

## INTRODUCTION

Chief John Stressman

Two thousand six has come and gone. We, at the Mason Police Department, have seen changes, met many challenges, and have ended the year with anticipation and excitement of things to come. We started the year with the resignation of two valued employees, and a third employee resigned in September. We spent most of an entire year looking for, hiring, and training new people. All four new employees are now in place and doing very well.



The Department investigated some significant criminal activities this past year. Although few, they are still worthy of note, as you will see later in this report. One highlighted incident involving a theft ring took over 24 hours to resolve, and 76 hours of overtime, because of arrests, search warrants, and summoning a bomb disposal unit to remove an improvised explosive device. A large amount of property was seized, most of which has been reclaimed by residents throughout Mason who had been victims of the thefts over the course of five months.

Looking at the crime numbers for 2006, I noted an increase across the board in larcenies. Two significant events help account for this. First, the aforementioned incident involving a theft ring of local criminals responsible for a number of burglaries and larcenies throughout Mason. Second was the Aurifex investment fraud, headquartered here in Mason. The perpetrator had 250 clients, 65 of whom stepped forward and reported losses in the tens to hundreds of thousands of dollars each. Between 2.5 and 2.9 million dollars is reported “missing” from investment funds. All the reports were made to the Mason Police Department because the fraud was instigated here.

Looking forward, the Department began collaborating with Ingham County and other local law enforcement agencies on the planning, purchase, and implementation of a new Report Management System. It will allow us better management of our records and data gathering abilities. It will also allow officers to write reports while in their patrol cars, and enter the data remotely without having to return to headquarters. All of our patrol cars are now equipped, or are being equipped, with Mobil Data Computers provided by a Homeland Security grant administered by the Ingham County Sheriff’s Department.

The Mason Police Department is also working with City Administration in the planning of a new facility for city government and police services. We are all very excited about this, but realize it will take at least a couple of years. In the meantime, we make good use of what we have, and continue to try to improve our current technology capabilities.

I anticipate a productive and exciting 2007. We will continue to provide excellent, community-oriented police services to the Mason Community by always looking ahead for improvement, and only looking behind to learn from experience.

## **IN-SERVICE TRAINING 2006**

### **Sergeant Donald Hanson**

In regards to training, 2006 was a year of transition and implementation. It was a transition year because two officers resigned in good standing, and two new officers were hired to replace them. It was a year of implementation, as we continued to create and develop a core-curriculum of training where all officers were trained in the same manner. Every year to come there will be a mandatory core-curriculum we plan to train and re-train in.



In addition to teaching our core-curriculum, we also enrolled several officers in specialized training that assisted in their professional development in areas of special interest. Looking forward to 2007, we will continue to evaluate the needs of the community, the Department, and our individual officers. We will also invest heavily in the best, most applicable and most appropriate police training available.



Because of the necessary hiring and field training of two new officers, a substantial amount of resources were spent to properly prepare and train them for their duties as full-time police officers. Both officers went through a four-step field training program. During each of the first three steps, which lasted approximately four weeks, the officers were assigned to field training officers who were specially trained for the assignment. As the officers progressed through each of the first three steps of the program, they were trained and expected to assume more and more responsibility while being evaluated to Department

standards. At the end of the third step, the officers entered the “shadow” step of the field training program. During this final step, the officers assumed nearly all the responsibilities that a patrol officer would have. Also during this step, the field training officers dressed in plain clothes and only observed and evaluated the officers.

In 2006, the core-curriculum of training consisted of the following training areas:

- Legal update training to keep officers apprised of changes in laws and legal procedures.
- Training and re-certification in CPR and First Aid for the First Responder, to assist officers in their responses to incidents involving victims with life-threatening injuries.
- Firearms training, including training and qualification in the use of pistols, patrol rifles, and shotguns.
- Training and qualification in the proper use and deployment of M-26 tasers, non-lethal weapons.
- National Incident Management courses, which included training on how officers are to respond to incidents of significant proportion and/or crisis situations. This training assisted officers on how to better work with other first responders such as fire department and EMS personnel.



In total, each officer received between 32 and 74 hours of in-service police training.

Several officers also attended specialized training courses or courses that they had a special interest in. The Mason Police Department realizes that our staff is a valuable resource, and investing in their professional development is a priority. By having officers who are trained trainers, or who possess skills in a specialized area, it allows us to utilize a train-the-trainer philosophy, possess additional skills,

and better be able to serve the community by offering additional services. The following are some examples of this type of training that officers attended in 2006:

- Commercial motor vehicle enforcement training in response to citizen complaints about commercial traffic violations.
- Sexual assault training, to better investigate crimes of this serious nature.
- Tactical encounters for patrol officers, to assist officers in their officer safety and in their response to high risk incidents.
- Intelligence gathering, to assist officers in their criminal investigations.
- Radar operator training, to assist officers in their traffic enforcement.
- Weapons armorer course, to assist in the inspection and maintenance of Department-owned weapons.
- A child car seat installation and inspection course, to assist the community in the proper car seat installation and restraint of their children.

Based on this information it is easy to see that the Mason Police Department is a well-trained, well-diversified group of officers willing to serve the Mason community. We will also continue to create, develop, and expand our training regiment to meet the needs of the community, the Department, and the individual officers. We are anticipating that the State of Michigan, in the near future, may place higher minimum training standards on all police agencies in the state. We believe that if this happens, we already will be in a position to not only to meet, but to exceed those standards.



### PATROL RIFLES Officer Robert Mentink

The 2006 Firearms Training Program saw the implementation of patrol rifles for regular patrol use. Two Colt M16 A1's were obtained from the US Military in 2005, and have now been put into service. Both rifles were converted from automatic fire to semi-auto fire only prior to being deployed into the field. In preparation for the use of these rifles, I was sent to Colt Armorer School and am now the primary rifle instructor.

All of the officers have been trained and qualified to carry the new rifles, and will continue training during future firearms sessions. This will enable them to effectively handle high risk situations with the tactical advantage of distance, and will keep them at safer distances while allowing them to address threats. For many years, law enforcement has utilized patrol rifles in rural settings and during high risk traffic stops. Mason Officers now have this tool to assist in the protection of life and property of the citizens on Mason.

Two of the current patrol vehicles are equipped with the locking racks that accommodate not only the standard shot gun, but the patrol rifle as well. The new locking systems are being added to all new vehicles ordered for patrol use. The officers now can respond with rifles as the "long gun" or with a shot gun, making officer responses more versatile than in the past. Although the rifle is not recommended for some applications, the availability of shot guns will still remain part of the officers' tool box.

Since I am a certified Colt armorer as well as a firearms instructor, the Department can address problems and maintain the weapons at a reduced cost. Problems and maintenance can be taken care of much faster than having them handled by an outside service. Although the rifles are not brand new, they have been inspected and refurbished for police use and are new to this department.



## INVESTIGATIONS

Detective/Corporal Lynne Mark



The complaints and follow-up investigations in 2006 did not seem to “let up” from the previous year. The Mason Police Department continues to work closely with other area agencies and across the State of Michigan, as well as working with federal agencies. Crimes or incidents that occur inside the City limits oftentimes rapidly extend to jurisdictions outside the City limits. The same suspects are involved in many similar crimes in multiple areas or jurisdictions. For this reason, I have the opportunity to meet on a weekly basis with investigators from the Tri-County area to exchange information on crimes and movements of suspects. As a result of our working in this collaborative manner, many crimes are solved and

ultimately brought to a close by court proceedings. Four such collaborative efforts are outlined below:

- A case begun in November, 2005, and concluded in 2006, was that of an adult Mason resident who communicated via the internet with a 14-year-old female in Minnesota. After 2 months of internet contact, the Mason adult drove to Minnesota, picked the girl up, and returned with her to Mason. After a joint investigation with Minnesota authorities, the girl and suspect were located in Mason; a search warrant was executed for the computer; and the subject was charged with kidnapping, computer crimes, 3 counts of Criminal Sexual Conduct III, and enticing a person under 16 years of age for immoral purposes. The suspect is currently lodged at the Ingham County Sheriff Department, and when this sentence is completed, will be extradited to Minnesota for their CSC charges.
- A Mason business had 2 armed robberies committed in a 2-week period of time in November, 2005. There were 7 other like robberies in the Lansing area involving 3 other jurisdictions in 2006. A “tip” was received by my office on a possible suspect. Using this information, I met with other effected police agencies, and we worked together to solve all nine of the robberies. Two subjects—one, a parolee—were arrested and are currently lodged within the Michigan Department of Corrections. Neither subject was from Mason.
- An investment pyramid scheme was discovered by a “client” who was not receiving promised returns and who had become suspicious of the business’s activities. Ultimately, this investigation identified approximately 250 clients, at least 65 of whom have made formal complaints with Mason Police. This is a joint on-going investigation in conjunction with the FBI and the Chicago investigative office of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. Currently, through Federal court orders, known assets have been frozen in four states, and the investigation continues. Between 2.5 and 2.9 million dollars have been identified as “missing.”
- In the summer of 2006, there was a rash of larcenies from autos (LFA’s) involving vehicles that had been left unlocked overnight with valuable items inside. In October, 2006, a citizen heard subjects in his backyard, called our department, and ultimately, one subject was arrested at the scene. Follow-up investigation and execution of a search warrant allowed for the discovery of stolen items, including—but not limited to—over 1,500 DVD’s and CD’s, laptop computers, power tools, long guns, clothing, nonperishable food items, fishing and other sporting equipment, 5 ATV’s (2 located in another state), etc. Persons who had reported LFA’s over the summer were notified and came to identify and pick up their property. Unfortunately, many items were not marked in any way, nor were serial numbers recorded, so these are still in evidence at the Mason Police Department. As a result of this investigation three more persons were charged, in addition to the subject who was originally arrested. The court dispositions will occur in 2007.

## SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER/MASON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Officer Steven Chick

I recently had a student interview me for a school project. The main question she asked me was, "What is the best part of working in the schools?" I told her that I enjoyed getting to know the students and developing a rapport with them. I also told her that I enjoyed helping the students "problem solve." I have noticed that when I sit down and communicate with them, they begin to realize that I am a person that has a family, hobbies, and interests just like they do. I can already see a big difference from last year resulting from my closer interaction with the students. I see the largest difference at the high school-age level. It seems that students at that age have a difficult time connecting with authority figures. Since I began sitting down and talking with these students, they seem more comfortable about approaching me and asking questions or presenting concerns. Sometimes they just stop to talk even if there is not a specific topic. When this happens, I know that I am doing what I am in the schools to do— Teach, Educate, and Mentor.



This year Administration implemented a "closed campus" policy for the Mason High School starting the 2006-2007 school year. Students are not allowed to leave the campus during their lunch hours unless they have a valid reason and a pass from Administration to back it. This has presented challenges, but for the most part, has been beneficial in the area of limiting vehicle accidents, traffic complaints, and mischief during lunch breaks. To assist in keeping the students in the designated areas, the Administration has

hired staff members to monitor the lunchroom area and the building entrances to make certain the students do not leave. This has given me a great opportunity to get to know several of the students and to build positive Police/Student relationships.

While assault and disorderly complaints seem to be on the rise by students, the narcotic activity has declined. The closed campus policy has made an impact by making it harder for students to partake in mischievous activities previously associated with the free time during lunch hours off campus.

Also this school year, School Administration adopted the City of Mason's parking enforcement ordinances. This allows officers to issue citations to students who—after several warnings—fail to purchase parking permits, park in handicap spaces, park in fire lanes, park outside of parking spaces, and park in other unauthorized areas.



The year 2006 has been a busy one for me as School Resource Officer. From January through December, I wrote 9 "Minor in Possession of Tobacco" citations, 4 "Truancy" citations, 3 "Interfering with School Function" citations, 2 "Disorderly Fighting in Public" citations, 1 "Minor in Possession of Alcohol" citation, 3 "Marijuana Use" citations, 10 "Parking" citations, and 7 "Miscellaneous Traffic" citations. I taught 40 classes on topics such as Criminal Law, Sexual Harassment, Self Defense, Dating/Domestic Violence, Intranet Safety, What a Police Officer Does, and Being Safe. In addition, I took 123 Criminal complaints, which included Possession of Narcotics, Assaults, Malicious Destruction of Property, Larcenies, Trespass, and Stalking. These incidents do not include the numerous complaints that I assisted the School Administration in investigating, which resulted in school consequences and were not pursued criminally. School consequences sometimes are the best learning avenues for students. I like to be a part of this procedure because it shows them that I have been placed in the school to find the best way to change their behavior, and at the same time, shows that I care about, and want what is best for them. This usually results in their making better decisions when, and if, they are presented with similar situations in the future.



## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Officer Kris Service

After a series of residential burglaries in the late 1990's, the Mason Police Department initiated the Neighborhood Watch program. The first groups started in the Warner, Brookdale, and Eugenia neighborhoods. Since then, groups have organized throughout the City, and their number has grown from 7 watches in 2005, to 9 in 2006, when the Franklin Farms and Coventry Woods neighborhoods started new organized watches. These groups have received training in home security, crime prevention, and reporting. Upon request, they can also receive home security surveys to identify security problems and have recommendations made for improvements. In the past, I was the only officer conducting these surveys, but they now can be conducted by two other officers who attended the Neighborhood Watch training this past year. Officers Mark Reckling and Matt Thorne, who were hired by the Mason Police Department in 2006, will become active in Neighborhood Watch Meetings and events in 2007.

As a Department, we feel we do a very good job addressing crime and safety issues in our community. However, we cannot physically be all places at once. Therefore, we must rely upon conscientious citizens to call us whenever they witness crimes being committed or observe suspicious situations. This is where Neighborhood Watch Groups really help out. They can provide us with “eyes and ears” all over the community. With this kind of help, we can—in a sense—almost be everywhere at once. Watch Group members “watch out” for each other by paying attention to things out of the ordinary. For example, in 2006, tips from 2 observant citizens and neighbors who had called and reported suspicious sounds and persons in and around their neighborhoods, lead to the apprehensions and arrest of multiple suspects involved in numerous larcenies from autos. These simple phone calls not only helped the Mason Police Department apprehend the suspects, but also allowed us to recover and return hundreds of stolen items that were worth thousands of dollars. One of these apprehensions also allowed us to recover and secure a very dangerous explosive device before it could be used to injure anyone or damage property. Again, all of this was possible because people were concerned and observant enough to call the police about suspicious activities in their neighborhood.

The Mason Police Department does not expect people involved in Neighborhood Watch programs to become best friends with their neighbors, but we would like them to be comfortable enough with each other to discuss issues of concern in their neighborhoods. In addition, we encourage them to tell their neighbors when they will be gone on vacations, or for other extended periods of time, and request that special attention be given to their homes while they are away. If their neighbors will do such things as take in the newspapers and mail, periodically turn on the house lights, and park in their driveways, their unoccupied homes will look lived in.



The nine active Watch Groups each choose the way they wish to operate. Some prefer to be very active, and will hold multiple meetings a year, including annual block parties/picnics. Others choose to meet only when there are problems, but will stay in touch by telephone, online, and through newsletters. Whatever method they choose, each Group's goal is to keep their residents connected and familiar with one another, and at the same time, always aware of their surroundings.

## CHILD CAR SEAT INSPECTIONS

The Mason Police Department has been involved in a very active Child Car Seat Inspection program for several years. In 2006, Officer Kris Service attended a 5-day, 40-hour class put on by the National Highway Traffic Safety Council. There he learned to install over 100 different brands, makes, and models of car seats before he passed his exam to become a certified car seat installer/inspector. He and Mason Officer Carrie Nettles, also a certified installer, assisted numerous Mason and Ingham County residents in safely installing child safety seats in their vehicles. The Mason

Police Department also received 20 new car seats, which were donated by Evenflo upon Officer Service's successful completion of his training. These new seats will be provided to those in need, and also used to replace seats that are no longer safe for use.

## EVIDENCE ROOM AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Officer Todd Thie



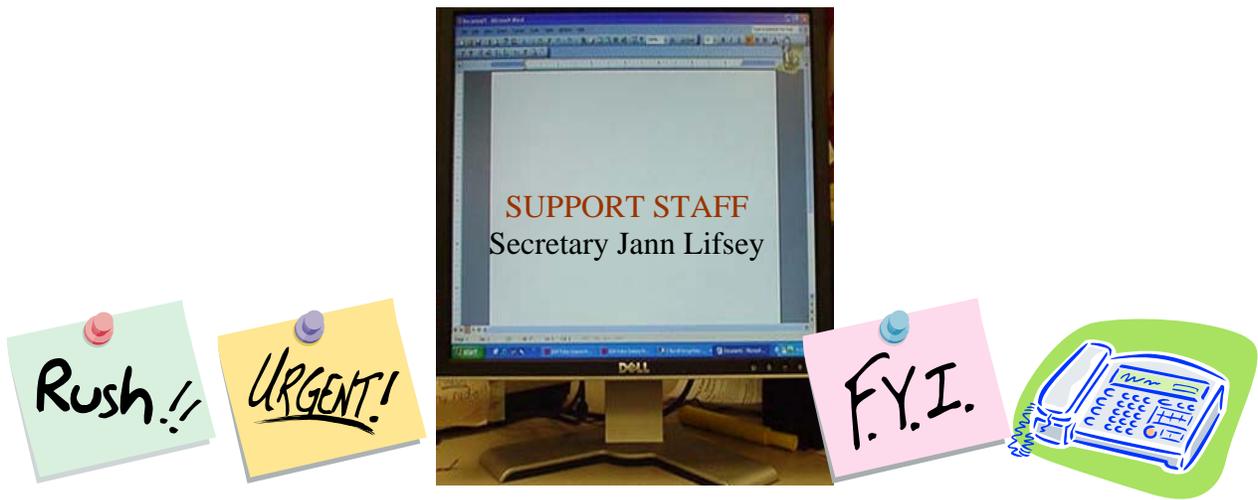
In 2006, the Mason Police Department took in 529 pieces of property which were associated with both criminal and non-criminal incidents. This is a 15% increase of property received compared to 2005. Due to a change in the evidence room tracking program, I am unable to provide a total number of property that was disposed of in 2006. I am still dealing with the issue of storage of property due to the limitation of the physical space available at the Department. Most property that is received is evidence that is associated with criminal complaints. A small portion of property received is the type defined as "found property". This type of property is given to the

Department so that reasonable attempts can be made to determine who the rightful owner is and then return it to that person. The evidence room process usually starts with a member of the Department bringing in a piece of property obtained during the investigation of a complaint. The Department member completes a property tag and attaches it to the property. The officer then places the tagged item into the appropriate-sized evidence locker. The PCO (Property Control Officer) then brings the item from the locker into the evidence room. The PCO determines if the property needs to be retained for criminal proceedings; sent to the Michigan State Police Crime Lab for analysis; held in an attempt to locate and return it to the rightful owner; or destroyed because it is not necessary for criminal proceedings, is illegal contraband, and therefore, cannot be owned. After a specified time period has passed, the PCO disposes of the property in compliance with all relevant Department procedures and applicable laws pertaining to property that is in the custody of a Police Department.



*These were incendiary devices from a raid on South Jefferson Street which were disposed of by the Bomb Squad*





The front office of Mason Police Department saw a number of changes in 2006. Linda Jakeway, who had been my solid “left hand,” switched back to the other side of City Hall to join the City Administration’s staff. Her leaving caused a huge void here in the office. However, it also allowed us to gain two new assets to the clerical staff—Sandy Stacy and Cindy McNamara. Sandy and Cindy have been a wonderful blessing to our department. They have settled in and lightened the work load, allowing me to devote more time to my actual position of “Secretary to the Chief of Police.”



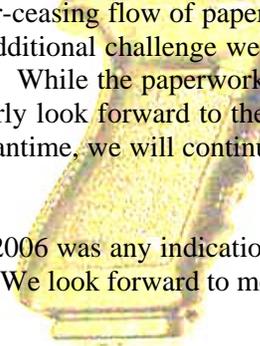
Aiding us in our work duties are three pieces of new office equipment purchased in 2006. My new large-screen PC is much easier to work on than the old one and takes up less space on my desk, even though the screen is larger. Our new Sharp copier, which replaced the little copier we’d been using for years, is so much faster and more efficient that the officers are still marveling even after several months of using it. Our last new piece of equipment is a

PC that is also a cash register. This PC was just getting on line when 2006 ended, but will allow us to enter our own receipts, rather than having the staff at City Hall do so.



The office work load gets heavier every year, which is why it was necessary to increase our clerical staff. We seem to be experiencing an influx of Freedom of Information (FOIA) requests lately, which take up a goodly portion of time to produce. Purchase permits and gun registrations appear to be on the increase, as well. And the never-ceasing flow of paperwork keeps piling up, necessitating hours of filing and records management. An additional challenge we have been faced with in 2006, as well as in other years, is the lack of office space. While the paperwork and staff have increased, our actual working space has stayed the same. We eagerly look forward to the day when this will change and we will gain a new municipal building. In the meantime, we will continue to do our best to serve our community with the resources we have been given.

If the work load in 2006 was any indication of things to come, we can expect to have a very busy time in the upcoming year. We look forward to meeting those new challenges.



## BICYCLE PROGRAM

Officer Steven Chick

We made some changes to our bicycle patrol program in 2006. We purchased bicycle racks for three of our five patrol cars. There are two new patrol vehicles in the fleet, which will be equipped with bicycle racks in winter, 2007. We also purchased cold weather gear for the officers that participate in the bicycle patrol program. This new gear will allow officers to utilize the bicycles during the winter and fall seasons when weather permits. We have also added two additional officers to the program—Officers Mark Reckling and Matt Thorne.



Officer Rick Girard and I used the bicycles to patrol the route during the 2006 Mason 5K Run. We rode the course to make sure the runners/walkers stayed out of the traffic lane and did not get hit. During this race, Officer Girard was notified of a driver on the course who appeared to be under the influence of alcohol. Officer Girard and I made contact with the driver, who ultimately was arrested for Drunk Driving. As it turned out, several people had called 911 about this driver and her erratic and unsafe driving prior to our contact with her. Officer Girard and I also utilized the bicycles to keep spectators off the parade route during the Holiday Parade. We patrolled the course ahead of the precession and asked people who had wandered onto the parade route to stay back.

The bicycles were used to patrol the areas in need of special attention. These included the Hayhoe Riverwalk, City parks, and those other areas not easily patrolled with a patrol car. The nightshift officers also used the bicycles to patrol areas that were being hit with breaking and entering complaints.



The Mason Police Department bicycle program has been fortunate in having active community supporters, and is grateful to A&W Restaurant manager Jeff Haueter and citizen Shirley Grieves for holding Spaghetti Fundraisers to raise money for the bicycle patrol program. The 2006 Spaghetti Fundraiser was a big hit, raising \$279.86. This money was used to assist in purchasing the cold weather gear for the bicycle patrol officers.

The Mason Police Department bicycle patrol program continues to bring positive feedback from City's citizens, and is a great asset to the community and Police Department.

## PERSONNEL ACTIVITY

Chief John Stressman

The year 2006 witnessed a significant turnover in personnel at the Mason Police Department. It started with the loss of long-term Officer Franz Martin, who had resigned at the end of December, 2005. On March 31, Officer Steven Heyduck resigned. Then, September 29, Clerical Assistant Linda Jakeway also resigned to take a City Hall position as the Administrative Assistant to the City Administrator. Although we wish them well and are very happy for all three of them as they enter new chapters in their lives, we will miss them.

We have, however, hired four very capable and talented, hardworking individuals to take their places. These people have fit into the Department's environment extremely well. I would like to introduce them to you now:

Mark Reckling was hired April 3. He is from Oxford, Michigan, and is a graduate of the Henry Ford II High School, Utica, Michigan. He holds an Associates of Science Degree from Macomb Community College. Mark is also a graduate of the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards Training Academy in Macomb County, and is licensed as a Police Officer by the State of Michigan. He has experience as an emergency dispatcher at the Pleasant Ridge Police Department, the Oxford Police Department, and Lapeer County 911 Dispatch Center.



Matthew Thorne began his employment on April 11. He is a graduate of Maple Valley High School, Vermontville, Michigan, and is a graduate of Hope College in Holland, where he acquired a Bachelors of Science Degree. He is also a graduate of the 79<sup>th</sup> Mid-Michigan Police Academy, Lansing, and is licensed as a Police Officer by the State of Michigan. Matt has worked as a heavy machine operator in farm industry-oriented business's and was employed as a Police Officer in Bellevue, prior to coming to Mason.

Sandra Stacy started her new assignment November 6. A resident of Leslie, Sandy brings much experience to the Mason Police Department and has proven to be quite an asset in her short time here. She has learned quickly and is proficient in computer use, filing systems, and multi-tasking, and she enjoys the interaction with the public, which is so much a part of the Department's administrative staff's responsibilities.



Cynthia McNamara started her assignment December 27. Cindy is a Mason resident who also brings a great deal of experience to the Mason Police Department. She came to us after a successful thirty-one-year career with her last employer. Cindy has a great deal of experience with customer service, organization and filing, and budget preparation. She puts her experiences to good use, and has also proven to adapt quickly to the needs of the Department and its customers.

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

For Mason Police Department members, being part of a community also means participating in its needs and contributing to its welfare. It is more than just providing public service and earning a paycheck—it is taking ownership and feeling part of the community's accomplishments. It can even be presenting Mason as a model around the state or halfway around the world. Our members find many ways to contribute to the community. The following are just a few examples:

### SUPPORT OF U.S. ARMY & IRAQI POLICE PROJECT

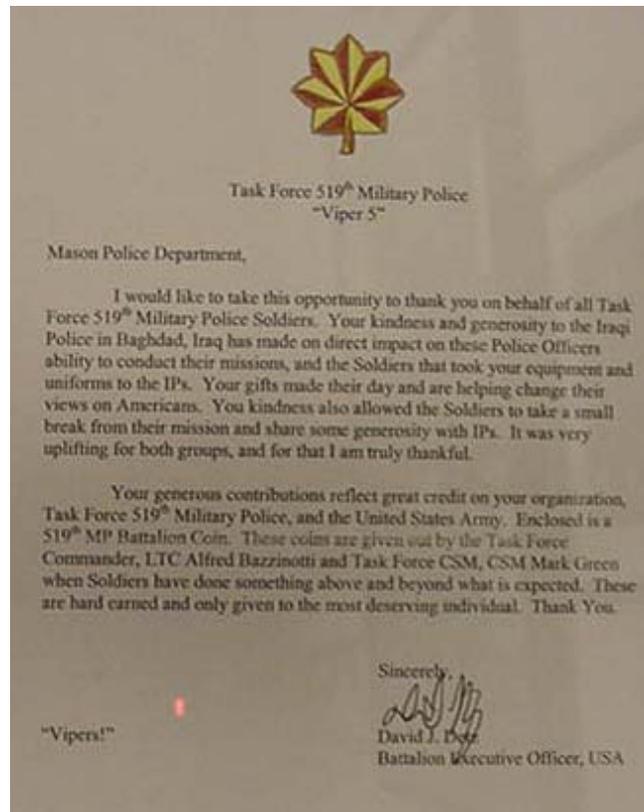
Sergeant Edward Hude



Initially started in the 2005, this program continues to develop. In April of 2006, the Mason Police Department and I each received an award from Major David Detz, Battalion Executive Officer for the 519<sup>th</sup> Military Police. The awards were for the support of the 519<sup>th</sup> Military Police and the Iraqi Police Officers.

Used police body armor and uniform clothing was sent to Major Detz, who in turn issued the items to the Iraqi Police Officers. This project received recognition by both the local Media as well as the Armed Forces News Services.

The 519<sup>th</sup> Military Police unit has since returned home to Ft. Polk, Louisiana. The replacement unit is the 759<sup>th</sup> Military Police based out of Fort Carson, Colorado, under the direction of Lt. Col. Chad McRae. McRae is a Lansing area native who is a career soldier. I am currently working with Major Andrew Schell on this project. The 759<sup>th</sup> is working with several units of the Michigan National Guard.



This project continues today, with numerous police department throughout the State of Michigan making donations. In addition, Lt. Col. McRae has requested my assistance in locating help with obtaining leg braces and used walkers for young children in an orphanage in Baghdad. This project has started with the assistance of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #141, and the Institute for the Advancement of Prosthetics, in Lansing.

## SPRING FLING 5-K RUN

Detective-Corporal Lynne Mark

I've been involved in the Spring Fling 5-K running, planning, and course set up for the past 19 years. This is an annual family event which allows for the whole family to be involved in a 5-K run or walk, a 1-mile "fun run," or the "Bulldog Dash" for those athletes 6 years and under. The 2006 registration accounted for approximately 950 athletes. After expenses, the run realized approximately \$6,000, which was then donated to the Mason School Foundation for special projects in the Mason Schools.



## MASON AREA OF CHAMBERS – DOWN HOME DAYS



*Detective Lynne Mark volunteering his time for the Mason Lions Club*



*Officer Kris Service visits with Mason Schools Superintendent James Harvey*



*Officer Steve Chick & Jamie Hude during the child identity program*

## MICHIGAN SPECIAL OLYMPICS TORCH RUN

Detective-Corporal Lynne Mark

The Mason Police Department is involved with the Michigan Special Olympics torch Run. This is an event that is sponsored by special needs athletics from around Michigan. A weekend "Olympic Event" is held at Central Michigan University each summer. To raise funds for this event, a run was held through Mason in which several Mason officers ran for sponsored funds. The Mason Police will continue to be a part of this event in the years to come.



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### INGHAM COUNTY TRIAD

Detective-Corporal Lynne Mark

TRIAD is a liaison between senior citizens and law enforcement that was formed in an effort to reduce the criminal victimization of senior citizens. We work together to develop and implement useful, realistic crime prevention and educational programs for seniors. Two major projects of the Ingham County TRIAD are the File of Life project and No Senior Alone at Christmas project. As a fundraiser this year a “Senior Prom” was held at the East Lansing Hannah Center.



Approximately 350 seniors attended this event, with uniformed officers and community volunteers being the hosts. A 9-piece orchestra played 40's and 50's music for an evening of dancing. Generous monetary and in-kind donations were supplied by businesses for a successful event. After expenses, just short of \$11,000 was realized for continuing projects. In the spring of 2006, I was elected to chair this group. I will be stepping down in 2007.



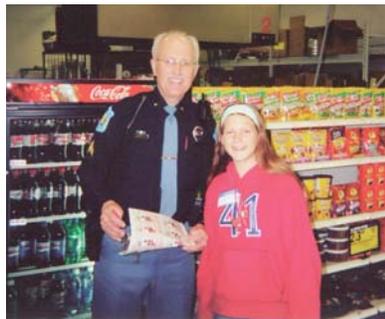
### SHOP WITH A HERO

Detective-Corporal Lynne Mark



The third annual shopping event of Shop with a Hero was held in 2006. This is a program where children are identified by teachers, social workers, or others as those who would benefit by shopping for Christmas gifts for family members with the aid of a uniformed police officer, sheriff deputy, or firefighter. The event was held in early December at the Mason Meijer store, and \$100 gift cards were provided by Meijer, as well as grocery items for the families. Once the presents were paid for,

they were taken to a special area of the store which had been prepared for wrapping them. Volunteers from a couple of local churches were there to help wrap.



Agencies involved with the shopping were Mason Police Department, Ingham County Sheriff Department, Leslie Police, Delhi Division Police, Mason Fire Department, Leslie Fire Department, and the Delhi Division Fire Department. Mason Police had four officers involved with the project. Participating in the Shop with a Hero program is always a humbling and satisfying experience.



## INGHAM COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL SERVICE

Secretary Jann Lifsey



On May 4, 2006, the Mason Police Department had the honor of sponsoring the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Ingham County Law Enforcement Memorial Service. The ceremony was held to recognize the supreme sacrifice given by the nine law enforcement officers who have been killed in Ingham County from 1932 to 1996.

The ceremony was a beautifully moving event, thanks mainly to the perseverance and superb organizational skills of its coordinator, Linda Jakeway. The weather could not have been more perfect, and all law enforcement officers involved performed their parts with pride, professionalism, and dignity.



The program began with the silent procession of the departments' officers. The Posting of the Colors was carried out by the Ingham County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard, and the Lansing Police Department Honor Guard performed the "Placing of the Wreath." Reverend Tim Tuthill of the Mason Ministerial Society gave the Invocation, followed by welcoming remarks by Mason Chief of Police John Stressman. Further remarks were given by Ingham County Sheriff Gene Wriggelsworth.



Chief Stressman then "recognized" each fallen officer in chronological order. Family members who were present each placed white carnations in the wreath to represent their loved ones. Officers from correlating departments placed carnations for their fallen comrades who had no family to do so. There were very few dry eyes in the audience when this portion of the service was finished.



A poignant rendition of "Amazing Grace" was performed by bagpiper D. Krogol, followed by a 21-Gun Salute by the Michigan State Police Honor Guard. Scott Preadmore played "Taps" on his trumpet, and Reverend Tuthill gave the closing Benediction.



A joyful recession of family, friends, and officers then departed from the memorial grounds, where they mingled with other citizens who had attended the service. Several Mason City Council members were in attendance, along with Mason City employees.



A reception was held immediately afterwards in the Ingham County Sheriff's Office building. Survivors





of the fallen officers gathered there to reminisce and to enjoy the luncheon that had been graciously donated and catered by the Mason A&W Restaurant and its manager, Jeff Haueter.



The Mason Police Department gratefully acknowledges the hard work and dedication shown by members of all the participating law enforcement agencies that made this Ingham County Law Enforcement Memorial Service a great success. We recognize that it is just a very small token of appreciation for the great sacrifice that each of the fallen heroes gave, but we are determined to keep their names and memories alive.



*They have not been – nor will they ever be – forgotten*



Mason resident S. Renwick, holding her rendition of the Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. This picture hangs in the lobby of our Department. We gratefully acknowledge Ms. Renwick's donation.

Officer James Duthie displays Renwick's picture and a copy of the newspaper article covering Officer James Ray Hinkle's death. The article was reproduced by Mason Photographer Randy Gladstone.



**POLICE OFFICER JAMES RAY HINKLEY**  
End of Watch: Saturday, August 6, 1938

Thankfully, the Mason Police Department has only lost one officer in the line of duty. Officer James Ray Hinkley was shot and killed while providing a police escort during a domestic situation. Officer Hinkley returned fire, killing his attacker. He was survived by his wife and two brothers. Officer Hinkley had served with the Department for two years. He had previously served with the Michigan State Constabulary during WWI. His name is one of the nine that is listed on the Memorial monument.

## ADVANCEMENTS IN TECHNOLOGY

Sergeant Edward Hude

*RADIO SYSTEM* - During 2006, the implementation of the new mhz trunked radio system took place. Long overdue, the system was activated in July—one to two months earlier than had been anticipated—due to a major equipment failure within the older system. The 460 mhz narrow band trunked system was opted for primarily due to lack of 800 mhz frequencies, additional costs which would have made an 800 mhz system more expensive, lack of coverage issues, and to avoid ongoing inference problems within the 800-900 mhz frequencies.



*LAPTOP COMPUTERS* - The number of in-car laptop computers also was increased in 2006, providing faster data checks for the officers, and also providing the equipment needed for future expansion.

### *RECORDS MANAGEMENT AND REPORTING SYSTEM*

The Mason Police Department became a participant with the new records management and reporting system program, which involves the majority of law enforcement agencies in Ingham County. This will provide additional interoperability not only within these local agencies, but also within other law enforcement agencies throughout the State of Michigan.



*SPEED TRAILER* - Our Department also obtained a new speed vehicle measurement trailer. This unit has proven to be successful in counting vehicles, as well as showing the speeds of the traffic flow. The unit arrived in the fall of 2006.

The year 2006 provided exciting changes, and created the path for future changes in technology for 2007—all of which will help Mason Police Officers be better informed. This, in turn, will allow us to provide better services to the citizens of Mason.

## INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS

Chief John Stressman

The Mason Police Department received two Internal Investigations alleging officer misconduct in 2006. One was determined to be unfounded—no proof of the allegation was discovered—and the other, sustained—the allegations were proven—resulting in corrective action taken against the employee. We also conducted seven Administrative Reviews, which are actions sometimes brought to our attention by citizens, or through supervision of officer performance. Examples would be accidents involving a police car; an employee's improper following of a procedure; or a citizen questioning how an officer concluded an investigation. Of the seven, three resulted in corrective actions taken with the employees.

## 2006 Patrol Activities

Calls for Service	4,113
Incident Reports	2,589
Arrests	
Misdemeanor/Appearance Citations	293
Felony Probable Cause	14
Warrants	226
Traffic Enforcement	
Total Initiated	1,674
Warnings	1,140
Hazardous Violations	238
Non-Hazardous	251
Parking	260
Radar Operation Hours	818
Investigations	
Hours of Follow-up	5,951
Warrant Requests	271
Field Contacts	262
Liquor Inspections	135
Juvenile Contacts	
Informal Action	43
Formal Action	104
Property Checks	1,256
Citizen Contacts	731
Special Events and Presentations	267
Bicycle Patrol Hours	129
Administrative	
Court Appearances	333
Court Duty Hours	403
In-Service Training Hours	641
Preliminary Breath Tests	1,077

## Reported Incidents

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Immigration	1	0
Homicides	0	0
Kidnapping/Abduction	0	1
Criminal Sexual Conduct	16	13
Robbery	2	2
Assaults		
Aggravated	11	17
Non-Aggravated	66	76
Intimidation/Stalking	6	6
Arson	0	1
Burglary		
Forced Entry	15	25
No Force	7	14
Larcenies	185	197
Motor Vehicle Theft	5	4
Larcenies by Fraud	46	108
Damage to Property (Malicious)	84	92
Retail Fraud	36	49
Controlled Substance/Narcotic Equipment Violations	53	39
Misdemeanor Sex Offenses	1	3
Family - Abuse/Neglect/Non-support--Nonviolent	6	7
Liquor Law Violations	62	66
Obstructing Justice/Police	177	148
Weapons Offenses	4	9
Disorderly Conduct	137	71
Operating Under Influence Liquor or Drugs	71	54
Health & Safety/Conservation	17	15
Alarms	134	77
Assistance to other Agencies/Departments	375	369
Ordinance Violations	163	87
Motor Vehicle Accidents	269	245
Suspicious Activities	318	393
"Quality of Life" Non-Criminal Complaints	304	301
Civil Disputes	120	136
Missing Persons	3	6
Juvenile Runaway	9	13
Mental Health	30	26
Suicide Calls	5	9
Check Security/Welfare	159	174
Traffic Complaint/Violation	89	192

## 2006 Arrests

<u>Description</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Kidnapping (Other)	1	0
Criminal Sexual Conduct		
First and Third Degree	3	0
Second and Third Degree	0	1
Robbery - Business - Gun	1	0
Felony Assaults	6	10
Misdemeanor Assaults	28	18
Burglaries	6	5
Larcenies	13	13
Motor Vehicle Thefts	0	3
Forgeries	1	2
Larcenies by Fraud	19	12
Embezzlements	1	2
Stolen Property	1	4
Property Damage	3	1
Retail Fraud	13	11
Drug Offenses	24	15
Indecent Exposure	1	1
Child Neglect/Cruelty	6	8
Liquor Violations	63	59
Resisting/Obstructing Police	15	20
Escape	0	1
Contempt of Court	157	148
Weapons Offense	1	6
Ordinance Violations	17	12
Impaired Driving/OWI Offenses	71	55
Driving Offenses	35	97
Health & Safety Offenses	3	2

