investigations	1	1	0	0
<u>Administrative Reviews</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>-1</u>	<u>25</u>
Total	5	4	-1	-25 (overall)

Detective Bureau

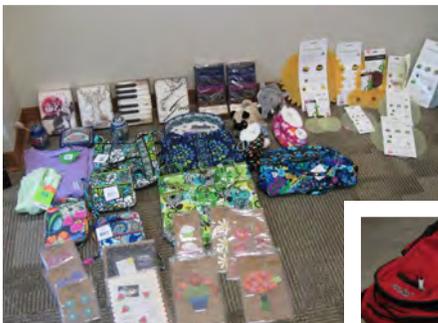
Detective Corporal Robert Mentink

2013 was my first full year in the Detective Bureau. I have faced many challenges that the new assignment has presented. I was assigned 37 new cases in 2013, which included three death investigations, one armed robbery, three criminal sexual conduct cases, 15 larcenies and numerous fraud cases. Highlights include four juveniles caught after a foot chase for breaking into several homes during a snow day from school in Lansing and an employee of a local business arrested for conducting a criminal enterprise, for stealing merchandise of the business and selling it on e-bay over a five-year period. The investigation into the armed robbery is complete and is being reviewed, but charges are still pending.

The outcome of many cases result in the cases being reviewed by a prosecuting entity, either the City Attorney's Office or the Ingham County Prosecutor's Office. In 2013, the Mason Police Department presented a total of 23 cases to the City Attorney's Office, resulting in 18 arrest warrants, one civil authorization and three case denials. This gave us an 82 percent prosecution rate for cases presented to the Mason City Attorney. The City Attorney's Office is responsible for the review and prosecution of all misdemeanor local ordinance violations and authorization of civil infraction citations. The City Attorney also instituted a diversion program for first-time offenders and there was one diversion referral for retail fraud.

Respectively, the Ingham County Prosecutor's Office reviews and prosecutes all violations of state law, felonies and misdemeanors. The Mason Police Department presented a total of 142 cases to the County Prosecutor with 24 felonies, one high court misdemeanor and 62 misdemeanors being prosecuted. Of the 142 cases, only 49 were denied and did not result in prosecution which gave the department a 65 percent prosecution rate for cases reviewed by the Ingham County Prosecutor.

Stolen merchandise that was returned to a local business.



Items from the home invasion that were returned to their rightful owners.

In-Service Training

Sergeant Donald Hanson



In 2013 the Mason Police Department continued to train its command staff, investigator and patrol officers in a variety of relevant law enforcement topics. In total, approximately 600 hours were invested in training. This was in addition to hundreds of hours of field training provided to newly hired employees, with each receiving approximately 14 weeks of training. We felt strongly that we needed to select and invest in those areas that prepare our personnel for the variety of situations they will encounter in the field. We constantly monitored the types of situations that our officers faced in the

field, various legal changes and changes in best practices. We were open to feedback from our officers to ensure we were emphasizing the type of training that was most valuable.

Also in 2013 we continued to attend trainings that were hosted by other local agencies, such as the Michigan State Police and the Ingham County Sheriff's Office, and used our own trainers as often as possible. This was to ensure we received the most "bang for our buck" by keeping lengthy travel times and rooming costs to a minimum. We utilized some online training, which was cost effective and could be done at our own department work stations at various times to accommodate shift schedules.

The following are some of the various core-area law enforcement in-service trainings our supervisors and officers attended in 2013:

- Autism Awareness training, taught by the Autism Alliance of Michigan.
- Numerous firearms training days, taught by our own certified firearms instructors in the safe and proper use of Glock pistols, Colt rifles and Remington shotguns.
- Emergency vehicle operations (EVO), taught by certified driving instructors at Michigan International Speedway and sponsored by the Ingham County Sheriff's Office.
- Taser training, taught by our own certified, advanced level Taser instructor.
- L.E.I.N. training, taught by our own L.E.I.N. TAC trainer.
- CPR and first aid training, taught by our own certified Red Cross instructor.
- Use-of-force training, taught by our own certified defensive tactics, firearms, and Taser instructors. This was also augmented by training in the use of force sponsored by the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority, our insurance carrier.

The following are just some of the various specialized law enforcement in-service trainings that some of our supervisors and officers attended in 2013:

- Standard field sobriety testing and Datamaster training, taught at the MSP Training Academy for OWI investigations.
- Domestic violence training, for the unpredictable and common call for assistance in domestic disputes.
- Speed measurement training, to certify officers in radar operation.
- Cyber investigation training, attended by our investigator to assist in computer-related investigations.
- Chemical agent training, attended by new officers to ensure they received proper knowledge in the use, application of O.C., and after-care if deployed.
- AR-15 Armorer's Course, attended by the rifle armorer to address maintenance and repairs of our AR-15 rifles.
- Legal update instruction, attended by officers to keep them up-to-date on changes in laws.

In 2014 we expect to see changes in our training needs. We anticipate modifications to laws, training requirements by M.C.O.L.E.S. and technology. We also plan to continue to adapt our in-service training regimen to meet these needs and other unforeseen challenges.

Firearms Training

Detective Corporal Robert Mentink

The 2013 Firearms Training Program continued to use three separate locations to train the department staff and have become the regular training locations. The Eaton County Sheriff's Department's outdoor range and the Ingham County Sheriff's Department's indoor range have become the two primary locations, with private property on Columbia Road being the third location. Each location offers unique opportunities to train officers, as well as limitations to each location.

The Lansing Township Police Department, Stockbridge Police Department and Leslie Police Department have all participated in the training provided by the Mason Police Department Firearms Instructors. Positive feedback has been received from all of the police chiefs as well as the area officers that have received the training. Combining resources, because of budget shortfalls, has become more prevalent and appears to be a trend that will continue though out 2014.



Each officer trains three to four times each year and fires 300 to 500 handgun rounds, 150 to 200 rifle rounds and 60 shotgun rounds during qualifications and training. The numbers vary due to some officers needing additional training and others being very proficient with a particular firearm.

A patrol rifle payroll deduction program was approved by the City of Mason and 12 new patrol rifles were acquired through this program. The officers chose rifles from an approved list. An additional rifle was purchased through trade-ins to issue to officers not employed at the time of the program. The two aging Vietnam-era M-2's have been used in the past several years for training all of the officers and for patrol. They use roughly 1,000 rounds each year causing worn parts to need regular replacement. The new rifles will reduce the wear and tear for training purposes and each is set up specifically for the individual officer's needs.

In 2014 several challenges will continue, including the increased cost of materials and supplies. The instructors will continue to strive to provide quality training to the officers of the Mason Police Department, as well as other area police departments who now look to us for training.



Code Enforcement

James Duthie

Calendar year 2013 was again a very productive year for code enforcement within the city. As in the past, my goal was to bring violations to the attention of home owners and landlords and work with them to bring their properties into compliance. One hundred ninety-three reports were generated, which involved 166 violations. The violations are broken down into the following categories:



Category	# of Violations
Junk	38
Junk Cars	25
Exterior Structure	24
Tall Grass	32
Hazardous Trees	18
Miscellaneous	9
Salvage vehicle inspections	8
	(involving 47 trees)

Approximately 99 percent of the violations were discovered as I routinely canvassed the city. The remaining one percent was referred to me by concerned citizens or city employees. Most residents were very supportive of my requests and positive results were obtained. A high rate of voluntary compliance was realized. However, the vast majority of cases required more than one follow-up contact to achieve compliance.



Of the 20 citations that were written, all involved court appearances. Judgments issued were 100% in favor of my recommendations. Eighteen citations were dismissed by the 55th District Court magistrate upon the violation being corrected either just prior to the hearing date or corrected during the extension periods that were granted. Two fines were assessed due to non-compliance. These two will remain open until compliance is obtained.



Despite having a heavy workload, code violations are becoming increasingly smaller in scope and therefore easier for the property owner to resolve.

I'd like to express my appreciation to several agencies for their support and assistance throughout the year. The city's Department of Public Works aided me on a number of occasions by mowing yards which the property owners failed to keep mowed. They also worked diligently to aid residents with their annual fall leaf pickup program. Granger continued their weekly trash pickup and provided yard waste pickup for eight months of the year. Local tree service businesses also have assisted by removing numerous hazardous trees at reasonable cost to the property owners. In general, I received significant support and improvement from rental property landlords.

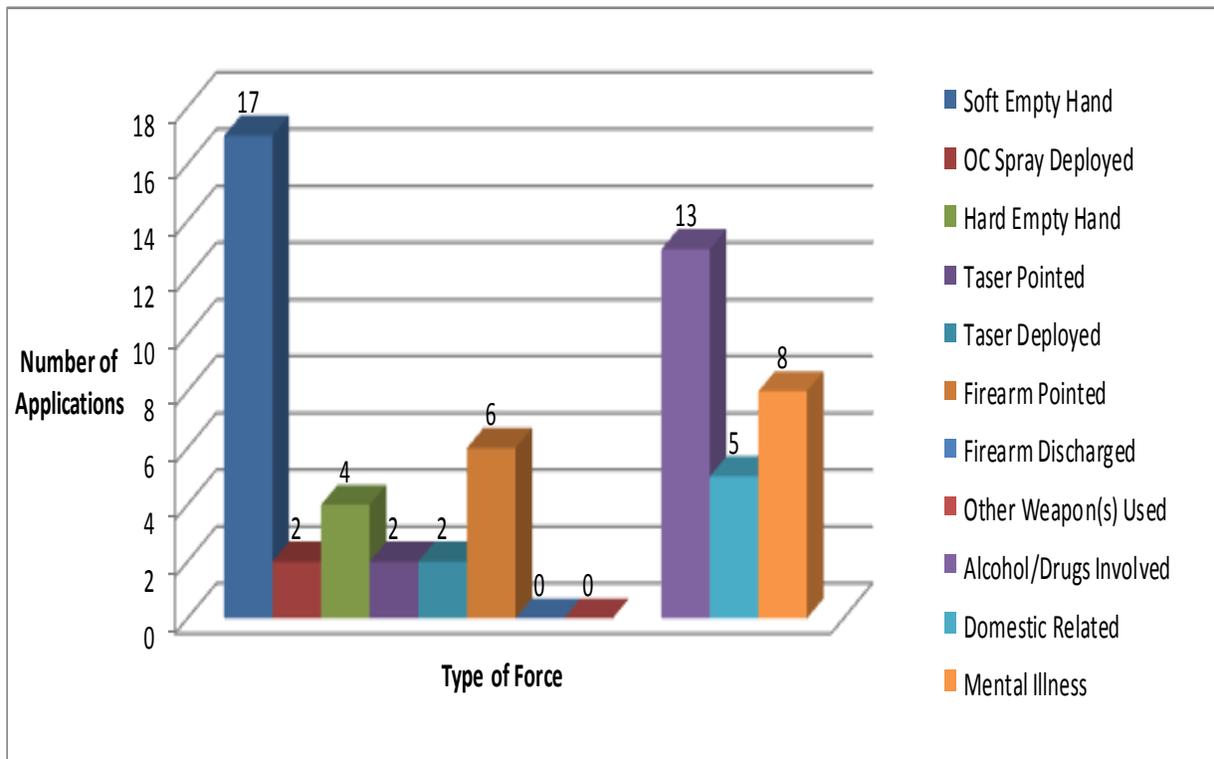
I have always believed in the "quality of life" concept or philosophy. As I stated earlier, my goal is to bring violations to the attention of home owners and landlords and work with them to bring their properties into compliance, and as a result, leave a more appealing environment for all to enjoy.



Use of Force

The Mason Police Department documents and tracks every incidence of force applied by an officer to insure justification, proper application, contributing factors and future training needs. In 2013, officers of the department were involved in 20 “Use of Force” incidents. The graph shows the level of force applied and the exacerbating factors most frequently involved in the resistance which, in many cases, more than one of the three influences are involved.

The Mason Police Department’s Use of Force and Force Reporting policies comply with best practice standards set by the Law Enforcement Action Forum, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, and the Michigan Law Enforcement Officer-Subject Control Continuum. In 2013 the *AELE Monthly Law Journal*, a national publication based in Chicago, published an analysis of ECW (Taser) use, “Pointing and Threatening to Use Electronic Control Weapons” as the feature article. The Mason Police Department’s Use of Force Five Year Study was the only referenced resource to validate the effectiveness of ECWs when properly applied by properly trained police officers. The Mason report also compares and validates results of a similar study compiled by EMD manufacturer Taser International.



Support Staff Operations



Retired secretary Jann Lifsey with Chief Stressman.

The Mason Police Department experienced several personnel changes over the course of 2013. Most notable was the retirement of long-time City of Mason employee Jann Lifsey. After 34 years with the City, Jann is now enjoying spending time with her family and her beloved animals. She still stops in from time to time to remind us that now every day is Saturday for her. We wish her well in her future endeavors.

Officers Ryan Kellom, Matt Thorne and Todd Thie all decided to pursue their careers elsewhere. Jordan Murdock and Daniel Anderson both took the oath of office and joined the department as new officers.



Officers Jordan Murdock and Daniel Anderson are sworn in.



Evidence Manager Sandy Stacy and new addition Aleasha Wood.

Over the summer, we also welcomed Aleasha Wood to the front desk area. She has joined veteran employee Sandy Stacy. After seven-and-a-half years of working part-time for the department, Sandy was promoted to full-time as Staff Services Assistant. She still continues in her role as Evidence Manager. They both tackle the constant demands of answering phones and greeting the public.

Handgun Purchase Permits

The year 2013 was very different from prior years for purchasing and registering hand guns. Previously, all citizens who wished to purchase a hand gun went to their local law enforcement agency to obtain a permit. A citizen that had a valid Concealed Purchase License (CPL) received a four-copy, carbonless form free-of-charge. A citizen that did not have a CPL was required to apply for a permit to purchase, which included a notary fee.



Now, the Michigan State Police (MSP) offers the RI60 form. This form allows a purchaser to go directly to a Federal Firearms Licensed (FFL) dealer to make their purchase without a permit from their local law enforcement agency. The licensed dealer can then go onto the MSP website, fill in the necessary information and print their permit. The RI60 online form has been revised from a four-copy permit to a three-copy permit: one for the purchaser, the seller and MSP. Before, the fourth copy was for the local law enforcement agency to keep as a record of the permit.

If a person wishes to purchase a firearm from a non-licensed seller, they still must obtain a purchase permit. Michigan residents without a CPL may go to any law enforcement agency in Michigan to apply for a permit.

This revision has been a challenge. The Mason Police Department has established a policy to track all purchase permits received from within our jurisdiction, be it a CPL holder or an infrequent firearms purchaser.

During 2013, the total number of firearms registrations went down. Registrations that our department received totaled 108, 10 of which were purchases by females and 98 by males. While visiting with our citizens when they bring in their registrations, it is interesting to note where the purchases are derived. They range from collectors, for security, for participation in target competitions to inheritances.

Downtown Parking Permits

In 2013, the number of parking permits issued for city lots increased significantly. Prior to 2012, parking permits were offered only for an entire year. Since then, they have been offered in 3-month, 6-month, 9-month and one-year increments. As the economy changes quickly, so does employment and residency for citizens in Mason that purchase these permits. With the availability of only a 3-month permit, it seems that this is a more convenient way for residents to purchase these permits. During 2013 there were a total of 17 parking permits purchased: 11 for three months, one for six months and three for one year. Two permits were renewals for an additional three months. In 2012 there were a total of only four parking permits purchased.

Performance Surveys

Performance surveys mailed out in 2013 totaled 303 . This compares to 196 mailed in 2012 and 234 mailed in 2011. Citizens returned 73 completed surveys in 2013 for a return rate of 24 percent. This is slightly lower than the 28 percent (55 surveys) returned in 2012 and 31 percent (73 surveys) returned in 2011. All completed surveys were reviewed by Chief Stressman and follow-up was assigned when necessary.

Respondents' Feedback	Yes	No
"Do you read the Mason Police Department's weekly report in the Ingham County Community News or Mason Today?"	44	27
If so, do you find it a useful source of information as to Police Department activities and crime in the community?"	41	4

Some of the comments in this section include:

- "I always check to see if anything is happening in my neighborhood or street."
- "I really like being able to read about some of the crime in our town, it makes me feel a lot safer."
- "I read the weekly report on several occasions to see what occurrences are repeated."
- "It does bring to light some activities the public should be aware of and-sometimes is entertaining! Whoever writes the column does a good job!"
- ". . . Regarding the report in the Comm. News, I enjoy reading the reports, though I don't know that it is useful info."

Respondents' Feedback	Good	Fair	Poor
"The police coverage around my neighborhood/business is:"	57	9	1
"The image of the Mason Police Department within the community is:"	63	6	1

Some of the comments in this section include:

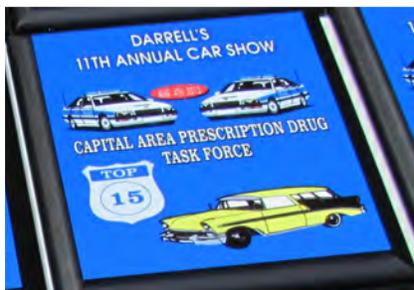
Negative:

- "The police officers around here tend to single people out and pick on them for no reason. Some of your officers are nice while others are just outright rude."
- "I have called & left 2 messages for XXX & still have not received a call back for the incident that happened at my location."

Positive:

- "My front door blew wide open during a very windy night while my husband and 3 yr. old were sleeping. Three officers entered our home after driving by and seeing our door open. We were so beyond grateful that they were here to ensure our safety as anyone could have entered our home that night. We moved to Mason less than a year ago and have been very pleased with all of Mason's first responders! Thank you kindly for All that you do!"
- "Keep up the good work!"
- "I have lived here 42 years and I haven't had any problems with Mason's finest. You do a great job. Thank you."
- "The officer was very friendly and patient while meeting with and advising my 11 yr. old son—Thank you."
- "The officer . . . was very helpful in dealing with and explaining the situation to me. Contacted the towing company for me. Also he made the accident a lot less stressful."

that the Take Back program can now assess the best, most cost-effective means of spending grant dollars to facilitate it. In November 2013, the total of secured prescription medications from the City of Mason drop box exceeded 1,200 lbs. (23 containers) which was transported to an incinerator facility for disposal.



On the first weekend in August, a fundraiser benefiting Task Force activities was held during Darrell's 11th Annual Car Show. The event was resounding success. The weather was absolutely beautiful and a record 89 cars registered and were on display. Most importantly, Shirley Grieve the event organizer and sponsor of the fundraising event, raised a total of \$3,172 for the Task Force! This included a check exceeding \$400 donated by Scott and Jamie Robinson, the owners of Darrell's Market where the show was held.

Other cash donations made to the Task Force were \$265.50 from the Dart Container Engineering/Facilities Functions Committee and \$100.00 from Shirley Grieve, a great friend and supporter of the Task Force.

We are very proud of what we have offered and provided to the community in our effort to reduce the availability of prescription drugs to be abused, to protect the health of our seniors, and to help protect the ground water supply. It is all well worth the effort and extra work.



2013 Technology

Sergeant Edward Hude

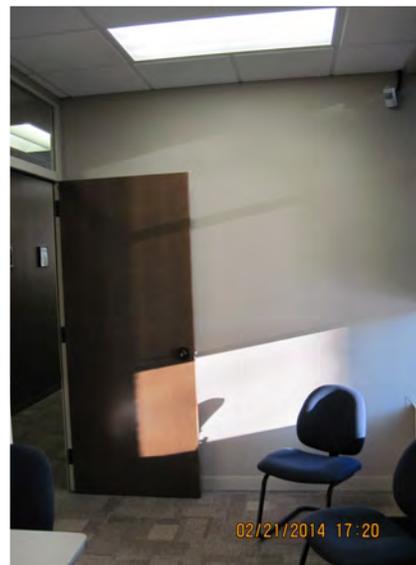
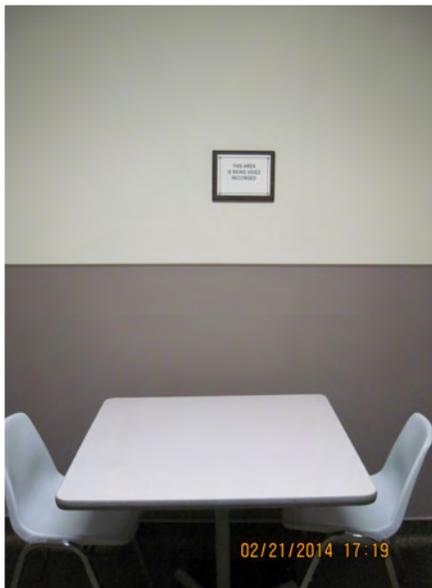
During this past year, the Department was able to secure grant funding to update our two interview rooms. The update brought the Department into compliance with state-mandated interview room requirements.

The Department purchased the equipment from L3 Communications Mobile-Vision, Inc. The equipment was installed and connects to the Mobile-Vision server located in the Police Department. Using the Mobile -Vision equipment allows duplication of videos in the same manner as the patrol car videos.



One of the interview rooms, referred to as the “soft interview room,” is located near the complaint desk. The second is located near the sally port and is used for fresh arrest interviews.

In addition, the Department was able to pre-wire the sally port and the front complaint room which is adjacent to the complaint desk. This will allow for future expansion of the L3 Communications Mobile-Vision system.



Child Car Seat Inspections

Officer Kris Service

The Mason Police Department has a very active Child Car Seat Inspection program because we recognize the importance of properly installing child restraint seats in motor vehicles to prevent unnecessary injuries to or the deaths of our most precious of treasures—our children. The number one cause of accidental death of children aged one through nine is automobile crashes, and we hope that by educating parents in how to install their children’s car seats properly, that we will keep our community’s children from becoming part of the statistics.



I attended a 5-day, 40-hour class in 2006—presented by the national Highway Traffic Safety Council—where I achieved proficiency in correctly installing over 100 different brands, makes, and models of car seats before passing the written exam and becoming a certified car seat installer/inspector.

In 2013, I assisted many different sets of excited expectant parents in the Mason area in safely installing child safety seats into their vehicles.

In 2014, I hope to attend a recertification course. At that time I would be eligible, upon successful completion of the course, to receive up to 20 complimentary car and booster seats to provide to those in need.

Crossing Guards



Crossing guards perform their duties faithfully every day crossing their kids safely.

The Mason School Crossing Guards continue to perform their duties rain, snow or shine. The Crossing Guards are also trained to be additional eyes and ears at their assigned locations during the time periods in which they cross the school students.



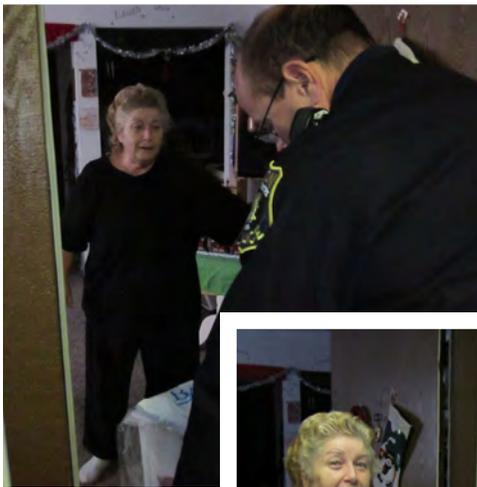
Parents are asked to remind their children to listen to and obey the crossing guards.

Department Personnel Community Activities

Several members of the Mason Police Department volunteer their time outside the scope of their regular duties. The following are some of the activities they are involved in.

TRIAD: No Senior Without a Christmas Officer Kris Service

TRIAD is a group of senior citizens and law enforcement officers from area jurisdictions who meet monthly to maintain communication between senior citizens and law enforcement as a crime prevention tactic. Senior citizens are very often the victims of crimes because of the



Officer Service delivers a basket to a senior in Mason.

perception they are easy targets—especially internet fraud and identity theft. No Senior Without a Christmas is an attempt to ensure no senior in our community is forgotten at Christmas. Through referrals and requests, TRIAD prepares and provides Christmas gift baskets to these seniors, which are delivered by uniformed officers in marked police vehicles, on a designated day in December. Over 100 volunteers from nearly all police and fire services in Ingham, Eaton, and Clinton counties participate, and 330 baskets were assembled and delivered in 2013. Thirty-four of these baskets were provided to seniors in need within the city limits of Mason.



I felt it appropriate to relay some excerpts from a few thank-you notes that were received afterwards to emphasize this program's impact on its senior recipients.

“Dear Police Dept. I want to thank-you so much for the lovely Christmas basket . . . I know it was from a lot of people and a lot of effort went into it . . .”

“To Everybody Involved: I want to especially thank all involved with the food & gift box for seniors. You made my day & my Christmas that there was someone out there who really cared . . . the holidays are hard & depressing.”

“Dear Friends: A note of thanks for the wonderful box . . . How special I feel to once again be on your list of recipients . . .”

I personally discovered that, although the baskets are welcomed, the visit and time spent with the recipients is of more value. I shared laughter and tears with those who received and walked away feeling like I had actually received “the gift.” It was a true feeling of Christmas and my favorite day of the year to work.

Shop With a Cop and Shop With a Hero Programs Officer Steve Chick



Officer Chick poses with his mentee from the Shop With a Hero program along with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Each year law enforcement officers volunteer their time to mentor needy Ingham County children through similar holiday programs: Shop With a Cop and Shop with a Hero. Children are paired with officers and driven in a motorcade of police cars—lights and sirens included—to the retailer. Both programs offer \$100 gift cards to be spent on themselves and their family members. Participating retailers included Wal-Mart and Meijer. In addition, at Meijer, the families were given necessary items for a Christmas dinner. At Wal-Mart, lunch was provided for the kids and officers courtesy of Subway®.

All gifts were then wrapped by volunteers. In 2013, Officers Chick, Reckling and Anderson participated.

Capital Area Career Center Job Shadow Program Officer Steve Chick

In 2013 the Mason Police Department, along with other area departments, participated in a job shadow program with Capital Area Career Center (CACC) law enforcement students. The CACC Law Enforcement program spans two years and is designed to prepare students who have the desire to get into a career in law enforcement. The curriculum covers skill areas such as firearms, defensive tactics, motor vehicle operation, report writing, and many other topics. The job shadow program is important as it allows the students to put into use what they have learned in the classroom.



Officer Chick with a CACC law enforcement student.

As a part of this program, the students are required to log 16 hours of job shadowing with an officer. During this time with the officer, the students are also required to complete a questionnaire pertaining to law enforcement and the officer that he or she is working with that day. Some of the students assisted the Mason Police Department with traffic control during a 5k run and other events as part of their hands-on experience.

MPD is pleased to be participating in the program again in 2014.

Boards and Committees

Chief of Police John Stressman

MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE

Chief John Stressman continues to work with the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police as a member of the Legislative Committee, the Awards Committee, and the Executive Committee, representing District 7 (Mid-Michigan Chiefs Assoc). He has found that the networking and information exchange, as well as the educational experience, has been invaluable in his development as a police administrator, and for planning the future of the Mason Police Department and its function in the community.

MID-MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE

Chief Stressman, who served one term as Vice-President and two terms as President of the Mid-Michigan Association of Chief of Police and now serves as the immediate Past President, remains a driving force to increase the influence of our district's Chiefs in legislative issues in Lansing and in pushing for cooperatives such as those involving joint training programs.

MASON PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Of the Boards Chief Stressman serves on, he believes the Promise Scholarship program is the most important to this community. The education and development of our youth is a high priority and an issue which must be supported. The program provides an opportunity to a young citizen who would not otherwise be able to seek higher education, or who might have no sense of direction without this kind of incentive.

MASON-CAPITAL AREA PRESCRIPTION DRUG TASK FORCE

Chief Stressman is the current Chairman of the Mason-Capital Area Prescription Drug Task Force and is an active participant in public discourse, while trying to bring about public awareness of the growing threat of illicit use of prescription drugs to our community and its dangerous impact on our youth and adults alike. The Chief approached Judge Donald Allen, who has been a steadfast proponent of fighting prescription drug abuse as well as illicit use of illegal drugs and alcohol, and together they approached the necessary partners and initiated this community effort. Officer Kris Service is the Task Force liaison and provides much of the group's presentation to community groups.

LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTION FORUM

Chief Stressman firmly believes the core of any law enforcement agency is its rules and policies and procedures. These documents define an agency and must be evaluated and updated in a never-ending cycle of reviews. For this, LEAF offers the best resource as a coalition of police executives, risk managers, and attorneys who create, review, and update model policies for Michigan law enforcement. The Chief has been a member and contributor of LEAF for eleven years and attributes LEAF to many facets of his management principals, department methodology, and our success at managing risk.

Sergeant Edward Hude

INGHAM COUNTY TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Sgt. Edward Hude continues to represent the Mason Police Department as a member of the Ingham County Technology Improvement Committee. The TIC members are comprised of multiple Ingham County law enforcement agencies that use a common records management system.

911 BOARD

Mason Chief of Police John Stressman is the elected representative to the 911 Board, representing the smaller law enforcement agencies in Ingham County. Sgt. Hude serves as the alternate member. The purpose of this position is to represent the interests of the smaller law enforcement agencies in Ingham County when interacting with the 911 Dispatch Center located in Lansing.

AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE

When not working at the Department, Sgt. Hude continues to serve the community through my appointed position as the American Radio Relay League's State Government Liaison for Michigan. The League is a national organization that represents the interests of Amateur Radio. Amateur Radio is a vital communications resource used by communities, as well as the Michigan State Police and the federal government, during disasters and other emergencies and community events.

Motor Vehicle Pursuits

Department policy controls motor vehicle pursuits and requires an annual audit and report by the Chief of Police of all motor vehicle pursuits involving the use of Department-owned vehicles—whether by Mason police personnel or by Mason police personnel assisting other police agencies. After any pursuit, supervisors are required to complete a review of each incident for compliance to procedures and report the findings to the Chief of Police.

In the calendar year of 2013, Department personnel were involved in three motor vehicle pursuits all assisting other county departments. Two of the three incidents began with traffic violations and the third was subsequent to a homicide investigation. Other pertinent details include:

Pursuit	February 21, 2013	June 7, 2013	November 3, 2013
Original Offense	Reckless Operation	Misc. Traffic	Homicide
Average Speeds	11—25 mph	26 mph	0—10 mph
Maximum Speed	90 mph	120 mph	45 mph
Traffic Conditions	Rural, light	Rural, interstate light	Suburban, no traffic
Arrest Charges	Fleeing and eluding, Parole violation	Fleeing and eluding, OWI	Homicide, Obstructing police
Collisions	No	No	No

In every incident, the Mason officer’s actions were in compliance with department policy

2013 Annual Traffic Safety Report

Of the total 288 traffic crashes reported in 2013—258 which were investigated—there was no discernable pattern or grouping indicating an established traffic problem. The Department continues its practice of aggressive traffic enforcement, which not only deters crash-causing driver behavior, but also is an excellent deterrent to criminal enterprise.

<u>Traffic Crash Types</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Personal Injury Crashes	9	42
Crashes Causing Fatalities	0	0
Crashes on Public Property	133	160
Crashes on Private Property	34	35
Hit & Run Crashes	27	30
Car/Deer Accidents	13	21

2013 Reported Incidents

Category	#
Administrative Investigations	18
Alarms	84
Assistance to Other Agencies/Departments	170
Assaults	
Aggravated/Felonious	6
Non-Aggravated	24
Domestic (includes aggravated and non-aggravated)	39
Intimidation/Stalking	6
Telephone/Internet Harassment	33
Bomb Threats	1
Burglaries	
Forced Entry	9
No Force	9
Citizen Assists	58
Civil Disputes	64
Controlled Substance/Narcotic Equipment Violations	41
Criminal Sexual Conduct	8
Damage to Property (Malicious)	30
Death Investigations	3
Disorderly Conduct/Mischief	25
Embezzlements	4
Explosives	2
Family—Abuse/Neglect/Non-support—Nonviolent	4
Family Trouble/Trouble with Subjects	65
Fireworks	9
General—Non Criminal	147
Gone on Arrival	71
Health and Safety/Conservation	19
Identity Theft	5

Category	#
Inspections	23
Juvenile Complaints	9
Juvenile Runaways	10
Larcenies	62
Larcenies by Fraud	23
Larcenies—From Motor Vehicle	42
Larcenies—Motor Vehicle Theft/Joyriding	11
Larcenies—Retail Fraud	32
Liquor Law Violations	9
Lost and Found	52
Mental Health	39
Missing Persons	8
Natural Disasters	3
Obstructing Justice/Police	81
Operating Under Influence Liquor or Drugs	25
Ordinance Violations	172
Public Relations/Special Events	46
“Quality of Life” Non-Criminal Complaints	76
Robbery Business Gun	1
Suicides/Attempts	4
Suspicious Persons/Situations	154
Traffic Complaints/Violations	103
Trespassing	17
Weapons Offenses	9
Welfare Checks	128

Officer Daily Reported Activities

Information Extrapolated from Officer Daily Logs

	2011	2012	2013
General Activities			
Calls for Service	2821	2730	2520
Written Reports	2325	2275	2268
P/C Misdemeanor Arrest or A/T	233	207	199
P/C Felony Arrests	25	14	23
Warrants Arrests	197	168	206
On Court Duty	383	154	160
In-Service Training	771	682	564
Court Ordered Alcohol Breath Tests	501	520	578
Patrol Activities			
Field Interviews	189	204	235
Traffic Stops	1476	1436	1320
V/W (No Enforcement)	1037	1041	1027
Hazardous Violations	248	193	145
Non-Hazardous Violations	258	267	207
Parking Violations	172	251	252
Hours of Radar Operation	946	1302	1086
Community Policing			
Liquor Inspections	273	130	173
Property Checks	1360	1490	1686
Citizen Contacts	706	772	641
Special Presentations/Events	250	182	185
Hours of Foot/Bike Patrol	70	64	236
Investigations			
Warrant Requests (No Arrest)	110	97	108
Hours of Follow-up and Reports	4831	3929	3240
Hours of Evidence Submission	261	207	191
Juvenile Enforcement			
Juvenile Violations (Informal Enforce)	38	25	15
Juvenile Cases (Cited/Lodged/Petitioned)	37	34	61
RMS Incidents			
Number Total Org. Incidents	2452	2387	2297
Number Assist Other Officer		526	630
RMS Citations (non-parking)			
Number Total Citations	703	555	446
RMS Arrests			
Number Total Arrests	243	233	212

2013 Arrests

Description	2013
Assaults	18
Burglaries	2
Child Neglect/Cruelty	0
Driving Offenses Criminal	10
Drug Offenses	4
Embezzlements	1
Forgeries	1
Impaired Driving/OWI Offenses	17
Larcenies	5
Larcenies by Fraud	2
Liquor Law Violations	2
Miscellaneous Criminal Offenses	4
Motor Vehicle Thefts	0
Obstructing Justice	60
Ordinance Violations	69
Property Damage	1
Resisting/Obstructing Police	4
Retail Fraud	12
Stalking	1
Stolen Property	2
Traffic—Criminal	1
Trespassing	1
Warrant Arrests for Other Agencies	58
Weapons Offense	1

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