

**Lansing Police
Department
2023
Annual Report**





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Chief's message

Although there are still many challenges ahead in law enforcement, I believe that the pendulum is starting to swing back in our favor. For the past few years, we have seen respect for our profession decline. There have been several incidents across the country that have caused the public to lose trust in us. With that, Law Enforcement Leaders across the world have stepped up and brought positive change that has helped improve how society views our profession. With continued training and a strong effort on Community Policing, we are rebuilding the trust in our communities. Our hope is that the next generation will see the need for law and order and take up the call for service.

We are truly fortunate that the citizens of Lansing have continued to support our police department. Our breakroom is never short of treats or "Thank You" cards. It means so much to our officers when someone shares a kind word after they have been through a tragic event. We see the support at all the community events that we attend. We know that parents and schools are working to bring back respect for the profession. I believe that having a School Resource Officer in the middle schools has helped teach the kids that we are approachable.

Another sign that things are improving is that we were able to hire 20 new officers here at LPD. Six were from the traditional list and 14 were laterals that came from other police departments. I believe that our reputation as an outstanding agency and the momentum with economic development in town has helped with our recruiting process. LPD continues to offer many specialty opportunities that other agencies cannot such as K-9 officer, detective, tactical officer, DEA, and our own Emergency Response Team, among others. This was all validated when we received our official accreditation through ILEAP in 2023. We continue to push technology and innovation in law enforcement and are always planning for the future.

LPD was proud to launch our new mentorship program in 2023. As a way to introduce our profession to a younger generation, School Resource Officers Jennifer Lewis and Kiara Bogan started a new program designed for 5th – 7th grade that shows the service side of our profession while providing some guidance to our youth all while having a little fun along the way. Our schools helped to choose about 15 students that showed an interest in serving others. For several Fridays last summer, the students joined some of our officers in visiting a nursing home where they spent time with their residents and played games. They also had a chance to learn how to fish, bowl, and have some fun at the arcade. This was a great experience that helped create a bond that we hope will spread throughout the schools.



National Night Out Against Crime was another great success again last year. This is an opportunity for the community to come together and take a stance against crime and show everyone that we are stronger if we stand together. Our officers got to spend time with hundreds of citizens that showed up to support us. We had a magician, bounce house, dunk tank, vendor booths and much more. We will continue to build on this event in the future and are always looking for more ways to be connected to the community that we serve.

It is easy to see that I believe our police department is one of the best in the country. Our patrol division is second to none and our criminal investigations division is the hardest working group of people I have ever known. However, none of that is possible without our Support Services Division. From our dispatchers who handle over 100,000 calls per year, to our records division who somehow manages to keep all the “paperwork” in order. We also cannot forget our IT department, Fleet Manager, Animal Control, Community Service Officers, and Administrative Assistants. It takes a lot of hard work to keep this place running so well, and we are very fortunate to have so many great people serving our Village.

Finally, we know that we could not do any of this if we did not have such great support from our Elected Officials and the staff at the Municipal Center. Mayor Eidam has always shown that her heart is with LPD, and our Trustees and Village Administrator never pass up a chance to support what our people do every day.

Sincerely,

Alfred Phillips
Chief of Police





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MISSION STATEMENT

“The Lansing Police Department, in a partnership with the community, will provide the best possible service and protection for our citizens utilizing the core values of Loyalty, Pride, and Devotion.”

CORE VALUES

LOYALTY – BE FAITHFUL TO THE LAW, COMMUNITY AND EACH OTHER

We will be loyal to the United States Constitution and the laws of the State of Illinois, the public trust given to us by the community we serve, the Lansing Police Department and our fellow employees.

PRIDE – SHOW PRIDE IN OUR COMMUNITY, DEPARTMENT AND PROFESSION

We will take pride in the Village of Lansing, the Lansing Police Department, and the profession of law enforcement. We will do our best to live up to our Oath of Office and the trust which has been placed in us by our community.

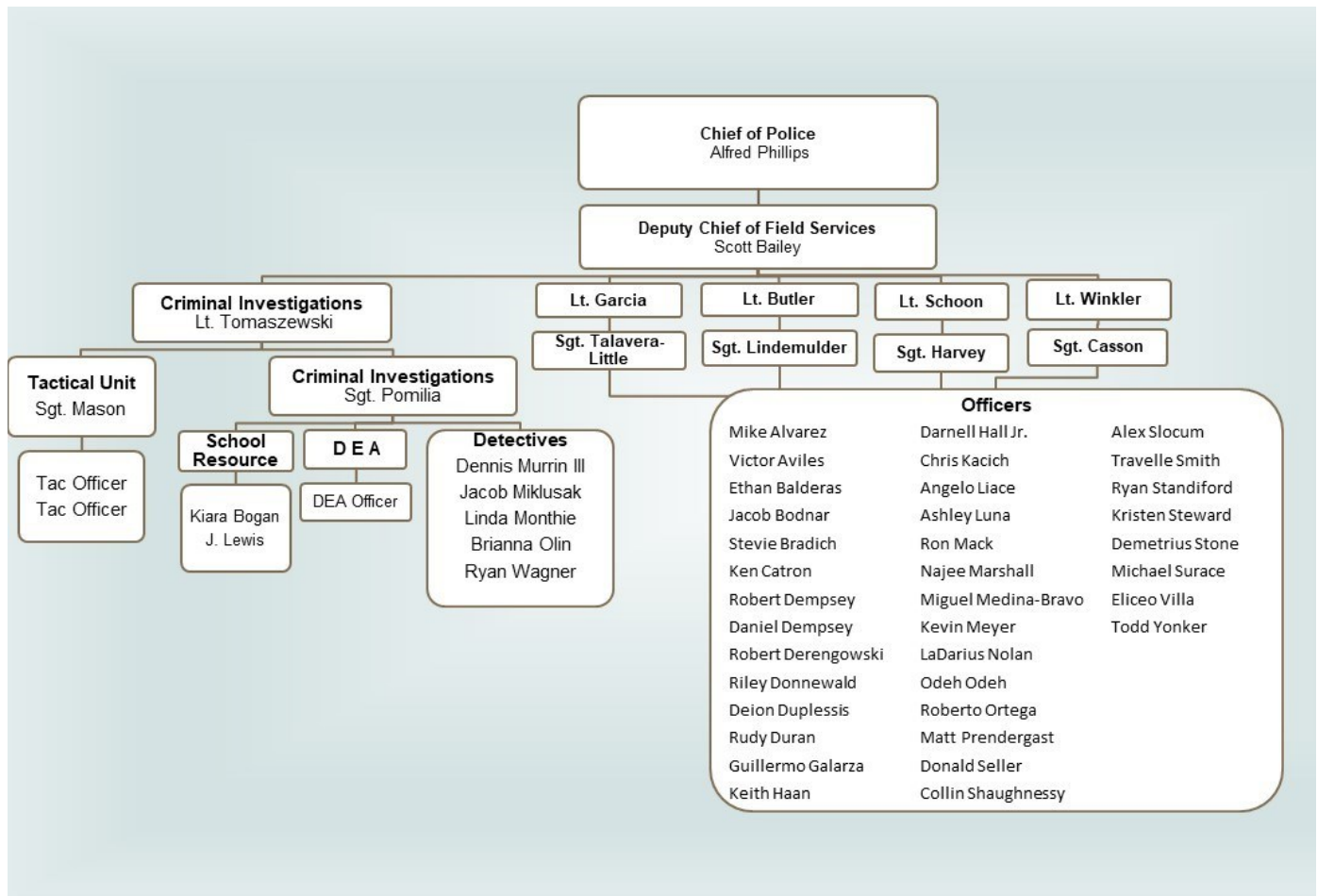
DEVOTION – FULFILL OUR OBLIGATIONS TO OUR COMMUNITY

We will be devoted to fulfill our duty to the best of our abilities. We will conduct ourselves with professionalism and confidence. We will exercise self-restraint and objectivity in the face of all circumstances. We will always work towards excellence through constant self-improvement and be mindful of how we impact our community.



LANSING POLICE DEPARTMENT

Organizational Chart—Field Services



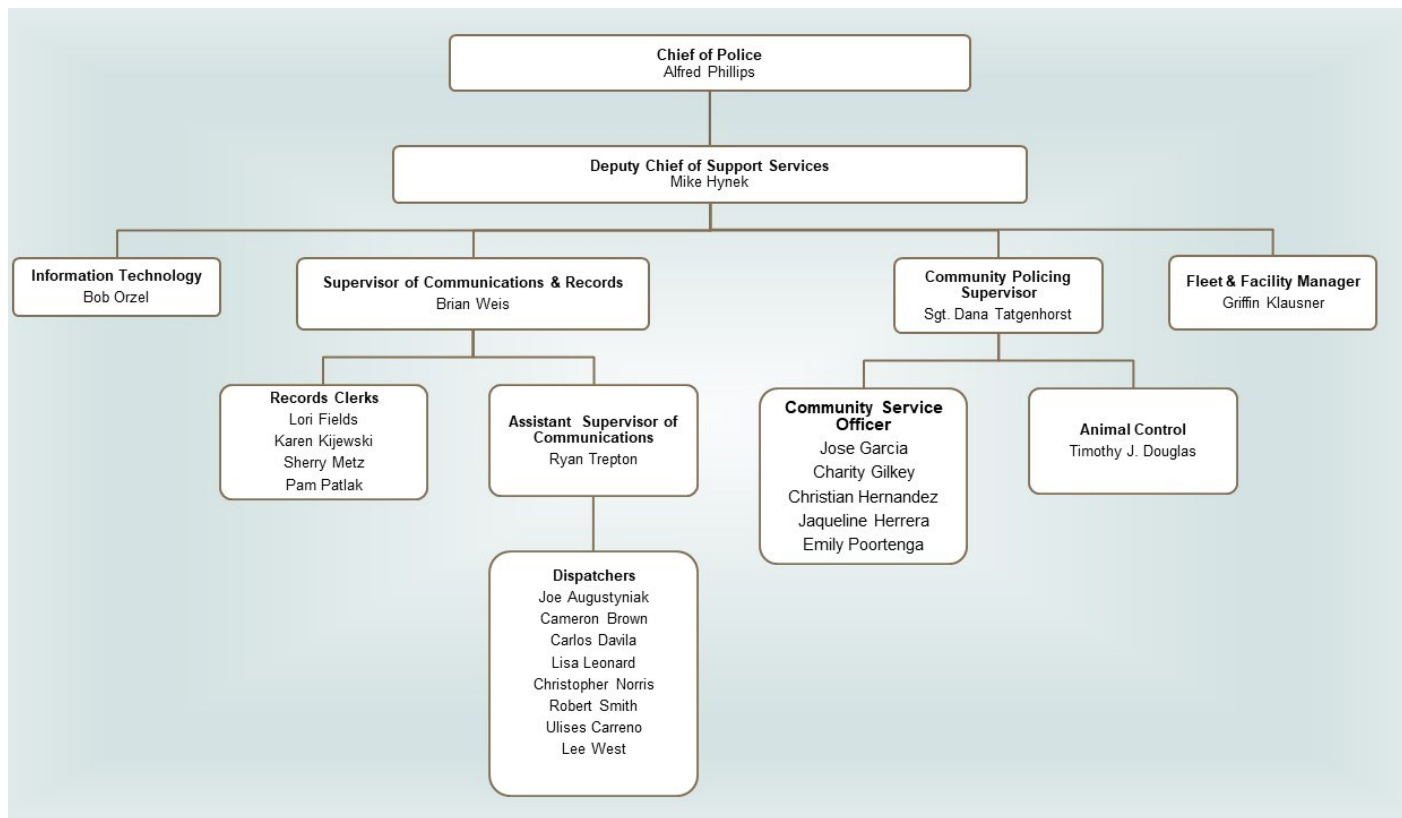
FIELD SERVICES DIVISION

The Field Services Division is the operational component for the Lansing Police Department. This division has been under the command of Deputy Chief Scott Bailey since 2023. The division includes both the Patrol and Criminal Investigations Divisions. It is responsible for responding to calls for service, preventing criminal activity, coordinating special events, investigation and follow-up of reported crime, traffic accident investigation, crowd and traffic control, crime scene response and management, arrest & processing, and the enforcement of state statutes and local ordinances. The Patrol and Investigations Divisions each have specialized units contained within them.



LANSING POLICE DEPARTMENT

Organizational Chart—Support Services



SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

The Support Services Division provides support for the entire department, including the Field Services Division. Deputy Chief Mike Hynek oversees this division. The Support Services Division is responsible for the management of the department budget, communications, records management, planning and research, and training.

The Support Services Division is comprised of the Community Policing Supervisor, Fleet / Facility Manager, Records, Communications, IT, and Animal Control. Some of the additional duties of the Division are building and vehicle maintenance, crossing guard supervision, court liaison duties, crime prevention, and other special program duties.



Department Roster (serving since)

SWORN FULL TIME PERSONNEL

Chief Alfred Phillips	1998	Officer Alexander Slocum	2020
Deputy Chief Scott Bailey	1998	Officer Michael Alvarez	2021
Deputy Chief Michael Hynek	2004	Officer Ashley Ayala	2021
Lieutenant Gregory Schoon	1997	Officer Travelle Smith	2021
Det. Lieutenant Jonathan Tomaszewski	1998	Officer Ethan Balderas	2022
Lieutenant Scott Butler	2006	Officer Darnell Hall	2022
Lieutenant Steven Winkler	2007	Officer Robert Derengowski	2022
Lieutenant Robert Garcia	2009	Officer Deion Duplessis	2022
Sergeant Dana Tatgenhorst	2003	Officer Najee Marshall	2022
Sergeant Timothy Harvey	2005	Officer Chris Seller	2022
Det. Sergeant Joseph Pomilia	2006	Officer Ryan Standiford	2022
Sergeant Michael Lindemulder	2009	Officer Kristen Steward	2022
Tac. Sergeant William Mason	2013	Officer Jacob Bodnar	2023
Sergeant Timothy Casson	2016	Officer Stevie Bradich	2023
Sergeant Joshua Talavera-Little	2017	Officer Daniel Dempsey	2023
Detective Linda Monthie	2002	Officer Robert Dempsey	2023
Detective Kiara Bogan	2017	Officer Guillermo Galarza	2023
Detective Jacob Miklusak	2017	Officer Darnell Hall Jr.	2023
Detective Marc Robles	2017	Officer Angelo Liace	2023
Detective Dennis Murrin III	2018	Officer Najee Marshall	2023
Detective Brianna Olin	2018	Officer Miguel Medina-Bravo	2023
Detective Jacob Ryan	2019	Officer Ladarius Nolan	2023
Detective James Litrenta	2021	Officer Odeh Odeh	2023
Detective J Lewis	2022	Officer Roberto Ortega	2023
Detective Ryan Wagner	2023	Officer Collin Shaughnessy	2023
Officer Ronald Mack	1997	Officer Demetrius Stone	2023
Officer Todd Yonker	1997	Officer Michael Surace	2023
Officer Keith Haan	2015	Officer Eliceo Villa	2023
Officer Christopher Kacich	2017		
Officer Matthew Prendergast	2017	K9 Luna	2022
Officer Rodolfo Duran	2018	K9 Pixie	2022
Officer Kevin Meyer	2018		
Officer Victor Aviles	2019		
K9 Officer Kenneth Catron	2019		
Officer Riley Donnewald	2019		





Department Roster (serving since)

CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

Supervisor of Communications/Records

Brian Weis 2001

Assistant Supervisor of Communications

Ryan Trepton 2012

Information Technology

Bob Orzel 2005

Executive Secretary

Tiffani Rosati 2022

Animal Control

TJ Douglas 2022

Community Service Officer

Jose Garcia 2019
 Christian Hernandez 2020
 Jacqueline Herrera 2021
 Charity Gilkey 2022
 Emily Poortenga 2023

Telecommunicators

Lisa Leonard 2002
 Joseph Augustyniak 2005
 Carlos Davila 2006
 Cameron Brown 2018
 Christopher Norris 2019
 Robert Smith 2021
 Ulises Carreno 2021
 Lee West 2023

Records Staff

Lori Fields 1999
 Sherry Metz 2011
 Karen Kijewski 2021
 Pamela Patlak 2021

Building / Fleet Maintenance

Griffin Klausner 2023





Department Anniversary Milestones In 2023

25 Years of service

Chief Alfred Phillips

Deputy Chief Scott Bailey

Detective Lt. John Tomaszewski

20 Years of service

Sgt. Dana Tatgenhorst

10 Years of service

Tac. Sgt. William Mason

5 Years of service

Detective Dennis Murrin III

Detective Brianna Olin

Officer Kevin Meyer

Officer Rudolfo Rodan

Telecommunicator Cameron Brown





Department Awards & Commendations

It is the policy of the Lansing Police Department to recognize superior performance by Department employees. Commendations may originate from citizens, or within the Department, and are intended to cite exemplary conduct and standards that all members of the Department should strive to attain. The Lansing Police Department would like to recognize the following achievements in 2023:

2023 Employee of the Year Award - The following award is established for the Departmental recognition of an employee of the Lansing Police Department who exemplifies the highest degree of dedication and professionalism throughout the year.

The following employee received the 2023 Employee of the Year Award:

- Detective Dennis Murrin III



Life Saving Award - The Life Saving Award is awarded for an act performed by officers or employees of the Department who's prompt and alert actions resulted in the saving of a human life.

The following officer received the Life Saving Award for their outstanding efforts related to an unresponsive driver who was involved in an accident on July 30, 2023:

- Officer Ethan Balderas



Special Arrest Achievement Award – The Special Arrest Achievement is awarded to police officers and employees of the Department for their dedication and determination in the arrest of person(s) responsible for numerous criminal acts throughout the area (multiple incidents), or whose actions pose a significant threat to any individual or the community.

The following officers received the Special Arrest Achievement Award for their outstanding efforts related to a dangerous and reckless subject discharging a firearm in a residential area on August 17, 2023:

Officer Olin

Officer Donnewald

Officer R. Dempsey

The following officer received the Special Arrest Achievement Award for observing and apprehending a subject involved in an aggravated kidnapping of two juveniles and possession of a stolen motor vehicle incident on June 5, 2023:

Detective Miklusak

Certificate of Commendation - The Certificate of Commendation is presented to officers and employees of the Department for a highly credible accomplishment bringing public acclaim to themselves, the Department or to the police profession, as a result of training, devotion to duty or service to the public.

The following Detective received a Certificate of Commendation Award for their outstanding efforts related to facilitating Internet Safety Assemblies for School District 158:

Detective / School Resource Officer Jennifer Lewis





The Lansing Police Department
would like to congratulate the following individuals:

New Hires

SWORN

Officer Miguel Medina-Bravo	1/4/2023
Officer Guillermo Galarza	1/4/2023
Officer Angelo Liace	2/15/2023
Detective Ryan Wagner	3/20/2023
Officer Collin Shaughnessy	5/4/2023
Officer Odeh Odeh	5/4/2023
Officer Demetrius Stone	6/12/2023
Officer Robert Dempsey	7/13/2023
Officer Stevie Bradich	7/13/2023
Officer Michael Surace	9/11/2023
Officer Daniel Dempsey	9/11/2023
Officer Roberto Ortega	9/11/2023
Officer Eliceo Villa	9/11/2023
Officer Ladarius Nolan	10/2/2023
Officer Jacob Bodnar	11/22/2023

CIVILIAN

Dispatcher Lee West	4/3/2023
Crossing Guard Andrea Carr	3/3/2023
Crossing Guard Kathrine Herrod	3/30/2023
Crossing Guard George Cardenas	8/17/2023
Crossing Guard Fred Nundee	9/22/2023
Community Service Officer Emily Poortenga	12/11/2023



The Lansing Police Department would like to congratulate the following individuals:

Promotions

Deputy Chief Scott Bailey	1/10/23
Lieutenant Mike Lazowski	1/10/23
Sergeant William Mason	1/10/23
Lieutenant Scott Butler	5/04/23
Sergeant Joshua Talavera-Little	5/04/23
Lieutenant John Tomaszewski	6/26/23
Sergeant Mike Lindemulder	6/26/23
Deputy Chief Mike Hynek	10/17/23
Lieutenant Steve Winkler	10/17/23
Sergeant Tim Casson	10/17/23





The Lansing Police Department would like to recognize the following officers and employees for their service to the community. Their commitment, dedication and loyalty to the Department will long be remembered. Best wishes from the Lansing Police Department.

Retirees

Officer Kyle Smith	1/05/23	26 Years of Service
Officer Barb Klingelschmitt	1/07/23	20 Years of Service
Deputy Chief Richard Slough	1/09/23	27 Years of Service
Lieutenant Jay Klausner	5/2/23	27 Years of Service
Lieutenant Michael Lazowski	5/12/23	26 Years of Service
Crossing Guard Bill Corbett	06/09/23	7 Years of Service
Deputy Chief Steve Roberts	10/13/23	28 Years of Service



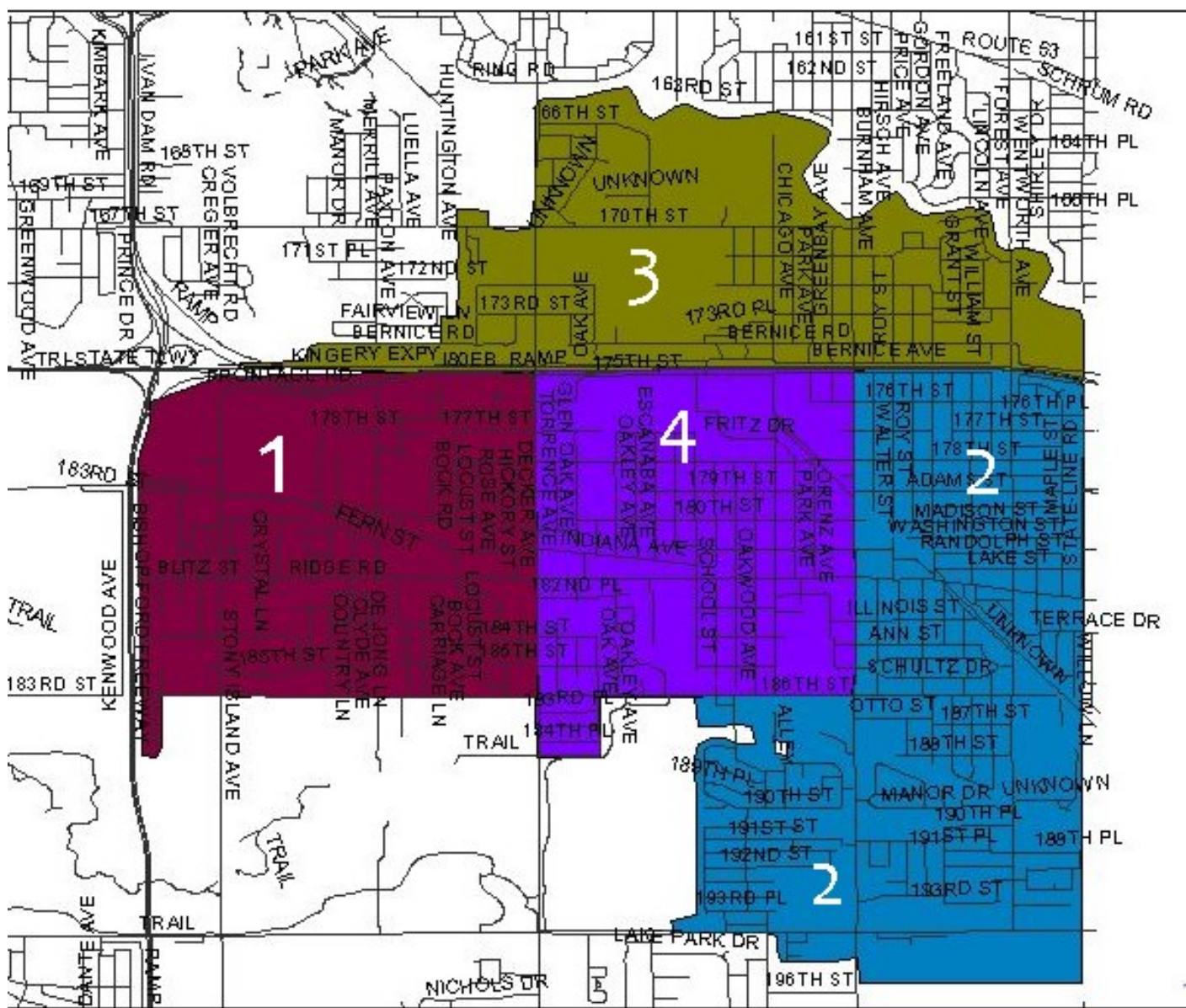


Field Services Division

The Patrol Division contains the largest number of officers in the Department. By the end of 2023, we had four Lieutenants, four Sergeants and 36 Patrol Officers assigned to the Patrol Division. They are arranged into four rotating shifts working 12-hour workdays, 6:00 AM until 6:00 PM or 6:00 PM until 6:00 AM. Each shift is under the command of a Lieutenant with the assistance of a Sergeant.

Officers from the patrol division receive their assignments from the Telecommunications Center and are the department's first response to all emergency and non-emergency calls. The patrol area is divided into 4 geographical beats covering the entire Village.

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Crime Statistics

The Illinois Uniform Crime Reporting (I-UCR) program was developed in 1971 and implemented on January 1, 1972. The Illinois State Police was given the responsibility to act as the central repository for crime statistics. Reporting crime statistics is mandated by Chapter 20 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, 2630/86

Reporting law enforcement agencies submit data on a monthly basis to the I-UCR Program. Participating jurisdictions include villages, municipalities, counties, colleges, universities, park districts, railroads, forest preserves, hospitals, and other miscellaneous agencies throughout Illinois.

Below are the UCR Statistics for the Village of Lansing.

Part 1 Crime Index Data - Lansing , IL

Year	Population	Total Crime Index	Murder	Criminal Sexual Assault	Robbery	Agg As-sault / Battery	Burglary	Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson
2023	28,379	1,273	2	21	42	46	74	858	230	1
2022	28,379	1,132	1	12	54	61	103	721	178	2
2021	28,547	1,203	5	15	39	68	92	817	163	4
2020	28,547	1,166	1	12	62	41	117	731	202	0
2019	28,547	1,603	2	9	59	34	130	1259	106	4
2018	28,547	1,615	2	13	45	28	116	1301	108	2
2017	28,547	2,050	0	13	66	20	225	1,628	95	3
2016	28,547	1,469	1	10	70	32	271	995	88	2
2015	28,547	1,485	2	8	55	18	177	1,152	70	3
2014	28,547	1,263	2	10	50	29	185	918	68	1
2013	28,479	1,282	0	16	57	36	157	939	74	3
2012	28,479	1,427	1	30	27	35	238	1,023	71	2
2011	28,416	1,485	0	23	40	38	222	1,033	122	7
2010	26,075	1,494	2	5	28	16	225	1,136	73	9
2009	26,672	1,342	0	1	28	31	280	889	108	5
2008	26,853	1,239	1	8	42	42	249	810	84	3
2007	27,093	1,283	2	3	33	26	168	907	141	3
2006	27,324	1,219	0	3	37	16	217	828	118	0
2005	27,574	1,120	0	1	36	25	173	782	101	2
2004	27,976	1,318	0	1	46	20	210	900	141	0
2003	28,079	1,290	0	5	31	21	192	896	145	0
2002	28,332	1,397	0	2	44	19	160	1,009	160	3
2001	28,332	1,238	0	0	34	15	125	918	142	4
2000	28,332	1,140	1	0	42	18	116	812	151	0
1999	28,512	1,164	1	1	22	18	127	818	177	0
1998	28,512	1,316	0	1	29	13	136	935	202	0
1997	28,664	1,484	0	2	28	18	147	1,050	238	1
1996	28,664	1,528	0	3	19	19	185	1,056	246	0



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Criminal Investigations Division

Overview

1	Detective Lieutenant
2	Detective Sergeant
5	Detectives
2	Tactical Officers
2	School Resource Officers / Detectives
1	Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Task Force Officer

Case Assignment

In 2023, 420 cases were assigned out to detectives for follow up investigation. Detectives were also assigned 84 backgrounds to complete for Fire, Police, Library, Fox Pointe, and other positions.

The Criminal Investigations Division (CID) supervisors are also responsible for reviewing all case reports generated from patrol as well as CID. In 2023, there were 5,816 reports written and reviewed.

South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force

The Lansing Police Department currently has three detectives assigned to the South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force (SSMCTF), which is a multi-agency task force that activates on a call-out basis when a participating agency requests assistance on a major crime, such as a homicide. In 2023, our detectives were involved in thirty (30) activations, including two (2) for our department.

Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force

The Lansing Police Department has two (3) members assigned to the Cook County State's Attorney's Office Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC). This Task Force Focuses primarily on child pornography related investigations. Lansing Police Department Detectives received and investigated 30 ICAC related tips in 2023.





Evidence and Property

The Criminal Investigations Division Supervisors are also tasked with overseeing evidence and property. In 2023, 6,497 individual items of evidence were logged into the evidence vault and 56 individual items of property were logged into the property held cage.

Sex Offender and Violent Offender Registration

The Criminal Investigations Division is responsible for maintaining Lansing's Sex Offender and Violent Offender registrant files. There are currently thirty-eight (38) Sex Offenders and one (1) Violent Offender residing or working within the village. More information on Sex Offender and Violent Offender registration can be found at <https://isp.illinois.gov/Sor>.

Tactical Unit

The Tactical Officers and Detective Sergeant are tasked with everything from traffic enforcement to drug interdiction. They focus on high crime areas and spend a great deal of their time in our local hotels working to deter crime. In 2023, they conducted numerous investigations resulting in 40 Felony arrest, 70 Misdemeanor/Warrant arrest, 2 search warrants and recovered 14 firearms.

Asset Forfeiture

The Lansing Police Department continues to take an aggressive approach towards asset forfeiture. The Lansing Police Department works closely with the Cook County State's Attorney's Office and the Illinois State Police with these cases under the Illinois Drug Asset Forfeiture Act and Money Laundering Acts. The Lansing Police Department share of the seized currency was \$16,831.84 in 2023. Four vehicles were also seized during 2023.





Crime Scene Unit

Crime Scene Investigators (CSI's) processed 80 crime scenes in 2023, which was a fourteen percent increase from 2022. The types of scenes processed included: Aggravated Battery, Aggravated Discharge Firearm, Armed Robberies, Arson, Burglaries, Criminal Sexual Assaults, Death Investigations, and Vehicular Hijackings.

Currently, the CSI unit has thirteen trained CSI's. A total of eight of these CSI's are assigned to the patrol division and the remaining five are assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division. Each CSI is expected to process crime scenes in addition to their daily patrol responsibilities.

In 2023, the CSI unit lost two officers to promotions and one officer who left the department. In March of 2023, the unit added two officers to the unit. These officers each completed a 40hr basic evidence technician course.

This past September, the CSI unit moved away from an assigned on-call CSI schedule and moved to a voluntary call out list. This was done due to each shift having at least one CSI assigned to it. In the event a CSI is needed but there is not one working, the voluntary call out list can be utilized.

Moving forward, the department will be looking to have all officers trained as crime scene investigators. All officers, while in the police academy receive training in basic evidence collection and processing.





2023 Police Canine Program

The modern Lansing Police Canine Unit was founded in the fall of 1992. It consisted of three dogs trained in patrol and drug work.

Since the inception of the unit, the canine teams have been responsible for the seizure of millions of dollars worth of money drugs, guns, and vehicles. The largest seizure was \$5.2 million in cash.

The dogs have been involved in numerous criminal apprehensions, locating evidence, and the control of many suspects and crowds through the use of the dogs as a deterrent to aggressive actions.

After their initial academy training, Lansing Police Canine Units train on a regular basis, and certify yearly in drug work.

Currently, there are two canine teams in the agency. Sgt. Mason with his partner Luna and Officer Catron and his partner Pixie. Both dogs are black labs trained in drug detection only.

In 2023, both Pixie and Luna were responsible for recovering drugs and guns. Both Luna and Pixie have assisted in search warrants where drugs were located. Officer Catron and Pixie recently gave a demonstration for a large crowd at Fox Pointe for National Night Out and were a hit with the crowd. Sgt. Mason and Officer Catron continue to patrol and look for offenders bringing guns and drugs into Lansing, attended various community events and assist schools with locker searches..

Lansing Police Department canine teams regularly provide demonstrations to schools, social clubs, and churches. If you are interested in a demonstration, contact Sgt. William Mason at 708-895-7150 or email wmason@villageoflansing.org.

Previous Canine teams, which have completed tours of duty, and current canine teams include:

Tony Perovich (*Duke*), Cheryl Dohl (*Vilson & Skilos*), Dan Sylvester (*Prince*), Nick Pritza (*Omega*), Jay Klausner (*Ronnie & Yaekae*), Joe Pomilia (*Moose*), Mike Lazowski (*Maverick*), Keith Haan (*Rico*), Ken Catron (*Pixie*), William Mason (*Luna*)





Lansing Police Department's Emergency Response Team

The Lansing Police Department's Emergency Response Team (E.R.T.) continues to function as a part-time team consisting only of full-time Lansing Police Department Officers. The Emergency Response Team uses judgmental and scenario-based training in their monthly live fire drills and simunition training. This training hones their existing skills and builds upon them in tactical situations. In addition, the team also trains in vehicle assaults to apprehend offenders from various makes/models of vehicles. As a result of this training, the operators on the team possess a higher level of skill, training, knowledge of tactics, and utilize additional equipment necessary to safely perform the tasks they are asked to do. The team is activated anytime there is a critical incident and during search warrants executions.

"Basic S.W.A.T." training is provided by the South Suburban Emergency Response Team. The Village of Lansing remains a part of the South Suburban Emergency Response Team (S.S.E.R.T.). S.S.E.R.T. is a multi-jurisdictional team that serves over 30 police departments in the south suburbs of Chicago. The Lansing Police Department currently has 2 officers assigned to this team. S.S.E.R.T. will respond to the critical incidents of member agencies when requested to provide their highly skilled team for a successful resolution.





Truck Enforcement Unit

Unit Supervisor

Sgt Dana Tatgenhorst

Truck Enforcement Officers

Officer Kenneth Catron
Officer Keith Haan
Officer Tim Casson



Truck Enforcement for 2023:

The Village of Lansing continued to utilize the Oxcart Permits System. This is an online permit application system, allowing easy management of permits regarding oversize trucks that travel through Lansing. The system manages the permit process for both local municipalities and trucking agencies. Lansing Officers have use of a portable scale and will be adding more Officers in 2024.

The Village of Lansing approved 73 permits in 2022, totaling \$5,195.00 in permit fees.
The Village of Lansing approved 60 permits in 2023, totaling \$5,285.99 in permit fees.

Truck enforcement Officers issued 24 overweight citations in 2022 – totaling \$84,153 in fines.
Truck enforcement Officers issued 4 overweight citations in 2023 – totaling \$6,000 in fines.

In 2024 there will be a full time traffic unit for truck enforcement.





Training

The Lansing Police Department takes pride in the progressive training of all personnel. The Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board (ILETSB) requires a minimum number of training hours in a wide array of topics. In order to meet these requirements in 2023, and in the years to come, a new training program was developed, including a mixture of on-line courses, classroom lectures, and practical exercises. This mandated training is in addition to the existing firearms training and other specialty training received by members of the Lansing Police Department.

Annual Use of Force training was held for all sworn personnel. This training focuses on issues relating to an officer's use of force during arrest situations. Practical exercises are incorporated to ensure that the officers maintain a level of skills to increase the safety of our citizens and themselves. This included annual training and recertification in the use of less-than-lethal tools including ASP expandable baton, OC (pepper) spray, and the Taser electronic restraint device. Control tactics and handcuffing are also reviewed annually to ensure compliance with law and the Department's use of force policies.

Officers were trained in rapid response tactics. This training prepares officers for active shooter situations, utilizing the classroom and realistic scenario based training.

The Lansing Police Department continue to train on their new virtual reality system. This system replaced the 15 year old FATS system. VR training will focus on de-escalation and use of force scenarios. The Lansing Police Department was one of the first agencies in the Midwest to obtain this state of the art training equipment in 2022.





Field Training Program

Once a probationary officer successfully completes the mandated academy training, the probationary officer will be assigned to the FTP (Field Training Program). The objective of the FTP is to provide probationary officers with the essential skills and knowledge that are necessary to function on solo patrol duty as a Lansing Patrol Officer. That probationary officer will be under the direct supervision of a Field Training Officer (FTO).

All probationary officers must successfully complete the FTP as a condition of employment. The minimum field training time is 14 weeks per officer. During this training, the new officers are required to be competent in 60 individual tasks, among many other duties, that solo patrol officers will encounter. During this time, the probationary officer will also spend time learning how the telecommunications center and criminal investigation division operates. The program is broken down into four phases. During each phase, the probationary officer is evaluated on ten categories ranging from interpersonal relationships to patrol tactics. Once they have completed all phases and the FTO recommends release for solo patrol, the probationary officers are continually monitored and evaluated quarterly.

The Lansing Police Department's FTP consists of patrol officers and detectives who have proven themselves as dedicated officers, who excel at their duties, and have committed to training new officers. Their role in a new officer's training will be paramount in the success and future of not only the officer, but the future of LPD and the Village of Lansing.

The Field Training Unit is responsible for all Probationary Officers from the time they graduate the academy until they complete the field training program. The unit consists of 2 supervisors as coordinators and 13 Field Training Officers. The Coordinators are responsible for the scheduling and overseeing of the training of the probationary officers. They also review and revise the Field Training Manual as needed. The Field Training Officers are responsible for the day to day training of the probationary officers and are the first line supervisor to the new officer.

In 2023, the Field Training Unit completed training for 14 new officers.

The Police Department continues to utilize CopFTO, a cloud-based software program which gets away from the thousands of pages of paper normally used during the training process. The program streamlines how the Agency keeps track of training progress for new officers during the rigorous and demanding field training program.

Field Training Officers Supervisors:

Sergeant Tim Harvey
Sergeant Joshua Talavera-Little

Field Training Officers:

Officer Victor Aviles	Detective Jake Miklusak
Officer Riley Donnewald	Detective Linda Monthie
Officer Keith Haan	Detective Dennis Murrin III
Officer Darnell Hall Jr.	Detective Brianna Olin
Officer Chris Kacich	Detective Marc Robles
Officer Kevin Meyer	
Officer Matt Prendergast	
Officer Alex Slocum	



Citizen Complaints

The Lansing Police takes great pride in serving our community through professional and courteous interactions. These interactions can be categorized and summarized into three general categories; general or informational, non-emergency service orientated, and emergency service orientated. While both the non-emergency and emergency interactions are tracked through the police department computer aided dispatch system, the general information bearing interactions are very informal and are usually not tracked. Altogether the department participates in well over a hundred thousand of these interactions each and every year. While we strive to provide the best possible service, from time to time the police department receives complaints regarding some of these interactions. The department takes all complaints, including anonymous complaints seriously. The department vigorously investigates all complaints brought to our attention in an expedient and efficient manner through a supervised formal process. Upon completion of a complaint investigation, complaints are classified into the following four disposition categories which are listed below. The definitions of each are also included.

Unfounded: The investigation indicates that the alleged act(s) or omission(s) did not occur or did not involve police personnel.

Exonerated: The investigation indicates that the act(s) or omission(s) did occur, but were justified, lawful, and proper.

Not Sustained: The investigation failed to discover sufficient evidence to clearly prove or disprove the allegation(s) made against an employee.

Sustained: The investigation disclosed sufficient evidence to clearly prove the allegation(s).

2023 Complaint Information

Based on the above information, the police department investigated eight complaints in 2023. These complaints are listed below:

- Six complaints were based on the officer's procedures.
- Two complaints were based on the officer's use of force.

Of the eight above complaints:

- Six of the eight complaints were determined to be unfounded and/or exonerated.
- Two of the complaints based on the officer's procedure were sustained.

Disciplinary action took place in those situations where the findings were sustained, and discipline was deemed appropriate in the situation.



In an effort to provide a point of reference from the past, the following is information regarding complaints filed in 2022:

2022 Complaint Information

Based on the above information, the police department investigated thirteen complaints in 2022. These complaints are listed below:

- Four complaints based on officer's conduct.
- Three complaints based on officer's procedure.
- Three complaints based on officer's procedure and conduct.
- Three complaints based on officer's use of force.

Of the thirteen above complaints:

- Twelve of the thirteen complaints were determined to be unfounded and/or exonerated.
- One of the complaints on an officer's conduct was sustained.

Disciplinary action took place in those situations where the findings were sustained, and discipline was deemed appropriate in the situation.

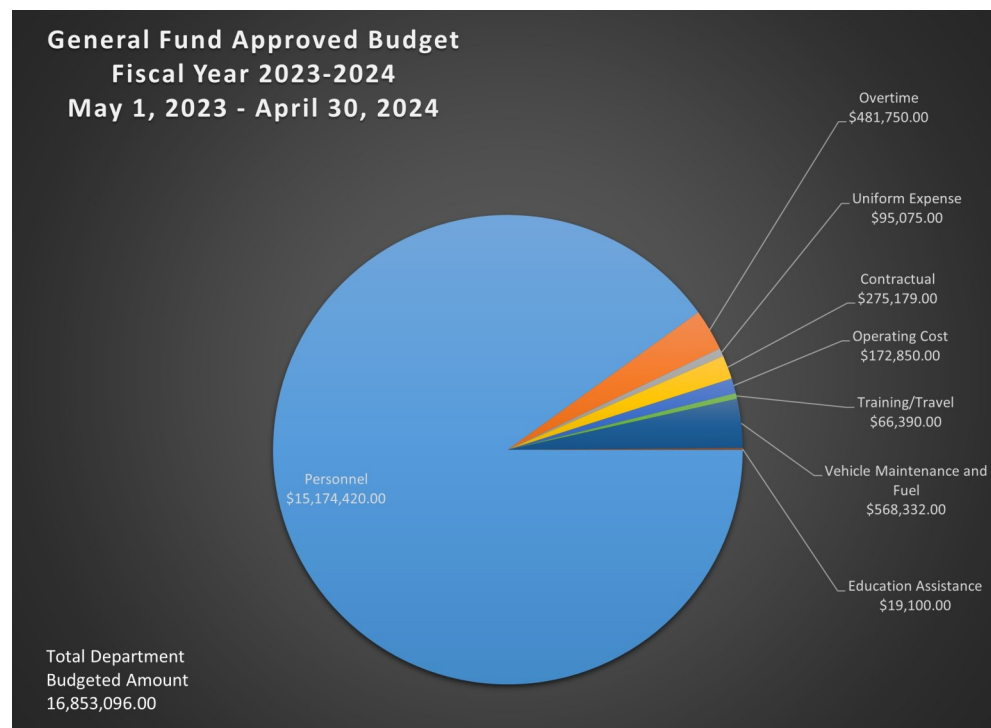
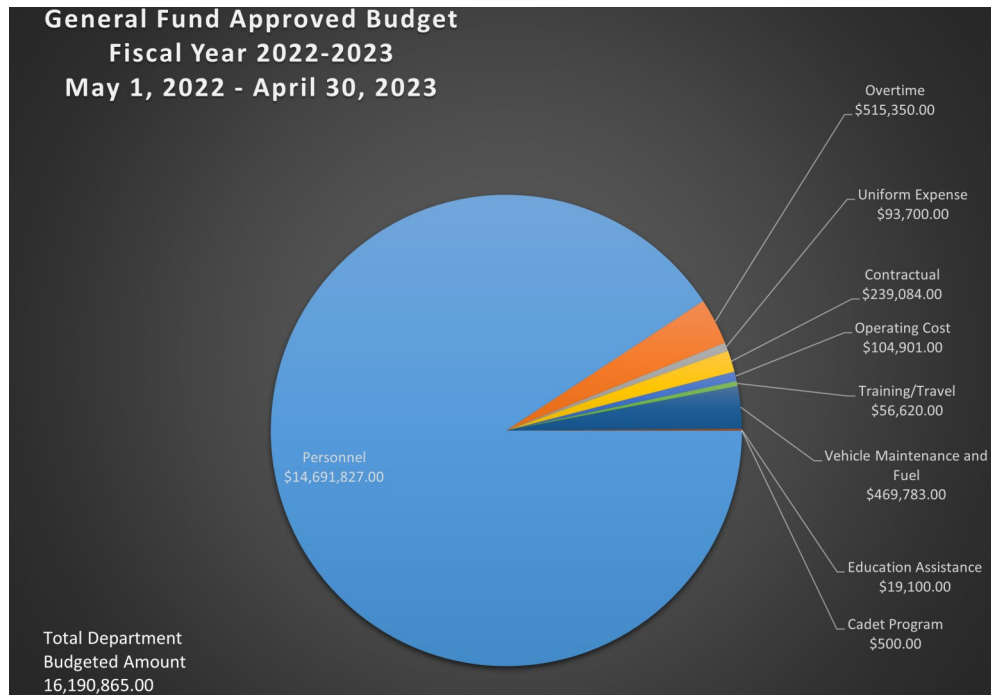
The police department remains committed to maintaining the trust which our community places with us. While we understand that there is always an opportunity for improvement in any organization, the above facts display a very low ratio of complaints compared to the amount of interactions provided. We are extremely proud of the members of all of our staff for their courteous and professional service in which they provide to all members of our community.



SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

Annual Budget

The Lansing Police Department prides itself on being fiscally responsible and spends a great deal of time preparing for the budget, and managing the approved budget throughout the year. The Lansing Police Department’s current budget runs from May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024. This year’s approved budgeted amount, via the General Fund, is \$16,853,096.00. Below is a breakdown of the areas in which the money is allocated. For comparison, we also included the previous year’s budget.





911 Telecommunications Center

The Lansing 911 center handles all calls for the Lansing Police & Fire Departments, including 911 calls. During 2023, the 911 center handled over 98,000 calls. Highly trained dispatchers, also known as Telecommunicators, answer the calls, prioritize them and dispatch the calls out. Of the over 98,000 phone calls, dispatchers put out 42,702 police dispatches, and 5,490 fire/EMS dispatches.

The 911 center never closes, working 24hrs a day in tandem with the police officers who respond to the above dispatches. Calls regarding animal control, and after-hours public works needs are also answered by the 911 center. Processing emergency/non-emergency calls can be inherently stressful & taxing, as callers are often dealing with traumatic events. Telecommunicators are trained to ask key questions, pertinent to each unique scenario, and obtain the nature and extent of the incident. Once this is ascertained they need to determine what resources are needed to respond and dispatch the appropriate units.

Due to the demands of this job and the need to get the right resources to the correct location, there is a thorough training program as well as continued training requirements for all personnel in the center.

In March of 2023, Lansing made the switch to the Next Generation 911 (NG9-1-1) system within the State of Illinois. All dispatch centers in the state are mandated to move to NG9-1-1, and our migration went smoothly without any interruption in service to the public. The change to NG9-1-1 provides the ability to accept additional data regarding 911 calls as these features become available.

In 2023 we saw the continuation of improvements to our emergency police & fire radio system. This was a large, multi-step project that was made more challenging with supply chain issues. In March, LPD switched to a state of the art digital radio system. This system provides clearer radio traffic, additional features, and is interoperable with our surrounding communities, the Cook County Sheriff and the Illinois State Police. Both the old and new radio systems had to be live during the switchover, including installation of field equipment.

During 2023 we also saw the replacement of radios in the squad cars to leverage the investment in the digital radio system. These radios allow the officers to monitor several channels at once, and be interoperable with our surrounding communities, the Cook County Sheriff and the Illinois State Police.

The 911 center also improved the fire department radio system 2023. The addition of U.S. Digital allowed for an automated dispatch of basic call information to the fire department. This frees up the dispatcher to concentrate on the caller reporting the emergency. With Emergency Medical Dispatch, this saves time as the fire department is already on its way while we provide pre-arrival instructions, including CPR or other lifesaving instructions to the public.





Civic Ready:

The Village of Lansing moved to Civic Ready as its mass notification system in May of 2023. The Lansing Police Department utilized the Civic Ready notification system several times during 2023 to notify residents of ongoing incidents. Our hope with these advisements is to balance what information can be released during a changing incident with an explanation of our activity for our residents.

In February, the prior mass notification system was used to advise of a missing 11yr old boy. The boy was located. The public really are the eyes and ears of the police, and our residents have shown that when these types of messages go out, they become involved. We would like to give a big thank you to everyone for their cooperation.

The Civic Ready mass notification system also continued to provide severe weather warnings for those who signed up for the service, including tornado warnings and several severe thunderstorm warnings.

Anyone interested in signing up for the Civic Ready system can do so via the Village of Lansing website. If you have difficulty, please call the non-emergency police number 708-895-7150 for assistance.

Civic Ready

Emergency Mass Notification System
Register Now





Records Department

The primary missions of the records department are to:

- 1) Provide excellent customer service to the public,
- 2) Ensure all police records are maintained correctly, and
- 3) Ensure compliance with all National/State/Local regulations regarding records.

The Supervisor of Communications & Records manages the division, overseeing four full-time records clerks. The records department is open Monday through Friday from 8am until 4pm.

The records department serves as the information center for the police department, and this starts with the quality control measures in place to merge reports daily into the computer system. During 2023, records staff processed over 5,500 police reports, 1,000 accident reports and over 1,100 arrests

The Records Department is responsible for a multitude of services including providing copies of police reports and processing Freedom of Information Act requests. During 2023, the records division processed over 1,500 report requests. Due to state laws, any report request is subject to the guidelines of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Citizens requiring a copy of their police report can always request one to be sent via e-mail if it is more convenient for them. The records department e-mail is lpdrecords@villageoflansing.org

In addition to the above, the records division also receives daily paperwork from the Cook County Court system, which include subpoenas, citations and other county records. The responsibility of the monthly municipal court hearings also falls within the records division.

Records ensures compliance with state and national reporting requirements.

The records division showcases their pride for the Lansing Police Department by creating the Police Department Halloween & Christmas themed displays at Fox Pointe. Records also participates in the annual Shop with a Cop event at Wal-Mart, wrapping gifts for the children and the Special Olympics Torch Run.

Information Technology Department

With the continued use of New World Systems software, installed in 2010, all information is available to any computer connected to the Police Department's Network. This availability includes all desktop computers within the Police Department, laptops used in marked and unmarked police vehicles.

In 2023 we went through some major projects including implementation of DACRA software for the Police State, Municipal & parking tickets, upgrades to the In Car Cameras System, Body Worn Camera System, completing the US Digital upgrade for Dispatch and Fire Department, plus maintaining of all technology at the Police Department and in all Squad Cars.

This is a continuation of the Departments goal of maintaining up to date and new technology.



Community Policing Supervisor

Sgt. Dana Tatgenhorst is the Lansing Police Department's Community Policing Supervisor.

The primary focus of this office is Community Policing, Village Events & special events held within the Village of Lansing.

Village events

2023 was a very busy year for events in the Village of Lansing.

This year we were able to conduct the following events:

- 5k/10k run events
- Autumnfest
- Bike Rodeo
- Chamber of Commerce Wine Walks
- Coffee with a Cop
- Cop on a Rooftop
- Cruise Nights
- Good Neighbor Day Parade
- Lan Oak Fireworks
- Lansing Overnight On Pedals (LOOP) bike ride
- McTeacher night at McDonalds
- National Night Out
- Shop with a Cop
- Special Olympics Torch Run
- Trunk or Treat events
- Various local school events



The Community Policing Supervisor is also responsible for working with Schools and Business for ALICE training. The ALICE acronym stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate which is when a violent intruder enters the premise.

Lansing Police Department Naloxone Dispensing Program

The Community Policing Supervisor is responsible for obtaining and replenishing our Nasal Narcan supply. Individual doses are placed into each AED that Patrol Officers and Supervisors carry in their squads. Officers are trained on how to administer the Narcan. In 2023, Officers administered 16 Nasal doses to 12 patients. Our Officers saved many lives this year with Narcan which is used to reverse the deadly effects of opioids such as heroin.

Animal Control Officer

In May of 2023 The Lansing Police Department hired a new Animal Control Officer/Support Services Assistant. In addition to ACO duties they also assist the Fleet and Building Manager with building maintenance and daily operations.

Since taking the position the Animal Control Officer has conducted community outreach events with South Suburban Humane Society here in Lansing. These events provide low-cost and accessible pet services and information. Several more are already being planned for next year.

In 2023, ACO TJ Douglas was nominated as Animal Control Officer of the year by our partners at South Suburban Humane Society.



Building & Vehicle Operations

The Police Department's facility includes an automated indoor/outdoor Range, K-9 Training facility, and Tactical Training Building, which includes a VR Firearms Training room. The main facility also has a courtroom, which is used for Village Board Meetings, Municipal Ordinance hearings, Heating/Cooling Center, Neighborhood Watch Meetings, as well as other events. Off site, we also maintain an outdoor range, which is used mostly for rifle training.

The Police Department's vehicle fleet and building maintenance is managed by Fleet/Facility Manger Griffin Klausner. In addition to the daily use vehicles, we have several specialty vehicles like the NASQUAD, UTV and K-9 car. The Department also operates two fixed radars which are mounted on poles withing the village with the goal of slowing speeding motorists down. All Police Department vehicles are kept on a comprehensive maintenance program and are serviced every 3,000 miles. In addition, as vehicles need repair, they are completed quickly to ensure the fleet is in optimal operational condition and safe for our officers.

During 2023 we saw the replacement of 2 marked Police squad cars with 10 additional squads added to the fleet with brand new 2024 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor SUVs. These new vehicles were equipped with state of the art emergency equipment by Federal Signal Corporation. These vehicle will serve the Village of Lansing for at least the next four years, while providing for the safety of our Officers with bright LED lights that warn motorists of Police activity.

Several projects were started in 2023 that involved the building improvements. Some of the larger updates included the officer break room upgrade which was original to the building construction & repainting most of the building interiors.





Community Policing

The Lansing Police Department has been continually expanding the Community Policing role throughout the agency. All members of the Department are involved in Community Policing in one way or another.

Neighborhood Watch meetings are quarterly meetings for the entire village rather than by areas, 4 meetings were held in 2023. The meetings were held in the Courtroom at the Lansing Police Department. The calendar for meetings is updated on the Village of Lansing website at www.villageoflansing.org.

The Business Watch Program teamed up with the Lansing Chamber of Commerce. Representatives from the Police Department attend the Chamber of Commerce business lunches and have given presentations or held question and answer sessions with business owners and leaders. This has proven to be a great venue to expand the program and build partnerships with the business community.

As the popularity of on-line person-to-person sales are increasing, the Lansing Police Department encourages residents to utilize the designated “Meetup Spot” in front of the police department for purchases or exchanges established through the internet. This area is continually monitored by video surveillance, and may thwart some not so well intentioned “sellers” or “buyers” from illegal activities.





In the Community





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Neighborhood Watch

Neighborhood Watch consists of neighbors who are committed to maintaining the safety and quality of life on their residential block. The Neighborhood Watch success relies on citizens to organize themselves, work with the Lansing Police Department through a Neighborhood Police Liaison, and keep a trained eye on their neighborhood. It is through that persistent presence that criminals are deterred or not given the opportunity to commit a crime. Participants also have the opportunity to communicate their safety and quality of life concerns to the assigned liaison's, who will work to resolve emerging neighborhood problems.

The Lansing Police Department has long supported the notion that involved residents who work in conjunction with the police are the most successful in reducing crime. In Lansing, Neighborhood Watch groups work with their respective "beat officers" to prevent crime and maintain security in their individual neighborhoods. There are four Watch Groups to represent the four patrol beats, as listed on page 10 of this report. Each watch group is assigned to designated officers. This allows the group to deal with the same group of officers on a regular basis and for the officers to become familiar with the residents and their issues.

Each Neighborhood Watch has a designated "Neighborhood Police Liaison" who will be responsible for coordinating the group. The liaison will also:

- Keep the contact information current for the neighborhood watch group.
- Communicate Crime Alert information to the group.
- Assist in holding meetings to discuss neighborhood issues (frequency decided by group).

To participate in a neighborhood watch contact Sgt. Dana Tatgenhorst 708-895-7130, dtatgenhorst@villageoflansing.org

Neighborhood Watch meetings in 2023 were held quarterly in the Courtroom at the Lansing Police Department. The schedule of meetings along with a "Beat Map" is located on the Village Website on the Police Department Page under the Community Policing tab, Watch Group Meetings.





Coffee with a Cop

Coffee with a Cop is a simple concept: Police Officers and community members come together in an informal, neutral setting like a restaurant to discuss community issues, build relationships, and drink coffee. In over 80 cities in 24 states, Coffee with a Cop has done wonders for community trust and partnership building. One of the keys to Coffee with a Cop's success is that it removes the physical barriers that routinely exist between police officers and community members, allowing for the relaxed, one-on-one interactions which are the necessary foundation of partnerships. Informal contact in a friendly atmosphere increases trust between police officers and the members of our community which is critical to public safety and problem solving.

In 2023, Coffee with a Cop held 2 events. In April at Calumet Bakery & in June at McDonald's.





National Night Out Against Crime

The Lansing Police Department, along with many communities all across the country, celebrated National Night Out on Tuesday, August 1, 2023. The event was held at Fox Pointe from 5pm to 8pm.

National Night Out is a nationwide cohesive effort to promote involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships, neighborhood camaraderie, and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

This year's National Night Out was a great success as hundreds of Lansing residents took part in the event. Visitors were treated to food, entertainment and raffle prizes. They also mingled with Police Officers and other Department employees. Local businesses donated hundreds of dollars in food and beverages, and other items in support of the event. The food was prepared by members of the Police Department and volunteers. Local businesses also donated items and monetary gifts, which were given away in a free raffle. Residents also enjoyed a K-9 demonstration given by Officer Ken Catron and his partner Pixie. Other activities included a bouncy house, face painting and a dunk tank. Many businesses and organizations participated and helped sponsor the event, all at no cost to Lansing taxpayers. The 2023 National Night Out in Lansing was a success and plans are already in the works to make 2024 the best year yet.

The 2024 National Night Out is scheduled for August 6, 2024. For further information contact Sgt. Dana Tatgenhorst 708-895-7130 or email dtatgenhorst@villgeoflansing.org





NASQUAD

The NASQUAD is a 1998 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor, which is a retired K-9 unit. The partnership between businesses, community and police transformed the car into a race type vehicle. It is used to encourage interactions between citizens and police.

In 2004, the NASQUAD was the Official Pace Car for the 2004 opening day at Illiana Motor Speedway.

Throughout 2023, the NASQUAD was used at several events this year including the Good Neighbor Day parade, Cruise Nights and school related functions.

The NASQUAD won LACE top 10 for Cruise Nights June 23, 2023.





Lansing Rental Housing Program



The Lansing Rental Housing Program is a crime prevention program designed to help residents, landlords, managers of residential rental properties, and the police keep drugs and other illegal activity out of residential rental properties. All landlords with rental property in the Village of Lansing are required to attend training that provides information on valuable strategies for managing rental properties. The Police Department hosts these classes four to five times a year, depending on the amount of landlords who need to attend the class. The success of this program hinges on the cooperative efforts of the Building and Police departments within the village.

In 2023 we were able to hold several classes on Crime Free Housing for Lansing Landlords, 48 were able to attend these classes. These classes are required by Lansing Village Ordinance. New landlords must attend a four-hour class and receive a certificate of completion in order to be in compliance.

The Sergeant of Support Services is also responsible for making notifications to landlords when a tenant(s) has committed a crime violating the Crime Free Housing Lease Addendum. In 2023 there were 4 investigations resulting in 4 tenants compliance to leave.



School Crossing Guards

Adult school crossing guards play an important role in the lives of children who walk or bicycle to school. They help children safely cross the street at key locations. They also remind drivers of the presence of pedestrians. The presence of adult crossing guards can lead to more parents feeling comfortable about their children walking or bicycling to school. A guard plays another key function as a role model helping children develop the skills necessary to cross streets safely at all times. The primary responsibility of an adult school crossing guard is to help children safely cross the street as they walk or bicycle to and from school.

Upon hire, crossing guards are trained to execute the following goals:

- Discourage children from behaving unsafely near traffic, such as darting into the street without looking or crossing against a traffic signal. A guard can encourage safe behavior by all pedestrians at the school crossing.
- Use existing gaps in traffic to help students cross safely and alert motorists that pedestrians, especially children, are present. When the natural traffic flow does not allow enough time for children to safely cross a street, a guard may need to create gaps by stopping traffic temporarily. The guard stops traffic with hand signals or a STOP paddle, then verbally directs children to cross the street. A guard is always the first person in the street and the last person out of the street.
- Take personal responsibility to promote and maintain a safe environment at busy crosswalk intersections.
- Observe and report any incidents or conditions that present a potential safety hazard to the school children or the guard.

We currently employ 23 crossing guards, who report to the Executive Secretary and the Sergeant of Support Services. These crossing guards are normally deployed at 20 different intersections throughout the Village of Lansing.





Lansing Police Department Partners Up with Special Olympics Illinois



Special Olympics of Illinois is a not-for-profit organization offering year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of sports for nearly 21,500 athletes with intellectual disabilities and more than 18,500 young athletes, ages 2-7, with and without intellectual disabilities. Through training and competition, Special Olympics enhance their physical fitness, motor skills, self-confidence, and social skills. Special Olympics transforms the lives of people with intellectual disabilities by giving them continuing opportunities to experience joy, demonstrate courage, and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympic athletes, and their communities.

For three decades the Lansing Police Department has been involved with the Special Olympics of Illinois by actively raising money locally. Our efforts have an impact locally as Lansing is home to the Knights of Columbus swim team which has athletes with disabilities competing at year round Special Olympics sporting events. Several of the athletes also compete and qualify to attend the Special Olympics summer games.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics returned for 2023. Several Officers ran with the Torch along with several of the athletes from the Knight's of Columbus swim team from the start at 193rd St. and Burnham to the end of Lansing's leg at 170th St and Burnham Ave. travelling over three miles.

Several members of the Lansing Police Department participated in "Coffee for Champions", formerly known as "Cop on a Rooftop". This event is in partnership with Dunkin, where Officers sell Special Olympics Merchandise and collect donations from customers, while they purchase their coffee or donuts to start their day. In 2023 through the sale of merchandise and collection of donations, the Lansing Police Department raised over \$6,000.00 to support Special Olympics of Illinois.





Grant Writing Committee

Grant Writing Committee Overview

The Lansing Police Department Grant Writing Committee is tasked to research, complete applications, and manage grants available to law enforcement. The Committee is headed by Deputy Chief Mike Hynek, Lieutenant John Tomaszewski, and SOCR Brian. Retired Deputy Chief Steven Roberts had a major role in obtaining grants for the agency in recent years. All members have been trained in the process of grant research, writing, and the management of those grants.

2023

Grant	Project	Award
IDOT Step Grant	Traffic Safety	\$170,280.00
ICRMT PowerDMS Grant	PowerDMS Subscription	\$4,816.22
Illinois Attorney General	Retail Theft Crime Grant	\$19,000
Tobacco Enforcement	Compliance Checks	\$2,500
Walmart	Shop with a Cop	\$2,500
Walmart	National Night Out	\$2,500
		\$201,596.22

2022

Grant	Project	Award
IDPH EMS Assistance Grant	AED and Supplies	\$4,260.00
EMRS UASI Grant	VR FATS System	\$62,500.00
ICRMT PowerDMS Grant	PowerDMS yearly subscription	\$9,632.44
911 Grant	GIS work, arial mapping, software upgrades	\$47,978.00
IDOT STEP Grant	traffic enforcement	\$140,864.00
Tobacco Enforcement Grant	tobacco compliance checks	\$1,793.00
BVP	bulletproof vests	\$9,082.50
Wal-Mart	Community Grant - NNO	\$2,500.00
Wal-Mart	Shop with a Cop	\$2,500.00
Wal-Mart / Sam's Club	Canine Grant	\$1,500.00
		\$282,609.94



IN MEMORY OFFICER KEN “KENNY” NOVAK #612



On April 8, 1992 Officer Ken “Kenny” Novak stopped to assist what appeared to be a routine disabled vehicle in the area of 172nd and Oak Avenue. He was soon joined by another officer, Officer George Dragicevich, who was his backup officer. This “routine” incident became anything but, as gunshots soon rang out. During the exchange Officer Ken “Kenny” Novak lost his life, while Officer George Dragicevich was critically injured.

Officer Novak will forever be in the hearts of the men and women of the Lansing Police Department that continue to serve the Village of Lansing.