



# 2014 PORT HURON DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY ANNUAL REPORT



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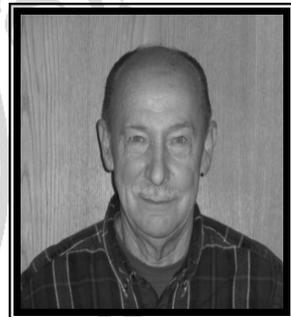
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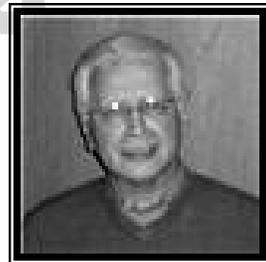
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## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Michael Reaves  
Director of Public  
Safety. Chief of the  
Police, Fire and  
Code Enforcement  
Divisions

Mr. James Freed – City Manager  
Mayor Repp & City Council Members  
Port Huron Citizens  
100 McMorran Boulevard  
Port Huron, MI. 48060

Re: Annual report on the activities of the Port Huron Department of Public Safety –Police, Fire and Code Enforcement Divisions – year 2014; Interpretation of the Departmental Statistics and Crime Trends.

City Manager Freed, Mayor Repp and Council Members, Citizens of Port Huron:

I wish to present the annual report on the activities of the Port Huron Department of Public Safety – Police, Fire and now Code Enforcement division for the calendar year 2014. The calendar year 2014 was another year of change that has been on-going since the re-organization of the Port Huron Police Department began in the winter of 2011, and has continued on in many different fronts. I can gladly report that our efficiency and effectiveness continue to increase upon the consolidation of these public safety services under one umbrella. Proof of this claim is shown in that both Public Safety Divisions – PD/FD in 2014 came in “as budgeted”.

As we look back over the past year we continue with our mindset being that of Community Policing, via our much heralded Community Oriented Policing (COP) program that uses distinctive zones to give officers ownership and accountability while keeping them directly involved with citizens, Neighborhood Watch and community groups. Citizens have access to their zone officers through telephone or email through our PHPD website [www.porthuronpolice.org](http://www.porthuronpolice.org). We have found that this much heralded program has been a vital link between the community that we serve and its police department. This improvement in communication has really blossomed our Neighborhood Watch programs. This has also brought many other area organizations to want to “partner” in our Community Oriented Policing program. This program has clearly given the PHPD an identity with the community that we serve. It shows that it is a good thing to be affiliated with the Port Huron Police Department. We have begun to expand upon that community relationship –opening to both our Fire Division and new Code Enforcement Unit. Community Oriented Policing / Problem Solving Policing efforts will continue to be our department’s cornerstone of philosophy.

I am glad to announce that our hard work over the last few years in our neighborhoods continues to show that the crime trends of several serious criminal offenses have begun to decrease. Ever since the police division began to implement specialized police operations in our neighborhoods, they have been having an effect on the quality of life for our residents, which has equated to a reduction in criminal events in our neighborhoods. We will continue to utilize “hot spot policing” techniques that require utilization of current crime trend data in order to correctly place police resources where they are most needed.

We have completed a rigorous schedule of fire inspections that now allows us to be on-track for future inspection periods, which greatly increases our community’s fire safety. We have now implemented the Code Enforcement Unit. We are already making progress in identifying those properties that are the worst of the worst, taking the necessary steps to remediate the problems.

We work under continued increases in calls for service and investigation of criminal incidents, in a time that our resources continue to be increasingly limited. Nevertheless, we strive to continue to be a service oriented agency, centered upon working to develop a long term partnership with the community that we serve.

I commend the men and women of the Port Huron Department of Public Safety –Police, Fire and Code Enforcement Divisions for their outstanding work in yet another transitional year. It has been a fast paced, exciting year in the City of Port Huron. I am pleased to present the year 2014 in review. We work very hard to make this city a safer, more enjoyable place to live, work, and visit. We are very proud of our efforts, but we do not rest upon our accomplishments. Our future will continue to be one of change, with continued evolvement as we transition toward our goal of being the best.

Sincerely,

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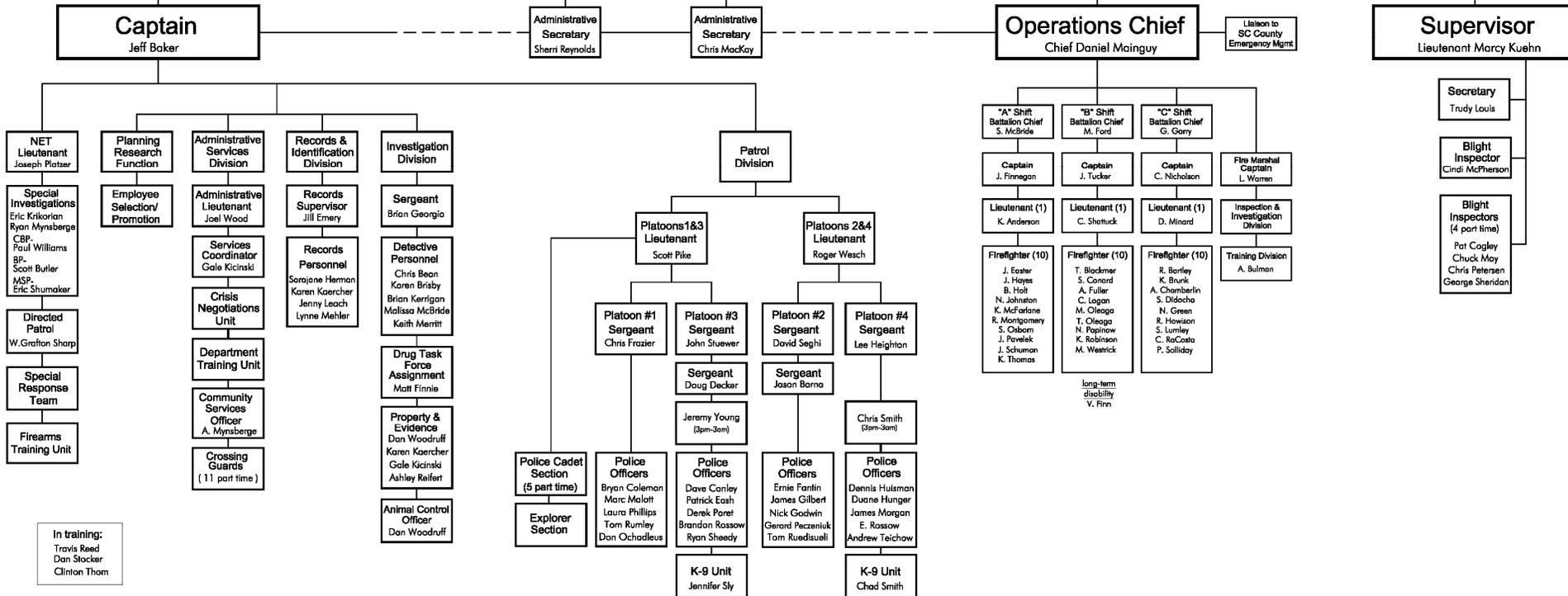
# PUBLIC SAFETY ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

**DIRECTOR**  
Michael Reaves

## POLICE

## FIRE

## CODE ENFORCEMENT



In training:  
Travis Reed  
Dan Stocker  
Clinton Thom

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## CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

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*Capt. Jeff Baker*

The Port Huron Department of Public Safety- Police Division saw another busy year in 2014 in relation to events, community relations and crime prevention. The Department has undergone over the past several years a major makeover in regard to its policing of the neighborhoods. The focus has shifted to a community based policing model that assigns officers to neighborhood zones throughout the city. Citizens are welcome to contact these officers regularly with information or questions regarding their neighborhood, policing initiatives in their area or any other concerns they may have.

In relation to the efforts in our neighborhoods, the Department continues to support many programs that are vital to our community. One of the Department's premier components is the CAPTURE program. CAPTURE is an anonymous tip line where callers can give information about a crime without revealing their identity. The caller is assigned a number based on their tip, and can later follow-up to see if their tip led to an arrest. Those tips that lead to an arrest or solution of a crime are eligible for a reward up to \$1000 depending on the seriousness of the crime. The program is very successful and is supported by many businesses, community leaders and citizens. The crutch of the program's funding comes from fundraising. This year CAPTURE teamed up with the Recreation Department and was a co-sponsor of the color run in August. In addition, CAPTURE held its annual spaghetti dinner in October. Both of these events were huge successes and we ask residents to watch for these events in 2015, and come out to support a great program.

For the third straight year the Port Huron Police have participated in a newer policing model used by many progressive agencies nationwide. The model is based on data which is derived from crime reports and utilized to identify smaller, condensed areas that have high concentrations of

criminal activity. Patrol activity is then focused on these areas to curb the higher crime rates. The Police Department wrote a grant in 2014 for additional funding to support the hot spot policing program. The funding was approved and helped bolster our efforts in putting additional resources in the hot spot areas. Another grant funding opportunity through the federal government was applied for in 2015.

The Police Department is continuing its grassroots effort to bring a stronger partnership with the community by providing programs such as DARE, School Stop, Neighborhood Watch, Volunteers in Policing and the Citizen Police Academy. Port Huron Police Department is the only agency in the area still providing the DARE program. The program is a valuable resource in our schools and provides a great opportunity for the youth in the community to interact with police in a positive manner. School Stop is a program our agency has been doing for several years in which our officers, while on patrol, regularly stop at our local schools and walk through the halls greeting staff and students. Our Neighborhood Watch Program is second to none in the area and is a great opportunity for neighbors to get to know one another and forge a greater bond with their assigned zone officers. In early 2015 we will be hosting our 12<sup>th</sup> annual Citizens Police Academy. The academy is well received by its attendees and has led many to join our police volunteer program. Our focus is to improve communication and relationships with our citizens.

During the past year our agency has welcomed the addition of three new officers to the Police Department. Officers Andrew Teichow, Travis Reed, and Daniel Stocker are part of the PHPD family. The year also saw the retirement of Records Supervisor Shelley Pavlinak. Shelley worked for the Department for 19 years and was a great asset to both her staff and the citizens that relied on the Records Department for information.

The Police Department would like to thank all of its supporters, and in particular the citizens of this town that have been resilient in the fight against crime. Together we can make a difference.

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## INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION



Sgt. Brian Georgia

The Port Huron Police Department's Criminal Investigative Division conducts investigations into felony crimes and assists the patrol division in the investigation of some misdemeanor crimes. Criminal incidents assigned and investigated by the division include, but are not limited to, homicide, robbery, sexual assault, felonious assault, child abuse, elder abuse, domestic violence, arson, insurance fraud, burglary, identity theft, embezzlement, and computer crimes. The division is also regularly tasked with assisting other local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies with investigations that originate outside of and/or involve persons who reside within the city.

Investigators assigned to the division received specialized training in the area of crime scene management and evidence collection/processing. Select investigators have received specialized training in the areas of sex crime investigation, child abuse investigation, elder abuse investigation, death investigation, fire investigation, computer crimes, and/or cell phone forensics. The detectives are also highly trained in interviewing/interrogation and are expected to possess a high degree of communication skills. Some of the secondary duties and responsibilities within the division include surveillance, confidential informant recruitment/management, reward and tip management through the CAPTURE program, second-hand store and precious metal dealer licensing/monitoring, Michigan Liquor Control Commission compliance/licensing, and the investigation of referrals received from the Protective Services Division of the Michigan Department of Human Resources.

The Port Huron Police Department's Criminal Investigative Division is supervised by Det. Sgt. Brian Georgia and consists of the following investigators: Detective Malissa McBride, Detective Karen Brisby, Detective Brian Kerrigan, Detective Keith Merritt, and Detective Chris Bean.

In 2014, the division was involved in several complex, lengthy, and major investigations that resulted in convictions for numerous felons. Some of these convictions resulted in lengthy prison terms for the offenders who committed crimes such as Murder, Torture, Unlawful Imprisonment, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Child Abuse, and 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Criminal Sexual Assault.

<b>INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION STATISTICS</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
COMPLAINTS ASSIGNED	1259	936	969
COMPLAINTS CLEARED	1159	833	778
COMPLAINTS CLEARED WITH WARRANT	688	547	513
COMPLAINTS CLEARED ADMINISTRATIVELY	427	261	252
COMPLAINTS CLEARED BY INACTIVITY	47	25	10
STATUS OFFENSES	32	12	12
FELONY PROSECUTION REQUESTS	502	423	378
MISDEMEANOR PROSECUTION REQUESTS	391	291	213
FELONY PETITIONS	26	21	27
MISDEMEANOR PETITIONS	91	71	64
FELONY ARRESTS	198	142	133
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	126	53	89
CONTACTS	3175	2995	3269
PROPERTY RECOVERED VALUE	\$17,692	\$51,813	\$80,433
DHS REFERRALS	153	168	82
SEARCH WARRANTS	62	48	63
INTERVIEWS	882	659	641

# NEIGHBORHOOD ENFORCEMENT TEAM



*Lt. Joseph Platzer*

The Neighborhood Enforcement Team has had some major changes in 2014. With the department's commitment to the citizens of Port Huron and the community we serve, the name of the unit was changed from the Major Crimes Unit to the Neighborhood Enforcement Team (NET). NET also has had some personnel changes in the last year. NET added a uniform position which is known as the "Directed Patrol" position. This officer's number one priority is to be visible in the neighborhoods providing proactive policing for the citizens of Port Huron, while providing NET members with investigation assistance. NET lost two key investigators with Officer Young being re-assigned to road patrol and Det. Frazier being promoted to Sergeant. Officer Ryan Mynsberge who was the first officer chosen for the "Directed Patrol" position took over Officer Young's patrol investigator position and Det. Krikorian replaced Sgt. Frazier. NET also expanded their operation with the addition of a Michigan State Trooper, an officer from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection and an agent from the U.S. Border Patrol. This has been a great collaboration between the Port Huron Police Department and the three different agencies. In February, NET members investigated the death of John Allen which was ruled a homicide. A suspect was identified and arrested. In October, Judy Higley-Zuehlke was convicted of Second Degree Murder and Concealing the Death of an Individual involving John Allen. Judy Higley-Zuehlke was sentenced to 28 years in prison. In August, Manuel Francisco Gamez was convicted of First Degree Murder for the deaths of Melissa Ichenberg and Daniel McRoberts. Manuel Gamez was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole. In October, a shooting occurred where two homes were struck by gun fire. Within the first hour of the investigation a suspect was identified. Within 30 hours of the investigation the suspect was located and arrested by NET members. The suspect is currently awaiting trial in the St. Clair County Circuit Court. NET continues to work with other agencies throughout St. Clair County and the State of Michigan to solve crimes where ever they occur.

Safety of the citizens, either living or visiting the City of Port Huron and partnering with our community continues to be the number one priority for members of the Neighborhood Enforcement Team.

## NEIGHBORHOOD ENFORCEMENT TEAM STATISTICS

	2013	2014
<b>COMPLAINTS ASSIGNED</b>	197	338
<b>FELONY ARRESTS</b>	119	129
<b>MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS</b>	65	115
<b>INTERVIEWS COMPLETED</b>	220	174
<b>INTERROGATIONS</b>	87	139
<b>CONFESSIONS</b>	60	80
<b>PERSONAL INVESTIGATIONS</b>	122	142
<b>WARRANT ATTEMPTS</b>	116	158
<b>SEARCH WARRANTS</b>	63	62
<b>FIREARMS RECOVERED</b>	19	8
<b>STOLEN PROPERTY RECOVERED-VALUE</b>	\$10,000.00	\$3,000.00
<b>FORFEITURES</b>	\$3,840.00 in Cash	\$12,937.97 in Cash
<b>FORFEITURES - PROPERTY</b>	2 vehicles, jewelry, bike, 16 cell phones	12 Vehicles, Jewelry, Bike, Heater, X Box and 5 Cell Phones

## CODE ENFORCEMENT UNIT



Lt. Marcy Kuehn

The Code Enforcement Unit started in October 2013 after months of input from property owners, city staff members, City Council and former City Manager Bruce Brown. This new unit is run out of the Police Department instead of the Planning Department and hired additional part time inspectors. Our staff consists of supervisor, Lt. Marcy Kuehn; secretary, Trudy Louis; full time inspector, Cindi McPherson; part time inspectors, Chris Petersen, Pat Cogley, George Sheridan and Chuck May. Housing Summits were held to garner community feedback which included updating city ordinances and creating a fix-it ticket program. The ordinances were updated in December 2013 and the first fix-it ticket was written in January 2014. We began working to development a court system within the city building called the Administrative Hearing Bureau (AHB). In February 2014, Hearing Officers Stan Hirt and John Livesay, licensed Michigan attorneys, began conducting hearings twice a month.

Inspectors responded to 2,493 complaints and initiated 75% of these enforcements. Upon conducting an inspection, they issued tickets 88% of the time. Most of these tickets gave the owner or tenant time to fix the problem and escape fines. When dealing with repeat offenders, we don't always give them that option. Out of the 2,218 tickets issued, 78% were dismissed showing immediate compliance. Another 17% complied after AHB involvement. Another 10% had the issue corrected by the city remedying the situation through an ordered grass cut or clean up. Basically 88% of owners/tenants cooperated and we forced the cooperation of another 10% by contracting the work (grass cuts/clean ups) and billed the violator for the costs. Some cases are still in the process of being heard through the AHB and a couple dozen have outstanding issues that weren't resolved through the first AHB process. When this occurs, we look at issuing additional fines, taking them to Circuit Court, issuing a state civil infraction/misdemeanor ticket, obtain garnishments or liens, or work to connect the owner with grant funding, volunteers, or assistance programs that may not have been available previously.

Blight Violations are the open storage of building materials, junk & debris, and unlicensed or inoperable vehicles. This includes issues with the exterior structure of a building, fence, or garage (which may or may not be finished or inhabitable) and the enforcement of tall grass and weeds. We also enforce these types of violations on commercial properties as well. Our goal is to have the City become a better place to live, work and visit along with increasing property values. The more appealing a neighborhood, the less likely it is to be overtaken by more blight, graffiti, or the criminal element. Call (810) 984-9797 or email [phcares@porthuron.org](mailto:phcares@porthuron.org) to report blight or with any questions about our unit.

### CODE ENFORCEMENT UNIT 2014 STATISTICS

<b>TICKETS ISSUED</b>	<b>2,218</b>
<b>VIOLATIONS: OPEN STORAGE</b>	<b>1,268</b>
<b>BUILDING MATERIALS</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>JUNK &amp; DEBRIS</b>	<b>819</b>
<b>VEHICLES (Towed 7)</b>	<b>394</b>
<b>LANDSCAPING (non commercial: grass/weeds)</b>	<b>1,051</b>
<b>EXTERIOR STRUCTURE (including IPMC)</b>	<b>511</b>
<b>COMMERCIAL PROPERTY</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>STRUCTURE (incomplete/uninhabitable)</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>ORDERED LAWN CUTS / COSTS</b>	<b>230 / \$20,674</b>
<b>ORDERED CLEAN UPS / COSTS</b>	<b>22 / \$6,684</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING BUREAU</b>	<b>382 Cases / 521 Hearings Held</b>

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## CODE ENFORCEMENT UNIT



On July 22<sup>nd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 a work crew was sponsored through the St. John's Church – Port Huron Mission Trip. Almost a hundred young volunteers from church groups all over the United States came here to help our residents. They painted houses, fixed porches, or did general maintenance projects. Drinks and snacks were provided to them by CEU after a hard day of labor. We were thankful they gave up a week of their summer break to help the City of Port Huron.

A [78 year old female](#) was recognized as needing help with landscaping and cleaning up her yard near [13<sup>th</sup>](#) and [White St.](#) Our Port Huron Volunteers In Police Service (VIPS) group gladly accepted our call for help and were assisted by the Mynsberge family and two city councilpersons Anita Ashford and Ken Harris. The crew [spent 9 hours](#) improving her yard. Lunches were donated by Fuel, Buscemi's, A Little Something, and lawn bags and equipment were provided by the VIPS and City Council Members.



In the late summer months, a citizen thanked us for prompting her to clean up the vacant lot she owned. She discovered a loaded handgun in the tall brush and turned it over to police. At times, the city is forced to hire contractors to clean junk from yards or cut grass when citizens refuse to do so. The owners are then billed for the work, but at times, reimbursement is difficult.



We focused on an Abandoned/Junk Vehicle campaign in September where we encouraged residents to fix, tow or store their inoperable, unregistered vehicles. We were pleased we only had to tow seven cars out of 394 violations this year. [On October 25<sup>th</sup>](#) during "[Make a Difference Day](#)" [members of our unit volunteered their time picking up trash and raking leaves in the Olde Town District in conjunction with Blue Water Churches and Operation Transformation.](#)

**Before and After photo of home that was cleaned up.**

The [Harrison Pointe Neighborhood Watch](#) [group offered to cut the lawns of a few nearby vacant lots so](#) the city did not [have to incur the costs](#). This saves the city from the difficult task of collecting from out of [state/foreclosed owners, or banks](#). Signs that read, "This lawn was cut by Harrison Pointe Neighborhood Watch" were placed in these lots to instill pride in their neighborhood and hopefully generating more residents to be a part of their worthwhile group. Our appreciation goes out to them and we thank them for coming up with that brilliant idea.



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## RECORDS BUREAU



*Supervisor Jill Emery*

The Port Huron Police Department Records Bureau processes and maintains records such as incident reports, crash reports, moving violations and parking tickets. They also process warrant requests, sex offender registry updates and various licenses and permits.

The Port Huron Police Department Records Bureau began significant changes in 2014. Shelley Pavlinak-Bell retired from the Police Department in December after 19 years of service, the last 16 of those as Records Supervisor. Upon her retirement, Jill Emery was selected as the new Records Supervisor. Mrs. Emery worked for the Police Department from 1988 – 1994 as a Records and Identification Clerk. She served as the Administrative Secretary from 1994 to 2000 and then from 2007 to 2014.

The Port Huron Police Department Records Bureau is currently supervised by Records Supervisor Jill Emery and consists of five Records and Identification Clerks; Lynne Mehler, Karen Kaercher, Jenny Leach, Sarajane Herman and Ashly Bauman.

The Records Bureau will be adding efficiencies in 2015. The highlight of these will be the implementation of a new records management system, CLEMIS. The CLEMIS records management system is being incorporated in most law enforcement agencies in St. Clair County, which will greatly improve information sharing. This information sharing will enhance the Port Huron Police Department's ability to solve major crimes. CLEMIS also provides efficiencies in the submission of crime reporting to the State of Michigan.



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# 2014 PROMOTIONS

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*Lt. Marcy Kuehn, Chief Reaves and Lt. Joe Platzer*



*Detective Chris Bean and Sergeant Chris Frazier  
being sworn in to their respective positions.*



*Sgt. Jason Barna, Chief Reaves and Sgt. Doug Decker  
being sworn in as Sergeants.*



*Supervisor of Records Division Jill Emery*



*Lt. Roger Wesch being promoted from Sergeant.*

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## DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS

To: Mr. James Freed –City Manager;  
Mayor Repp – City Council Members thru channels;  
Citizens of Port Huron:

**Re: Annual report on the year 2014 activities of the Port Huron Department of Public Safety - Police, Fire and Code Enforcement Divisions  
Interpretation of the Departmental Statistics – Crime Trends, notes of interest.**

City Manager Freed, Mayor Repp, City Council Members and Citizens of Port Huron;

In your review of this year’s annual report you will be able to find additional information relative to the work product of the Port Huron Department of Public Safety -Police and Fire Departments for 2014, along with some information concerning the activities of the Code Enforcement Unit. As I indicated in my annual report message, 2014 continued as an exciting year of “change” for the Port Huron –Department of Public Safety.

### **Department of Public Safety – Police Division**

I would like to offer some comment relative to what our annual report speaks to. First off, we continue to address the increase of assaultive crimes in this community through it’s attachment to illegal narcotics trafficking. We utilize available directed patrols and special operations such as, Covert, Operation Safe Streets and Data Driven Approach to Crime and Traffic (DDACTS), which made a direct impact towards narcotics dealers. We continue to add additional technology in the police division whenever possible to allow for the making of data-driven decisions by shift supervisors based upon crime trends and analysis of hot spots for criminal activity. Our statistical report shows that these efforts are bearing results.

We continue to be hampered with our current records management system that does not conform to modern policing practices. The information provided by our current Visionaire – TriTech system-verses- the State of Michigan Incident Crime Reporting (MICR), and the Central Dispatch Authority are in conflict in many reportable categories. With the implementation of CLEMIS in early 2015 – it is our hope that the Port Huron Police Department will have a modern, effective and efficient records management system, which will allow us to provide a more detailed analysis of our work product in serving the community.

The Calls for Service for the Police Division increased slightly in 2014 at +2.3%. We showed the number of total reports taken to be statically even with 2013. Helping us manage the Calls for Service load, and the demand for police reports is the inclusion of the automated on-line citizen crime reporting tool Cop Logic, also showed an increase of +20.2% We showed a slight increase in crimes reports closed with an arrest warrant authorized of +1.7 %; and a decrease of reports open of – 34.8%.

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There was and continues to be a significant increase in robberies reported at +35.5%, along with an increase in fires identified as arson at +150%. I note that the difference in arsons fires from 2013 four (4) fires to 2014 with ten (10) fires reported, with several of these fires being rubbish containers or dumpsters, and on two occasion's playground equipment. The increase in robbery complaints continues to be connected to the amount of substance abuse in the community, with many of those involved are eventually determined to be drug addicts.

There were significant decreases reported in Criminal Sexual Conduct complaints of -21%; along with a decrease in auto thefts of -30.5%. We are reporting a decline in homicides for 2014 of -66.7% which equates to three (3) in 2013 to one (1) in 2014. In the categories of Larcenies we showed a significant decrease of -11.6% and a similar decrease in burglaries of -9.5% for 2014. Charged Assault crimes remained statistically the same as 2013, and a slight increase in damaged property crimes of +2.5% were reported for 2014. With the decreases in these reporting areas, we also report a decrease in both Juvenile and Adult Arrests of -3.9% from 2013.

We show a slight increase of Motor Vehicle Accidents for 2014 of +2.71%, but a significant decrease in the amount of injuries reported in accidents of -16.8%. In 2014 we also recorded one (1) fatal accident for a significant decrease of -66.7% from 2013. A byproduct of our workload productivity showed a -.4% decrease in traffic violations, but an increase in parking violations of +6.9%, and a decrease in OWI arrests of -22.1%.

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### **Department of Public Safety – Fire Division**

In reviewing the DPS-Fire Division statistics for 2014, several areas of interest were noted. Fire Department responses to calls for service have remained relatively unchanged from 2013, with a decrease from 4013 to 4012. There were some slight increases in call volumes for the areas covered by Station 3 (+2.8%) & Station 4 (+6.1%) while Central Station (-3.8%) saw a slight decrease in calls for service. Overall our fire department calls for service remain statistically unchanged from 2013.

In 2013, the fire department conducted a thorough review of its inspection program for commercial businesses. It was discovered at that time that there were gaps in scheduling of fire inspections. The Public Safety Director ordered a re-evaluation of the inspection program, with the goal being that all businesses to have been brought into a two (2) year cycle of inspections. The increase in the performance of these inspections in 2013 has resulted in the noted decrease of the annual inspections numbers in 2014 (1048 in 2013 to 572 in 2014).

The totals reflected for Public Education Contacts are compiled from station tours, school safety talks and presentations to civic and community groups and is totaled from attendance and survey forms completed by participants. This number has increased 38% due to the fire departments focus on providing fire prevention and safety messages to our citizens.

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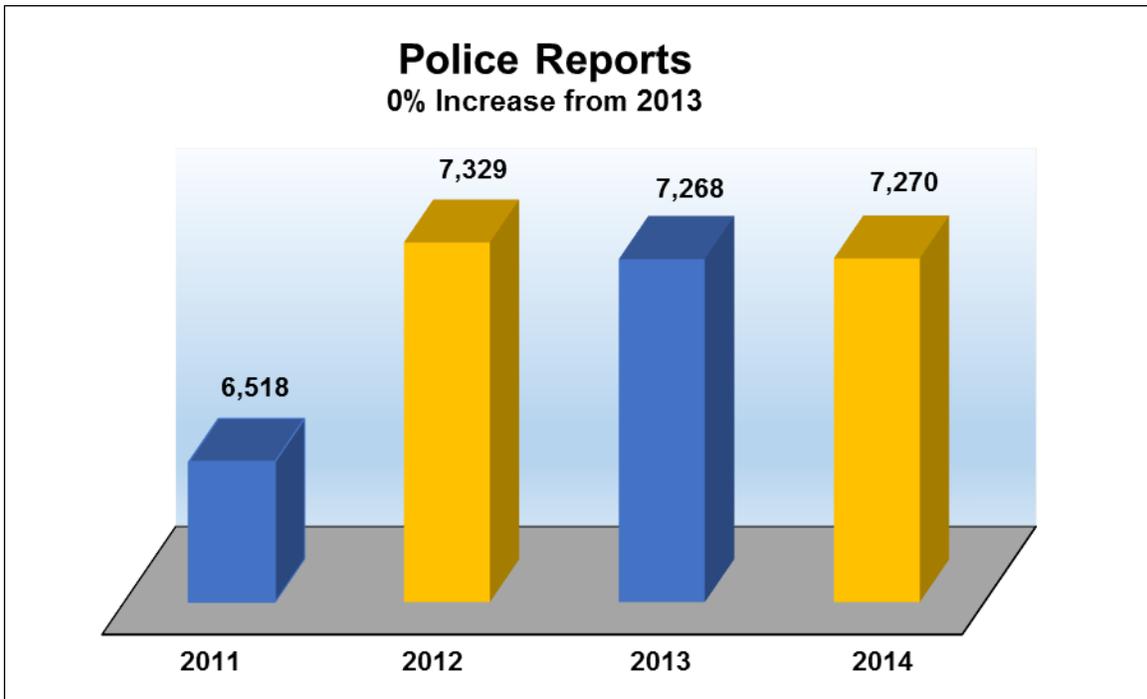
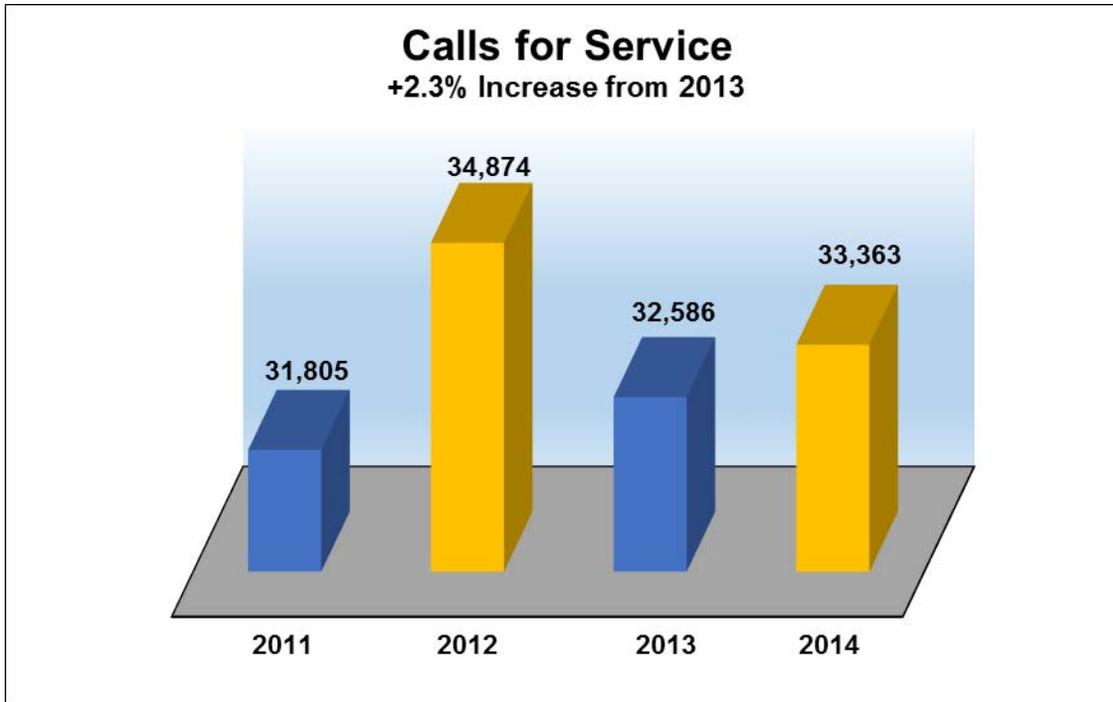
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## **Code Enforcement Unit**

A total of one full time and four part-time Code Enforcement Inspectors, along with administrative staff will now utilize the resources of the DPS – Police and Fire Divisions, in conjunction with the current Planning and Inspections Department officials, to clean-up those properties and areas that have become an eyesore and a detriment to our property values. By working together in a problem solving collaborative effort, we will strive to improve our neighborhoods, strengthen the team approach of working with our residents to a better quality of life, and enticing others to move to our community.

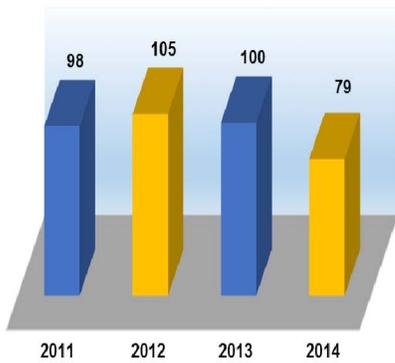
In 2014, the City investigated 2,493 calls pertaining to Blight and Code Enforcement. In 2014 seventy-five (75%) of these calls were initiated by Code Enforcement Inspectors. In 2013, 1,622 calls were received pertaining to blight complaints, for an increase of + 871 complaints. In 2014 CEU Inspectors wrote 2,218 blight tickets, of which 78% were dismissed showing an immediate compliance.

# PHPD STATISTICS

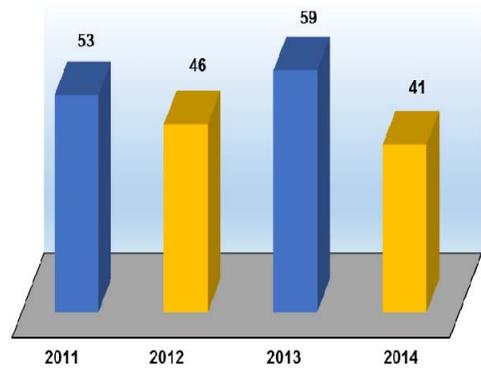


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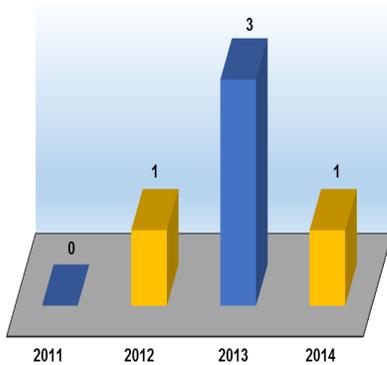
**Criminal Sexual Conduct**  
-21% Decrease from 2013



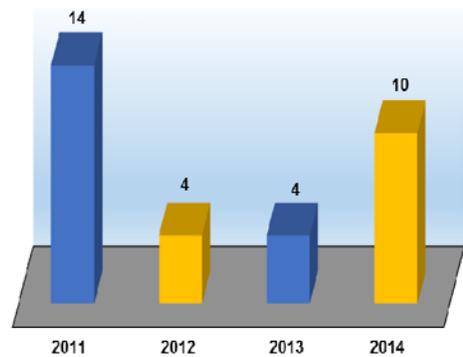
**Auto Theft**  
-30.5% Decrease from 2013



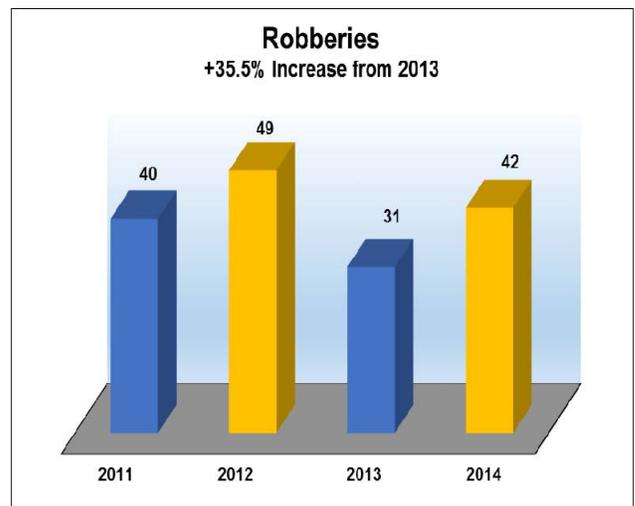
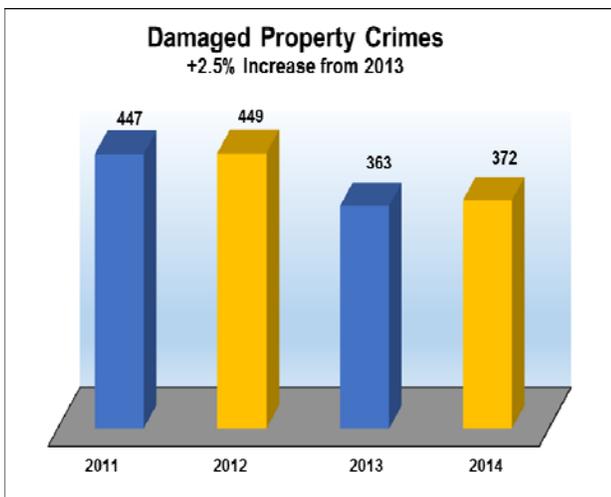
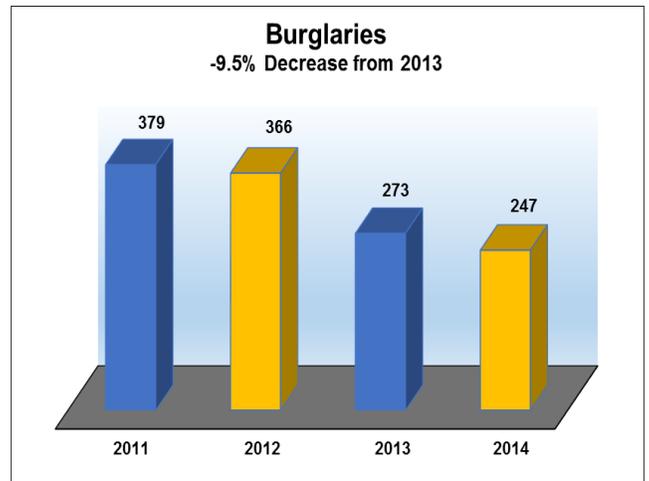
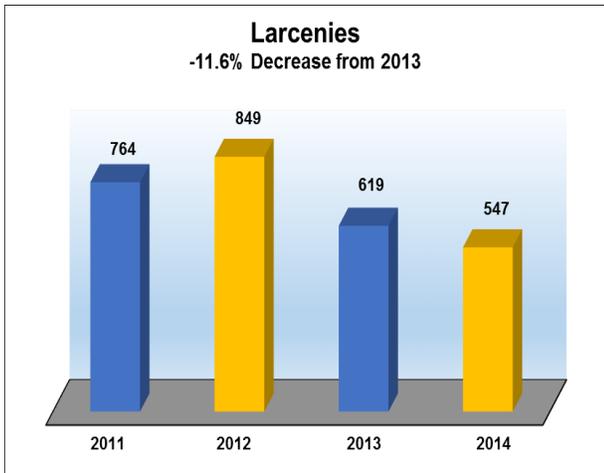
**Homicides**  
-66.7% Decrease from 2013



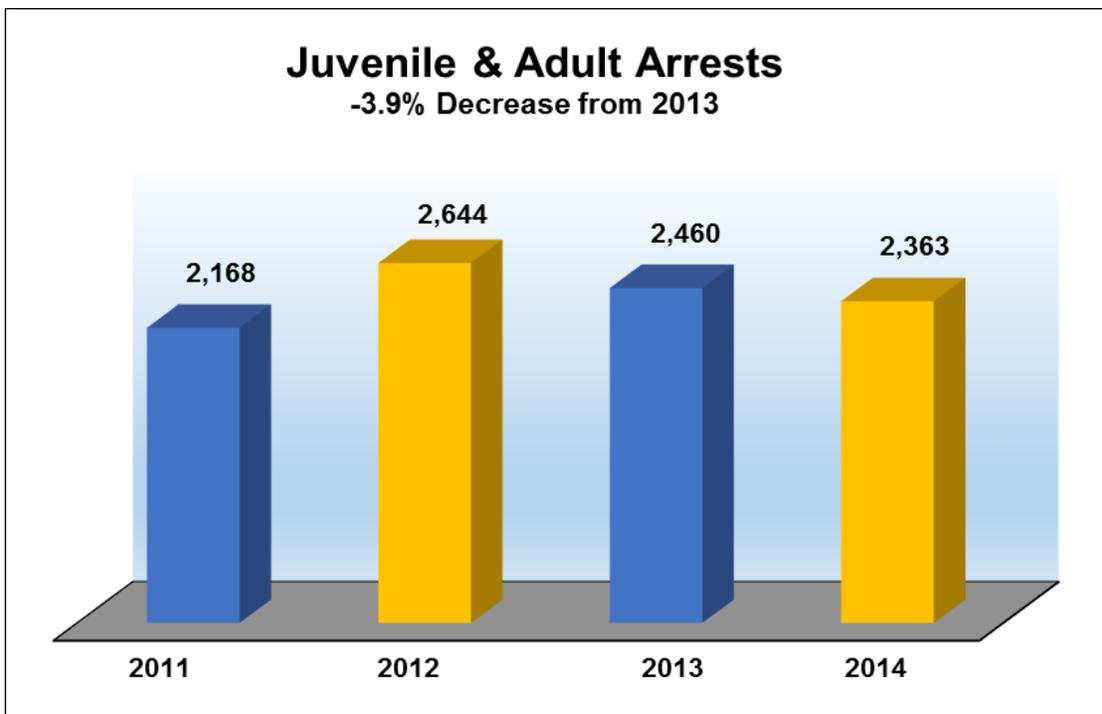
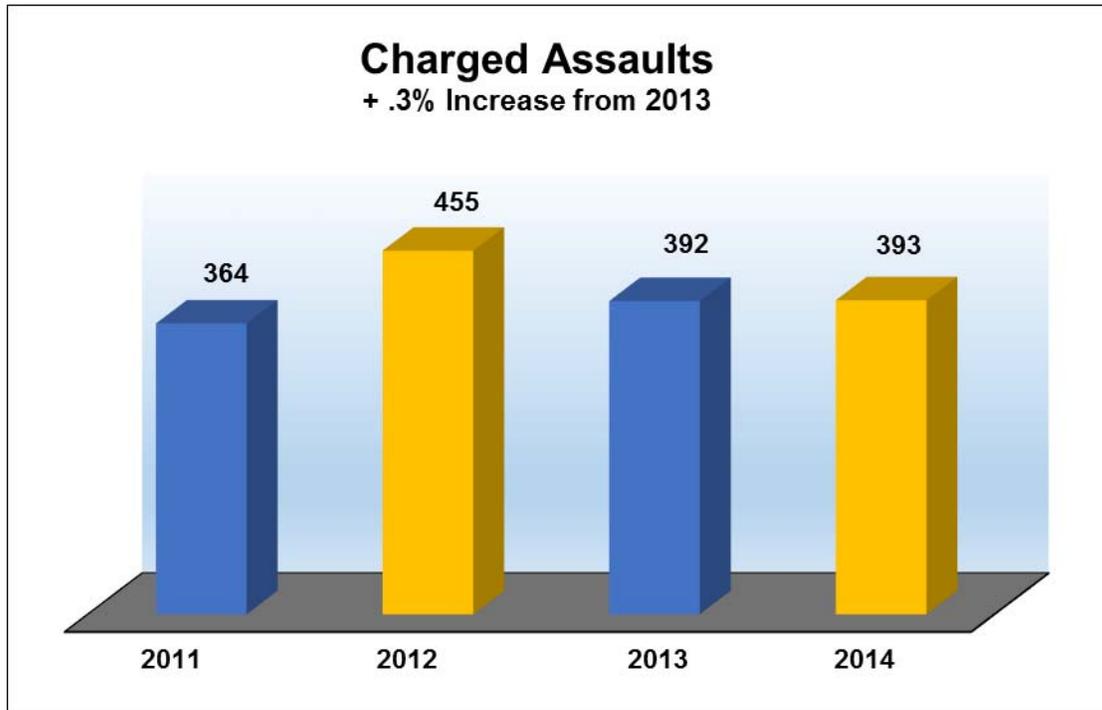
**Arsons**  
+150% Increase from 2013



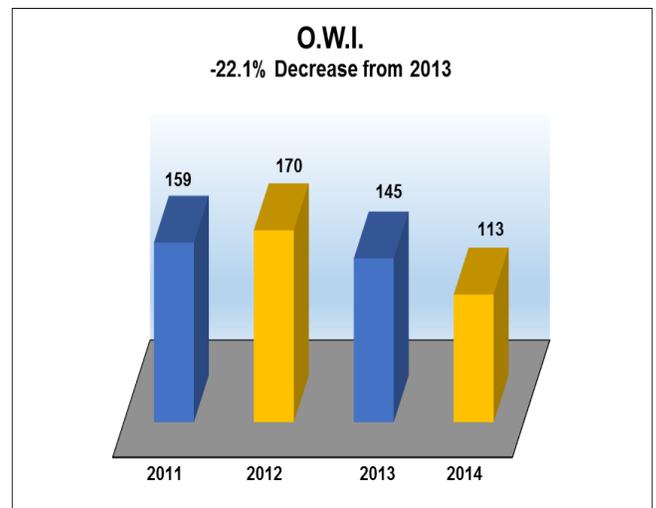
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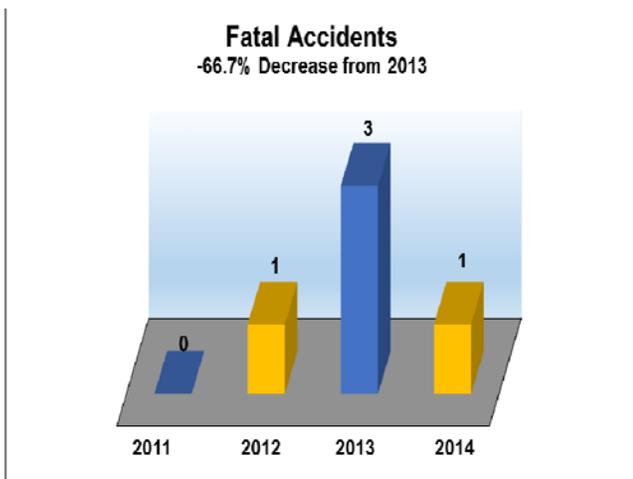
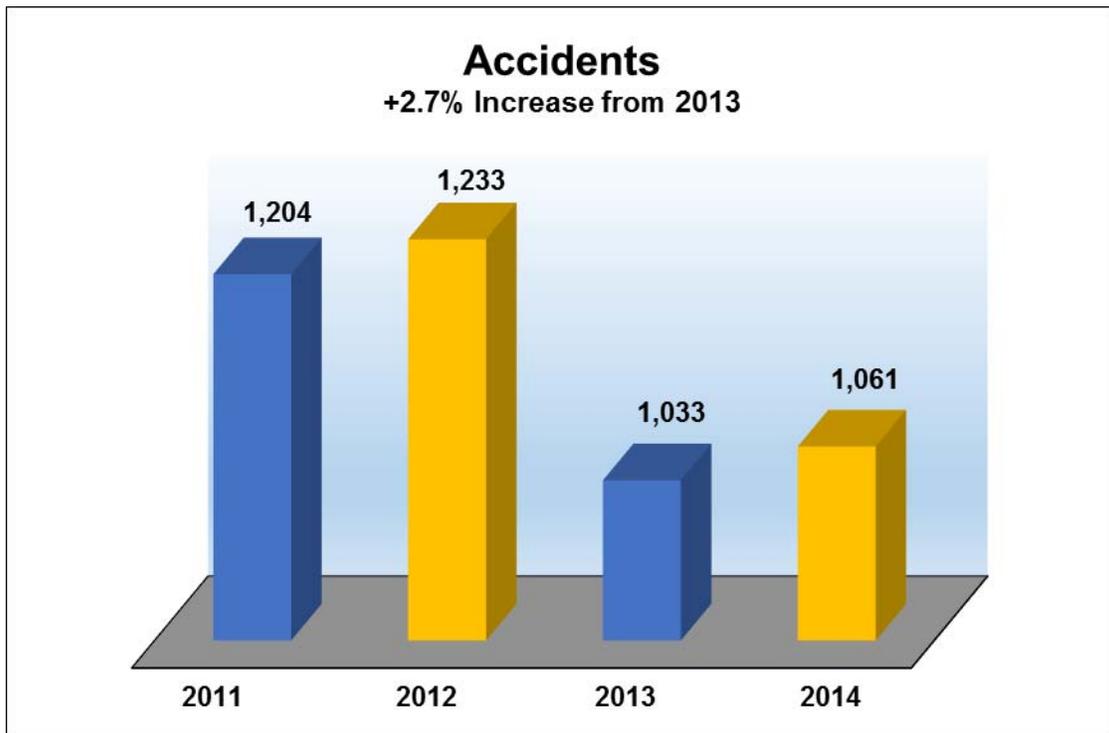
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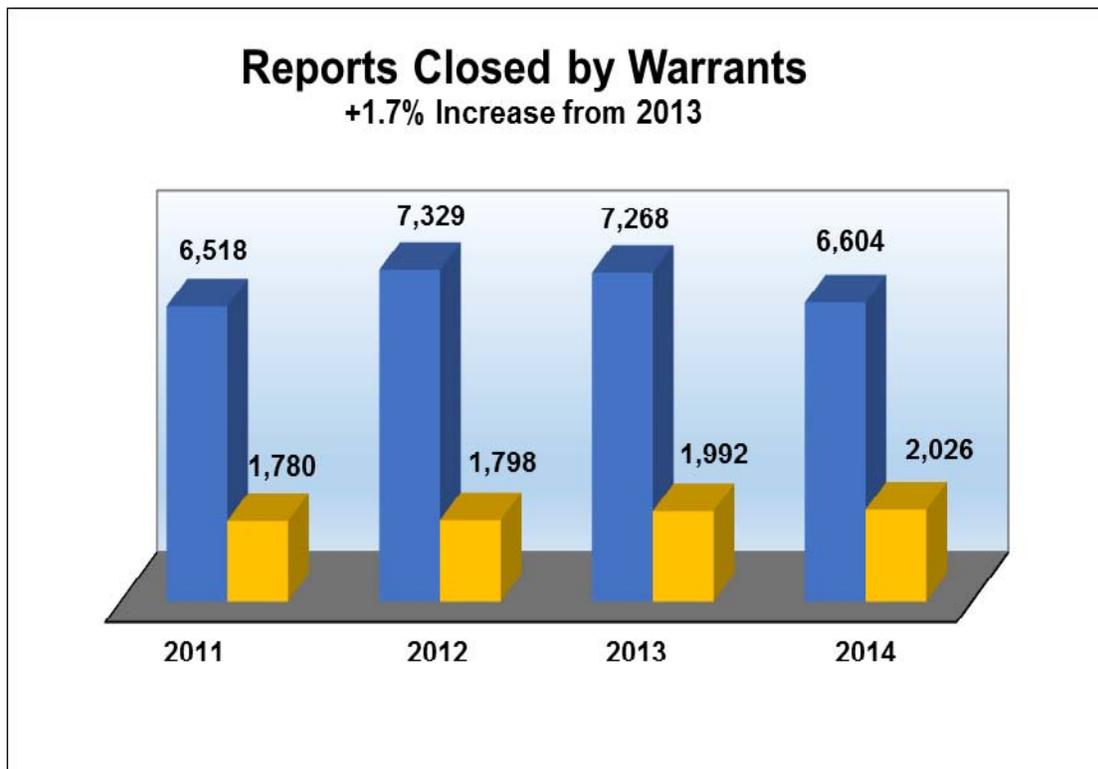
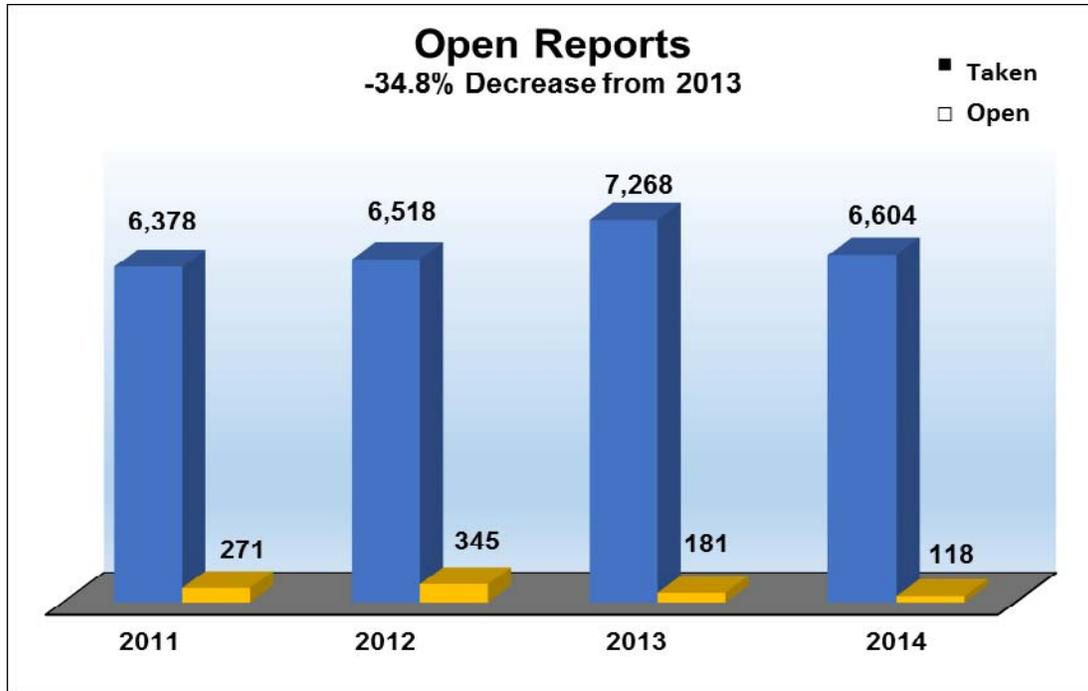
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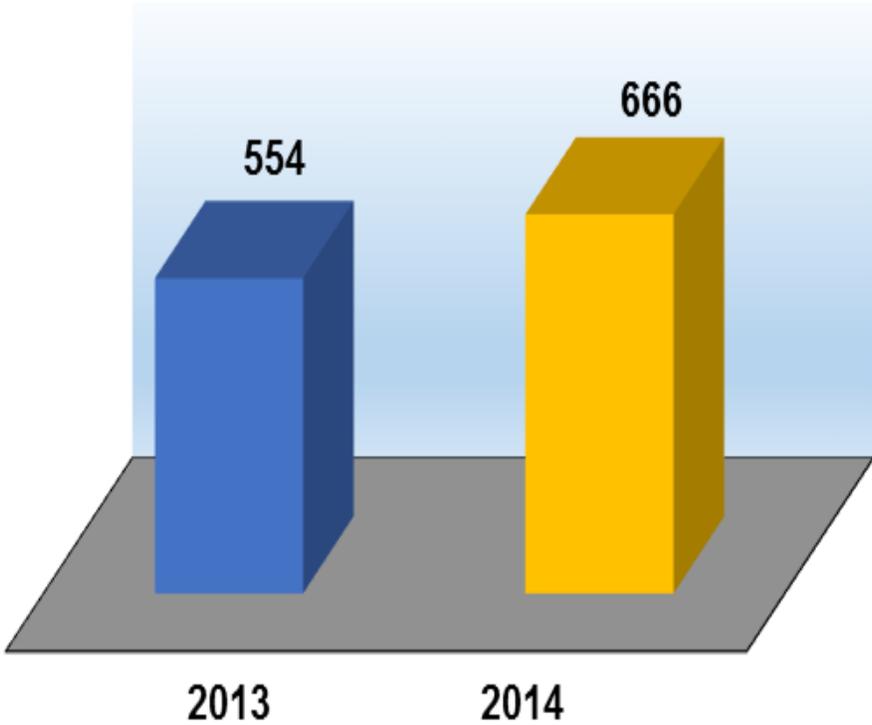


# PHPD REPORT STATISTICS



# CITIZEN ONLINE REPORTING

## Citizen Online Reporting (CopLogic) +20.2% Increase from 2013



# *St Clair County Central Dispatch*

## *Number Of Calls Report by Department - Complaint*

911 Hangup	911 Hangup Call	280
Aban Veh	Abandoned Vehicle	154
Abduction	Abduction	3
Alarm B E	B and E Alarm	708
Alarm Fire	Fire Alarm	8
Alarm HoldUp	Hold Up Alarm	24
Alarm Panic	Panic Alarm	62
Alarm Test	Testing Alarms	4
Animal	Animal Complaint	1102
Aslt Fel	Felonious Assault with weapon	74
Assault	Assault and Battery/Simple Assault	343
Assist Pub	Assist Public	1470
Ast O Dept	Assist Other Department	358
Bad Check	Bad Check	9
BE Building	B and E Building	475
BE Vehicle	B and E Vehicle	94
BE Wtrcft	B and E Watercraft	1
BOL	Be on Lookout Broadcast	262
Bomb Threat	Bomb Threat	1
Careless Use	Careless Use of Firearm	83
Child Abuse	Child Abuse	43
Child Neglec	Child Neglect	83
Civil Post	Sheriff Civil Posting	1
Civil	Civil Dispute/Issue	474
Death Inv	Death Investigation	46
Disabled Veh	Disabled Motorist	276
Diso Person	Disorderly Person	1047
Dmg Cty Prop	Damage To City Property	12
Domestic	Domestic Violence	1996
Dumping	Dumping Complaint	20
Elder Abuse	Elder Abuse	5
Escape	Escaped Prisoner	1
False Report	False Police Report	2
Fire other	Other Fire	25
Fire Struct	Structure Fire	44
Fire Vehicle	Vehicle Fire	13
Fire Works	Fire Works	181
Fleeing	Fleeing & eluding	11
Fnd Property	Found Property	240
Follow Up	Follow Up Investigation	2163
Found Child	Found Child	27
Fraud	Fraudulent Activity	186
Harassment	Harassment/or by Phone	277
Haz Mat	Hazardous Materials Incident	2
Homicide	Homicide Investigation	1
Ice Rescue	Ice Rescue Operation	1
Ini Officer	Injured Officer/Employee	4
Intox Person	Intoxicated Person	322
Juvenile	Juvenile Matter	364
Larceny	Larceny	586

Liquor Invst	Liquor Investigation/LCC	216
Lost Child	Lost Child	8
Lost Prop	Lost Property	13
MDOP Veh	Mal Destruction of Property Veh	161
MDOP	Mal Destruction of Property/Vandalism	228
Medical	All Medical Calls - Emegercy, Non-Emerg	279
Mental	Emotionally Distb. Person	190
MIP	Minor in Possession of Alc Tobacco or Dr	22
Missing Per	Missing Person or Runaway Juveniles	156
MVL Viol	Motor Veh Law Violation	91
Narcotics	Narcotics Investiqation	388
Neighbor Pro	Neighbor Problem	678
Odor Inves	Odor Investiqation	7
Ord Viol	Local Ordinance Violation	26
PD Acc	Property Damage Accident	955
PI Acc	Personal Injury Accident	173
Pris Detail	Prisoner Detail	3
Pris Tranfer	Prisoner Transport	16
Prop Check	Property Check	78
R and O	Resisting/Obstructing Officer	5
Railroad Mtr	Railroad Matter	3
RD	Reckless Driver	85
Rec Stolen	Recover Stolen Property	38
Retail Fraud	Retail Fraud	70
Robbery	Robbery	38
Sex Offense	Any CSC type complaints, including indec	145
Smoke Inves	Smoke Investigation	4
SOR Adr Ver	Sex Offender Address Verification	127
Spl Detail	Special Detail	797
Stalking	Stalking	44
Stolen Boat	Stolen Watercraft	1
Stolen Veh	Stolen Vehicle	77
Subp Service	Subpoena Service or Attempt Service	1158
Suicide	Suicide or Attempt Suicide	365
Susp Inc	Suspicious Incident	818
Susp Person	Suspicious Person	1848
Susp Vehicle	Suspicious Vehicle	537
Threats	Threats	326
Traffic Stop	Traffic Stops	6578
Traffic	Traffic Other	603
Trespasser	Trespassers	317
Veh in Ditch	Vehicle in Ditch with no damage or UD-10	10
Viol PPO/CBR	Reported poss violations of PPO or CBR	87
Weapons Comp	Weapons complaint	37
Wrnt Arrest	Warrant Arrest	210
Wrnt Attempt	Warrant Attempt	1340
Wrnt Search	Search Warrant	21
Wrnt Subp	Warrant/Subpoena paperwork	1
Wtr Boat Acc	Boating Accident	3
Wtr Disabled	Disabled Watercraft	1
Wtr Drowning	Water Accident/Drowning	1
Wtr Mar Oth	Generic Marine Call	5
Wtr Nav Haz	Navigation Hazard	1
Wtr Rescue	Water Rescue Operation	6

**Group Total: 33363**

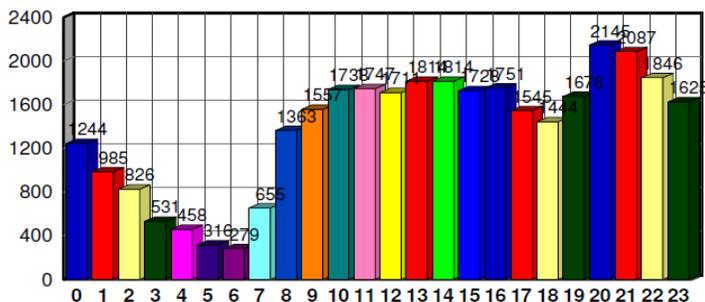
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## St Clair County Central Dispatch Number Of Calls Report by Day of Week - Hour of Day

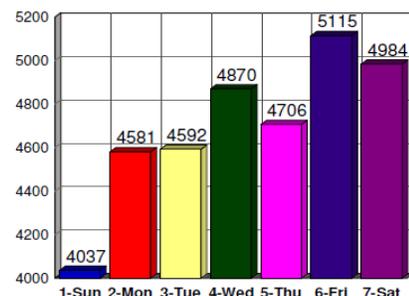
Day/ Hour	1-Sun	2-Mon	3-Tue	4-Wed	5-Thu	6-Fri	7-Sat	Total
0	249	131	136	149	184	166	229	1,244
1	207	125	111	127	126	113	176	985
2	182	86	94	106	96	90	172	826
3	113	63	61	62	49	89	94	531
4	92	60	64	56	60	61	65	458
5	54	40	43	37	39	44	59	316
6	30	42	43	36	45	34	49	279
7	54	92	110	106	112	108	73	655
8	112	197	222	221	230	198	183	1,363
9	132	253	267	245	223	219	218	1,557
10	152	286	260	279	259	262	240	1,738
11	171	272	263	296	266	241	238	1,747
12	220	264	239	281	238	236	233	1,711
13	225	266	262	306	289	267	199	1,814
14	227	291	252	260	273	282	229	1,814
15	212	267	246	255	244	258	246	1,728
16	212	270	245	244	254	268	258	1,751
17	190	233	233	208	209	254	218	1,545
18	180	190	213	181	226	231	223	1,444
19	229	224	219	250	248	259	247	1,676
20	300	263	291	317	279	366	329	2,145
21	205	246	275	342	291	374	354	2,087
22	152	230	252	268	257	367	320	1,846
23	137	190	191	238	209	328	332	1,625
Total	4,037	4,581	4,592	4,870	4,706	5,115	4,984	32885

## St Clair County Central Dispatch Number Of Calls Report by Day of Week - Hour of Day

Calls By Hour Of Day



Calls By Day Of Week





<u>MV Stolen Count</u>	<u>Premises Entered Count</u>
18	2

## 2014 QUALITY ASSURANCE REPORT

MI7467600 Port Huron Police Department

### LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED OR ASSAULTED

Total Officers Killed: 0  
 Total Officers Assaulted Without Injury: 10  
 Total Officers Assaulted With Injury: 2

Number of Police Officers As of October 31, 2014: 55

Report Date: 1/20/2015

Reporting Period: JANUARY -DECEMBER

File Class and Description	Victim Totals	Total Incidents	Number of Arrests	Exceptionally Cleared	Clearance Rate	2014 Offenses	2013 Offenses	Percent Change
9001 MURDER/NONNEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER (VOLUNTARY)	1	1	1	0	100 %	1	2	-50.0%
9003 NEGLIGENT HOMICIDE VEHICLE/BOAT	0	0	0	0	0 %	0	1	0.0%
10001 KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION	1	1	1	0	100 %	1	3	-66.7%
11001 SEXUAL PENETRATION PENIS/VAGINA CSC 1ST	1	1	0	0	0 %	1	9	-88.9%
11002 SEXUAL PENETRATION PENIS/VAGINA CSC 3RD	3	3	2	0	67 %	3	8	-62.5%
11003 SEXUAL PENETRATION ORAL/ANAL CSC 1ST	2	2	1	0	50 %	2	4	-50.0%
11005 SEXUAL PENETRATION OBJECT CSC 1ST	2	2	0	0	0 %	2	2	0.0%
11007 SEXUAL CONTACT FORCIBLE CSC 2ND	1	1	0	0	0 %	1	4	-75.0%
11008 SEXUAL CONTACT FORCIBLE CSC 4TH	6	5	3	0	60 %	5	5	0.0%
12000 ROBBERY	46	42	10	0	24 %	42	31	35.5%
13001 NONAGGRAVATED ASSAULT	651	591	283	2	48 %	613	666	-8.0%
13002 AGGRAVATED/FELONIOUS ASSAULT	171	142	72	0	51 %	144	114	26.3%
13003 INTIMIDATION/STALKING	358	345	6	1	2 %	346	394	-12.2%
20000 ARSON	4	6	0	0	0 %	7	4	75.0%
21000 EXTORTION	1	1	0	0	0 %	1	0	0.0%
22001 BURGLARY FORCED ENTRY	166	161	20	0	12 %	168	163	3.1%
22002 BURGLARY ENTRY WITHOUT FORCE (INTENT)	47	46	7	0	15 %	46	62	-25.8%
22003 BURGLARY ENTRY W/OUT AUTH. W/OR W/OUT FORCE	19	18	1	0	6 %	29	47	-38.3%
22004 POSSESSION OF BURGLARY TOOLS	0	0	0	0	0 %	0	1	0.0%
23001 LARCENY POCKETPICKING	1	1	0	0	0 %	1	0	0.0%
23002 LARCENY PURSES/NATCHING	1	1	1	0	100 %	1	0	0.0%
23003 LARCENY THEFT FROM BUILDING	109	110	14	0	13 %	110	129	-14.7%
23005 LARCENY THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	89	83	6	0	7 %	84	89	-5.6%
23006 LARCENY THEFT OF MOTOR VEH PARTS/ACCESSORIES	7	8	0	0	0 %	8	2	300.0%
23007 LARCENY OTHER	313	340	20	0	6 %	343	394	-12.9%
24001 MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	34	37	5	0	14 %	39	54	-27.8%
24002 MOTOR VEHICLE AS STOLEN PROPERTY	1	1	0	0	0 %	1	4	-75.0%
25000 FORGERY/COUNTERFEITING	8	24	3	0	13 %	24	30	-20.0%
26001 FRAUD FALSE PRETENSE/SWINDLE/CONFIDENCE GAME	14	15	2	0	13 %	17	34	-50.0%
26002 FRAUD CREDIT CARD/ATM	28	29	3	0	10 %	34	44	-22.7%
26003 FRAUD IMPERSONATION	42	46	1	0	2 %	46	64	-28.1%
26004 FRAUD WELFARE	0	0	0	0	0 %	1	4	-75.0%
26005 FRAUD WIRE	1	2	0	0	0 %	2	3	-33.3%
26006 FRAUD BAD CHECKS	20	32	7	0	22 %	35	46	-23.9%
27000 EMBEZZLEMENT	2	10	2	0	20 %	11	10	10.0%
28000 STOLEN PROPERTY	7	9	3	0	33 %	12	6	100.0%
29000 DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	295	331	17	1	5 %	362	363	-0.3%
30001 RETAIL FRAUD MISREPRESENTATION	0	0	0	0	0 %	0	2	0.0%
30002 RETAIL FRAUD THEFT	0	51	26	0	51 %	52	36	44.4%



**MICHIGAN INCIDENT  
CRIME REPORTING**

<u>MV Stolen</u> Count	<u>Premises Entered</u> Count
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35001 VIOLATION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE	2	298	263	0	88 %	321	332	-3.3%
35002 NARCOTIC EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS	0	46	31	0	67 %	79	75	5.3%
36003 PEEPING TOM	0	0	0	0	0 %	0	2	0.0%
36004 SEX OFFENSE OTHER	8	11	5	0	45 %	12	22	-45.5%
37000 OBSCENITY	0	1	0	0	0 %	1	2	-50.0%
38001 FAMILY ABUSE/NEGLECT NONVIOLENT	59	42	7	0	17 %	46	45	2.2%
38003 FAMILY OTHER	6	2	0	0	0 %	4	4	0.0%
39001 GAMBLING BETTING/WAGERING	0	1	1	0	100 %	1	0	0.0%
39002 GAMBLING OPERATING/PROMOTING/ASSISTING	0	0	0	0	0 %	1	0	0.0%
40001 COMMERCIALIZED SEX PROSTITUTION	0	0	0	0	0 %	0	3	0.0%
40002 COMMERCIALIZED SEX ASSISTING/PROMOTING PROST.	0	1	1	0	100 %	1	0	0.0%
41001 LIQUOR LICENSE ESTABLISHMENT	0	4	3	0	75 %	4	2	100.0%
41002 LIQUOR VIOLATIONS OTHER	2	62	36	0	58 %	85	90	-5.6%
42000 DRUNKENNESS	0	1	0	0	0 %	1	4	-75.0%
48000 OBSTRUCTING POLICE	2	45	34	0	76 %	120	109	10.1%
49000 ESCAPE/FLIGHT	0	18	14	0	78 %	19	16	18.8%
50000 OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE	37	154	41	0	27 %	192	166	15.7%
52001 WEAPONS OFFENSE CONCEALED	0	9	7	0	78 %	10	18	-44.4%
52002 WEAPONS OFFENSE EXPLOSIVES	0	2	1	0	50 %	2	3	-33.3%
52003 WEAPONS OFFENSE OTHER	7	26	11	0	42 %	28	34	-17.6%
53001 DISORDERLY CONDUCT	14	47	29	0	62 %	62	42	47.6%
53002 PUBLIC PEACE OTHER	1	6	1	0	17 %	8	4	100.0%
54001 HIT AND RUN MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT	88	90	9	0	10 %	102	79	29.1%
54002 OUIL OR OUID	0	103	102	0	99 %	117	140	-16.4%
55000 HEALTH AND SAFETY	81	109	9	0	8 %	120	115	4.3%
57001 TRESPASS	7	46	24	0	52 %	61	28	117.9%
57002 INVASION OF PRIVACY OTHER	1	1	0	0	0 %	1	3	-66.7%
62000 CONSERVATION	0	3	1	0	33 %	3	1	200.0%
63000 VAGRANCY	0	12	12	0	100 %	13	4	225.0%
70000 JUVENILE RUNAWAY	12	38	0	0	0 %	41	32	28.1%
73000 MISCELLANEOUS CRIMINAL OFFENSE	1	1	0	0	0 %	1	1	0.0%
75000 SOLICITATION (ALL CRIMES EXCEPT PROSTITUTION)	1	1	0	0	0 %	1	1	0.0%
77000 CONSPIRACY (ALL CRIMES)	1	1	1	0	100 %	1	0	0.0%
<b>AGENCY TOTALS:</b>	<b>2,782</b>	<b>3,679</b>	<b>1,160</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>32 %</b>	<b>4,053</b>	<b>4,211</b>	<b>-3.8%</b>

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## MESSAGE FROM PH FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS CHIEF



*Operations Chief  
Dan Mainguy*

As we close 2014 and look forward to 2015, the DPS-Fire Division continues our commitment to protecting the lives and property of those who live, work and visit our waterfront community.

The Fire Division takes pride in our aggressive Fire Prevention and Public Education program which stresses the importance of safety through interactions with our citizens during non-emergency events such as school visits, station tours and presentations to community groups such as neighborhood watch. In the past year, over 4025 children and 2360 adults participated in these informative sessions. Additionally, the commercial pre-fire inspection program continues toward the goal of having each business in the city inspected by fire crews a minimum of every two (2) years assuring the safety of both employees and customers. Our future endeavor toward assuring the safety of our residents is to offer a home safety inspection designed to point out hazards within your home that can be corrected to prevent a potential fire or other emergency.

To further the effectiveness of both the Fire and Police Divisions, the Department of Public Safety took delivery of a new 23 foot aluminum hull rescue/patrol vessel in March 2014. This watercraft was awarded to our agency through a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Port Security Grant and replaced a 1997 inflatable 15 foot vessel that had exceeded its useful life as a rescue craft. Built by Safe Boat Company in Washington State, this modern vessel can be used by the fire division for response to water

rescue incidents and to monitor the air and water during other hazardous conditions involving chemicals or fuel spills along our waterways. As well as by the Police Division to patrol special events and to allow a local law enforcement presence on waterways that border our city. Several hours of joint training were conducted by members of both divisions to gain operational confidence with this new state of the art response boat.

We recognized the hard work and dedication of our firefighting staff during the Public Safety Awards Ceremony in May. Five (5) life saving and five (5) meritorious service awards were presented to members of our division further emphasizing the assurance that we have to make Port Huron a safer place to live. This past year also saw the promotion of Two (2) officers and one (1) firefighter to positions of additional responsibility; Captain Mark Ford to Battalion Chief, Lieutenant Corey Nicholson to Captain, and Firefighter Dale Minard to Lieutenant. Their experience and leadership will assure that we continue to provide you with safe and efficient service.

As always, if I can answer any questions you may have, please feel free to contact me.

Daniel E. Mainguy  
Fire Operations Chief  
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# FIRE DISTRICTS

## ENGINE #3

FIRE STATION ●

AREA COVERED



## CENTRAL STATION

FIRE STATION ●

LADDER 1/SQUAD 1  
AREA



## ENGINE #4

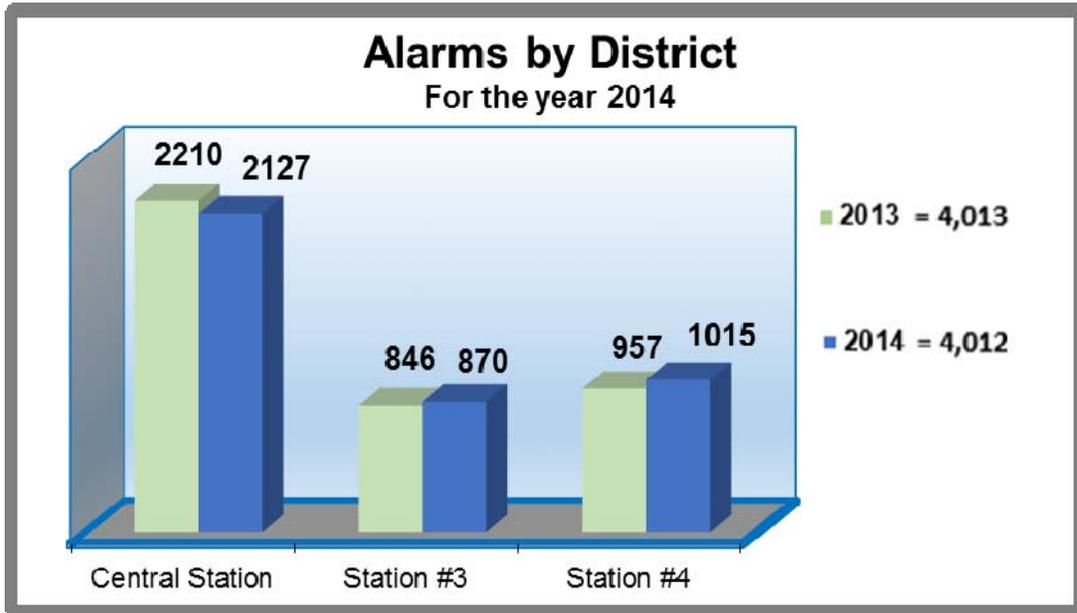
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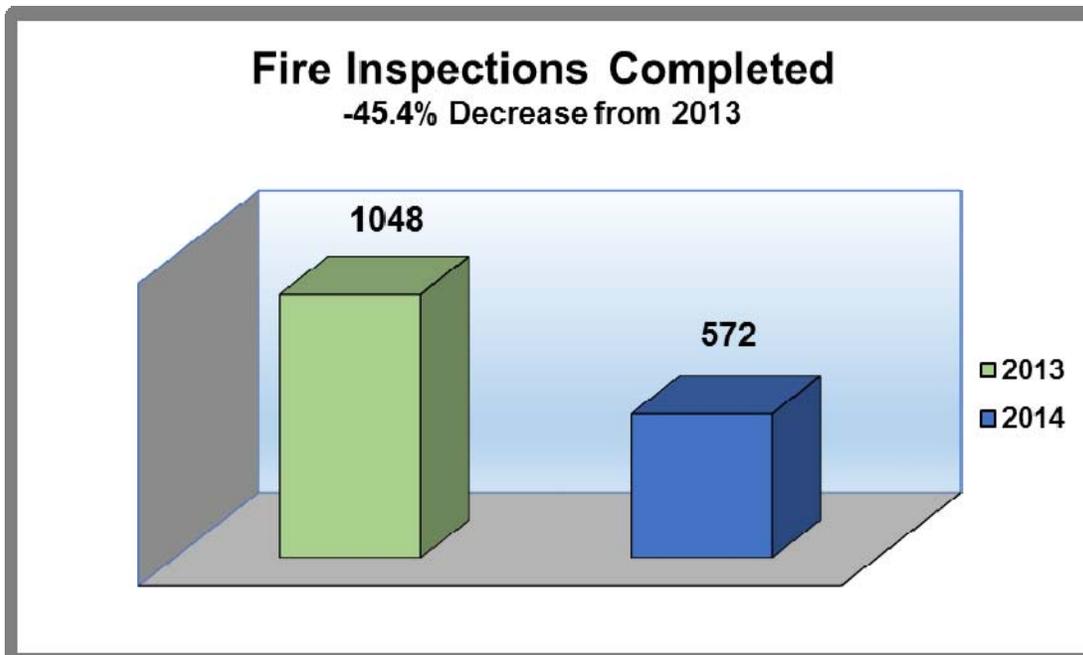


GENERAL STREET MAP  
CITY OF  
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# FIRE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

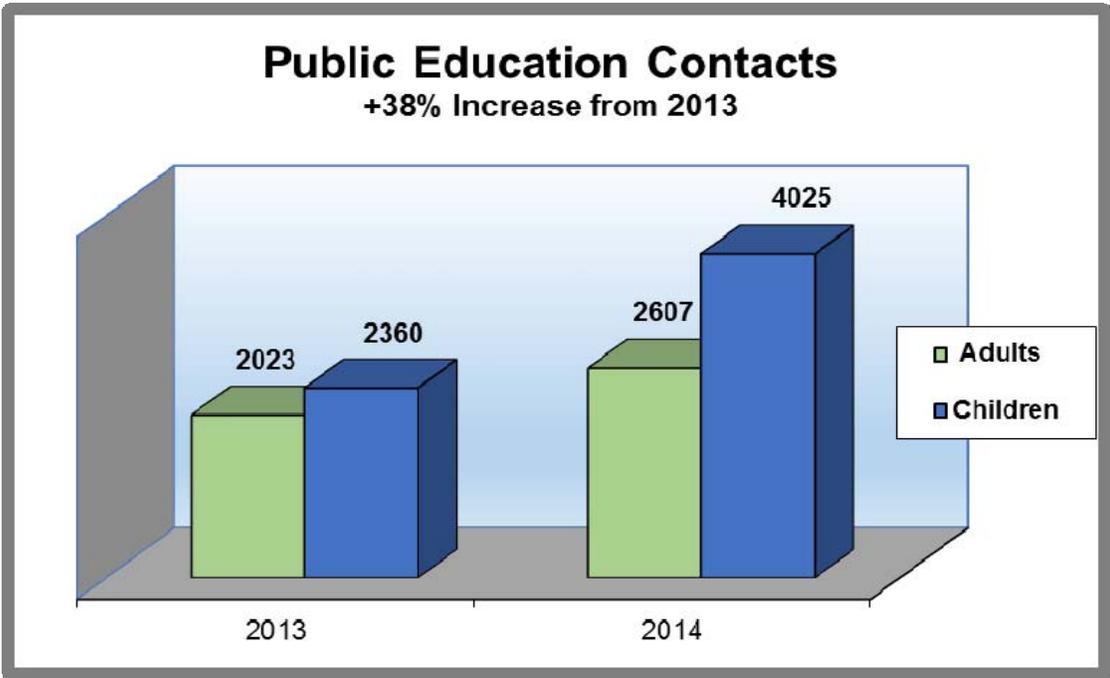
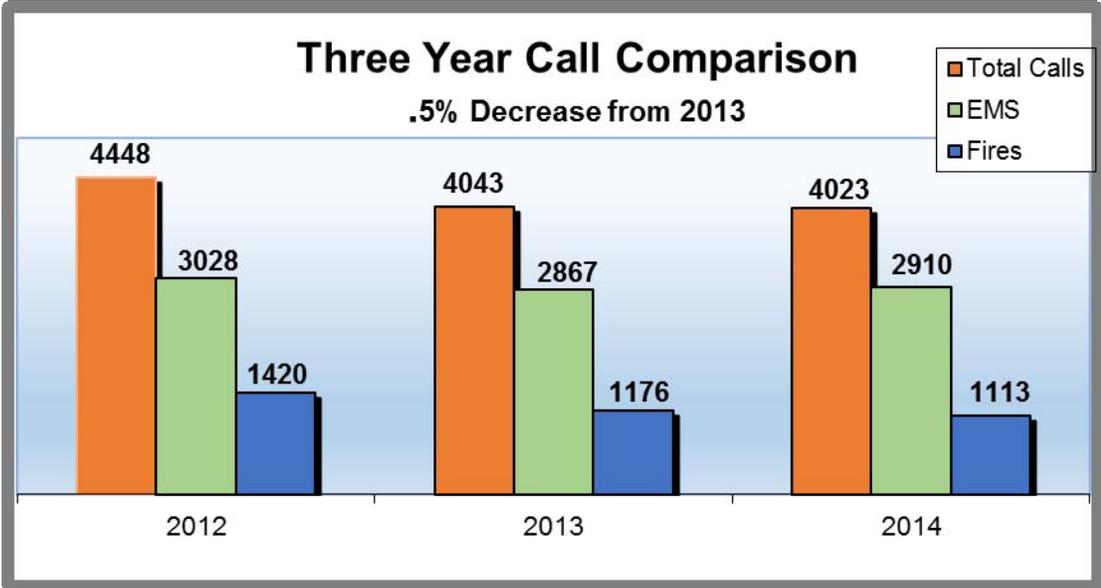


Central Station -3.8% Decrease  
Station 3 +2.8% Increase  
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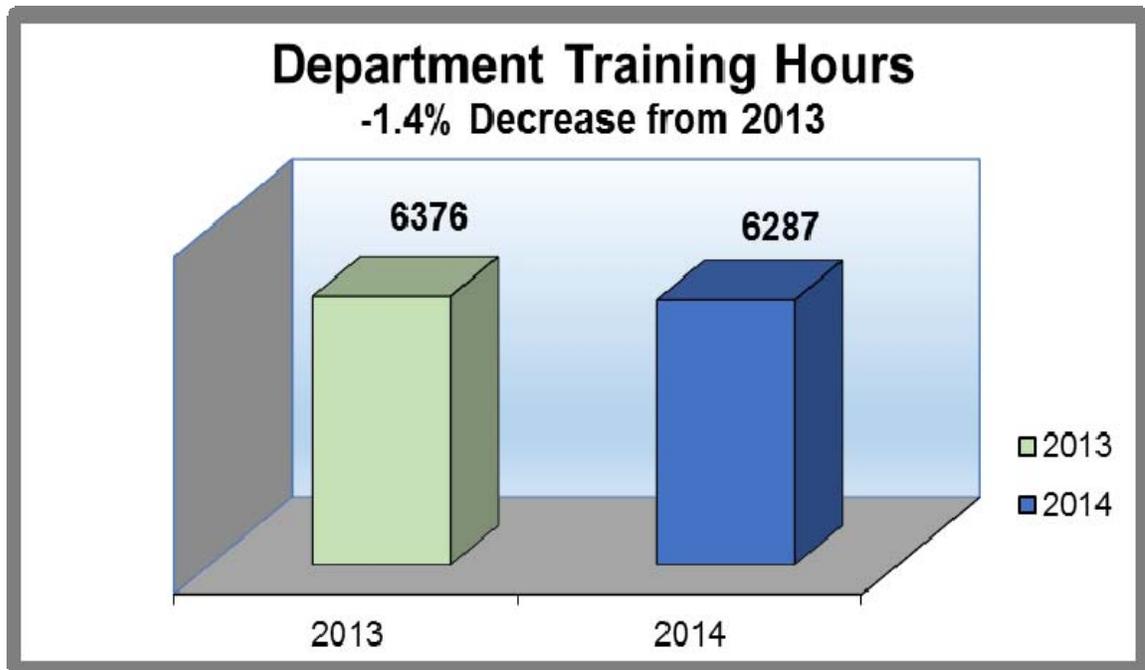


Decrease due to inspections scheduled on a 2 year cycle

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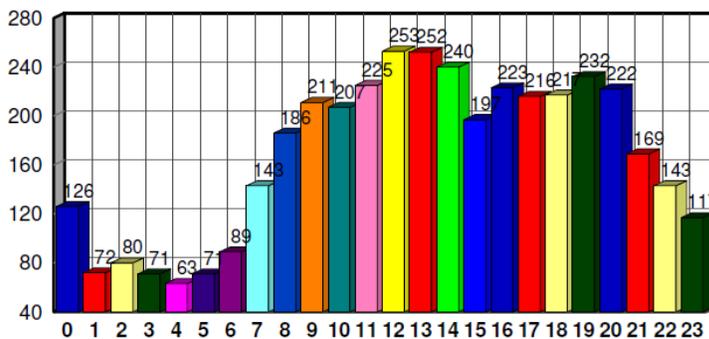


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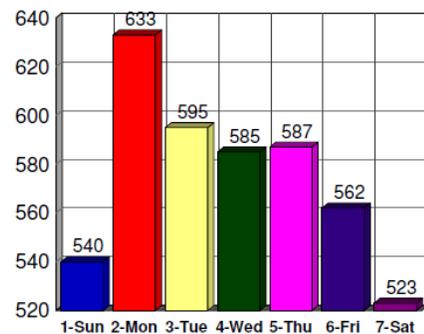
## *Number Of Calls Report by Day of Week - Hour of Day*

Day/ Hour	1-Sun	2-Mon	3-Tue	4-Wed	5-Thu	6-Fri	7-Sat	Total
0	22	19	16	24	18	9	18	126
1	13	9	10	15	6	8	11	72
2	16	15	15	8	4	11	11	80
3	11	13	8	12	9	10	8	71
4	12	6	7	7	11	9	11	63
5	12	10	12	11	6	9	11	71
6	12	13	11	17	10	10	16	89
7	14	24	27	16	27	26	9	143
8	21	27	38	23	33	29	15	186
9	28	29	36	29	39	27	23	211
10	28	26	37	35	33	30	18	207
11	32	37	37	29	28	25	37	225
12	26	43	34	40	35	35	40	253
13	30	43	27	45	44	37	26	252
14	33	34	33	33	46	36	25	240
15	26	30	29	29	29	30	24	197
16	28	39	42	30	36	26	22	223
17	30	32	33	26	26	31	38	216
18	24	41	28	31	31	24	38	217
19	20	45	31	40	38	27	31	232
20	41	34	33	30	21	36	27	222
21	28	25	15	26	25	23	27	169
22	21	22	18	16	16	35	15	143
23	12	17	18	13	16	19	22	117
Total	540	633	595	585	587	562	523	4025

**Calls By Hour Of Day**



**Calls By Day Of Week**



# D.A.R.E. / COMMUNITY SERVICES BUREAU



*Officer Adrienne Mynsberge with DARE poster contest winner.*

The D.A.R.E. / Community Services Bureau include one officer that handles teaching DARE in all 7 Port Huron Elementary Schools. The officer is also in charge of fundraising for the DARE program and is the only full time DARE officer left in St. Clair County. Other responsibilities of the DARE/CSO are; the annual report, organizing the awards ceremony, CAPTURE board member, CAPTURE fundraising, Community Policing Program, Citizens Police Academy, Helmet Safety Board, National Night Out, 9-11 Ceremony, community events, and numerous public speaking events on subjects such as realtor safety, elder safety, holiday safety and women's self defense.

## VOLUNTEERS (VIPS)



*City council member Anita Ashford and VIPS Clint Sharrard volunteering to clean an elderly person's yard.*

Volunteers were incorporated into police departments to make communities safer and stronger by creating a partnership between citizens and police to curb crime in our neighborhoods. Qualified volunteers are assigned specific tasks and duties that can create efficiencies for the department and improve services to the community. Some of the activities our volunteers participate in include; parades, special events, night patrols, foot patrols, and office work.

We currently have 50 VIPS for Port Huron Police who help in a variety of capacities. Not only do they participate in the activities listed, they do so much more. This year a group of VIPS helped out with cleaning an elderly resident's yard. They came together with equipment and spent a Saturday cleaning the yard, cutting down brush and trees. They help raise money for fundraisers or drop what they are doing for a last minute event that they are requested for. Our VIPS are requested throughout the community for events as people have gotten to know them and appreciate the services they are able to provide.

One of our VIPS was recently hired as a police officer here at PHPD. It is both a benefit to the department and to them. They spend time getting to know the expectations as a volunteer and ride along and get to know the officers and in turn the department is able to see what type of

person they are hiring prior to hiring them.



*VIPS Beverly Woolman filing at PHPD office*

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## CRISIS NEGOTIATION UNIT

The Port Huron Police Department must be prepared for any situation that may occur within our community. Although all Port Huron Police Officers are trained to deal with a wide range of highly volatile incidents, some situations may require additional resources and tactics. To address certain

critical events affecting our citizens, the Port Huron Police Department created a Hostage Negotiation Unit in 1989. The Unit later changed its name to the Crisis Negotiation Unit (CNU) to reflect a more accurate description of the incidents the unit responds to from suicidal subjects such as bridge jumpers, to barricaded subjects, to subjects who have taken hostages during the course of a criminal act. The goal of the CNU is to peacefully resolve life threatening situations by listening and responding to the person's concerns through the use of proven verbal crisis management techniques.



### About the Negotiators

The officers who volunteered for this position and were selected after successfully completing interviews which demonstrated their proficient communications skills. Officers selected receive additional training in negotiation and crisis intervention tactics through the Public Agency Training Council (PATC), Management and Behavior Consultants (MBC), and/or the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The unit also trains internally using scenarios, speakers, discussions and videos. Since the Port Huron Police Department's CNU and the Special Response Team (SRT) goals – the successful resolution of a crisis situation by peaceful means – are closely intertwined, the two units also train together.



The team is made up of a Lieutenant in charge of the unit and 5 other team members. In 2014, the CNU responded to 2 call outs.

## SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM

In its daily fight against various types of crime, law enforcement agencies must use every advantage they have. One of those advantages is the use of a highly trained team in the use of **Special Weapons and Tactics**. In 1988, the Port Huron Police Department created the department's Special Response Team (SRT), to handle special threat incidents. Special threat incidents are generally outside the training scope of the regular patrol personnel. In 2011, the Port Huron Police Department expanded its operation by bringing on a member from the Marysville Police Department.

The goal of the Special Response Team is to provide protection and safety to innocent civilians and police personnel, while reducing the possibility of injuries or death at high risk incidents.



The Special Response Team is comprised of department members who serve full time as sworn police officers representing various ranks and positions within both departments and are supported by a Crisis Negotiations Unit (CNU) and a Tactical Emergency Medical Support (TEMS) program. The team is on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. In 2014 SRT responded to 12 call outs and arrested 51 people.

The team is made up of 12 officers, in which their assignment to the Special Response Team is voluntary and is an additional responsibility to their normal duties. Each member has to pass an initial physical agility and oral board examination, before being accepted to the team. Each member must maintain their physical fitness and weapon proficiency, which is tested throughout the year. Officers selected to the team have to attend and pass a two to three week basic SWAT school and will then receive monthly and advanced team training. To resolve critical incidents in a peaceful manner, the Port Huron Police Department Special Response Team and Crisis Negotiations Unit train and work together.

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## MOTORCYCLE UNIT



**Members of the Motorcycle Unit; Officer Patrick Eash, Sergeant Brian Georgia, Lieutenant Joel Wood, Officer Don Ochadleus and Officer Gerard Peczeniuk**

In 2014, in response to the increased need for high visibility patrols to help in the suppression of crime and traffic accidents, the Port Huron Police Department established its Motorcycle unit. With help from community members, Harley Davidson Motorcycles were purchased and deployed into selected areas. The Motorcycles are highly mobile, fuel efficient, and can be utilized where a normal patrol unit cannot. In addition, by utilizing non traditional patrol vehicles in the neighborhoods, it has proven to be an effective community relations tool and has helped to strengthen the communication between the Police Officers and citizens, focused on improving the quality of life issues in the neighborhoods.

The Port Huron Police Officers assigned to the unit have all received at least 80 hrs of specialized training in the safe, effective and efficient operation of the Motorcycles prior to enforcement operations. The Officers are also required to attend an annual training refresher to maintain their skill levels in both high and low speed operation. The majority of the costs associated with the equipment and training for the unit were minimal due to the utilization of forfeiture funds and a successful grant award. This has helped make the deployment of the unit a success.

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## CITIZENS' POLICE ACADEMY



**2014 Citizen's Police Academy at the range**

The Citizens' Police Academy is comprised of local citizens that gather once a week in a classroom setting to learn about the various aspects of police work. Topics discussed are police operation related and include both lecture and hands-on training. Sessions meet once a week in the evening for twelve weeks. Participants will meet several members of the Port Huron Police Department and various other entities that are partners in the law enforcement community through presentations, a patrol ride along and role playing scenarios.

Participants will also be introduced to the Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) is a grassroots effort through a collaborative partnership between citizens and police to curb crime in our neighborhoods.

The purpose of the Port Huron Police Department's Citizens' Police Academy is to develop positive relationships between the Police and the community through education. Citizens will be exposed to the problems and challenges facing law enforcement and experience decision making issues that the officers face on a daily basis. Two of our recent hires were graduates of the Citizens Police Academy which gave them a better understanding about our department and gave PHPD a chance to get to know them before hiring them.

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## MARINE UNIT

In the spring of 2014 the Port Huron Department of Public Safety (Police/Fire) took delivery of a public safety boat from the Safe Boat Company. The boat was purchased with federal grant funds. The primary mission of the boat is search, rescue and fire operations. The boat is also utilized for special events in a law enforcement role.

After receiving the boat the Port Huron Police Department Marine Unit was assembled and trained. The unit is under the command of Lt. Pike and Sgt. Seghi. The unit members are Officers Ruedisueli, R.Mynsberge, Godwin & Fantin. The unit members have received specialized training in marine law enforcement from the St. Clair County Sheriff's Department Marine Division.



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## Port Huron Police Bike Team



The Port Huron Police Bike Team is comprised of approximately 20 bike officers who are trained yearly. The Bike Team is utilized during boat week, the float down, in the neighborhoods for directed patrols and other special events. It allows officers the ability to respond more efficiently to calls for service in these types of settings where large crowds are found.

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## PHPD and PHFD's FINEST



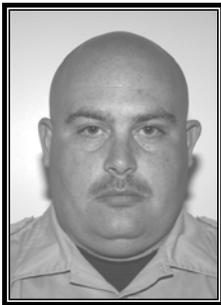
**Officer Nick Godwin** started off his career at the Port Huron Police Department in 2006. Nick received his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Lake Superior State University where he also completed the police academy.

Since becoming a Port Huron Police Officer he has become a member of the SRT, a Firearms Instructor, a Field Training Officer and a member of the Honor Guard Team, a part of the Marine Unit, an Advisor for the Explorers and a member of the Bike Team.

Nick enjoys the fact that everyday he gets to be outside and likes to help those in need. He also enjoys that everyday is exciting and different.

Officer Godwin has received numerous awards which include; a lifesaving, a distinguished service, meritorous service, safe driving, unit citations, and CALEA. Some of Officer Godwin's future goals are to become a Detective and eventually a Sergeant someday.

In Nick's off time he enjoys hunting and fishing.



**Firefighter Terrence Blackmer** has been employed with the City of Port Huron since 2002. Prior to working for PHFD he worked as a dispatcher for the Port Huron Police Department. He received his associates in Fire Science and Fire Leadership/Management in 2012 from Delta College. He is currently attending the University of Michigan where he will graduate with honors in

2015 with a Bachelor's of Science with a double major in Business Administration and Communications.

Some of Terrence specialties include; Michigan Firefighters Training Council Instructor, Voting member of Michigan Firefighters curriculum review board, Michigan firefighters training council alternate, Adjunct for SC4, Haz Mat Technician,

Terrence enjoys knowing that every day he has the opportunity to help people and make our community a better place. He feels fortunate to be able to live his childhood dream of becoming a firefighter.

Some of Firefighter Blackmer's future career goals are to attend graduate school at the University of Michigan for a graduate degree in Public Safety Administration and to continue to pursue additional promotional opportunities.



**Officer Gerard Peczeniuk** began his career at Port Huron Police Department in 2006. Officer Peczeniuk completed his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice in 2005 from Michigan State University and then went to the Oakland Police Academy and graduated in 2005 prior to being hired at PHPD.

Officer Peczeniuk has become a member of the Motor Unit, the Bike Team, is an evidence technician, a field training officer and an accident investigator.

Some of what Officer Peczeniuk loves about his job is having the ability to help others make better life choices as well as the new challenges each day brings.

Gerard has received numerous letters of commendation for comprehensive investigations. Gerard's future goal is to become a detective.

Gerard enjoys traveling with his wife to foreign destinations, playing racquetball, hunting and other outdoor activities.



**Fire Inspector Lawrence Warren** has been with the Port Huron Fire Department since 1996. Prior to working for the PHFD he worked for PHPD in dispatch from 1989-1996. Lawrence graduated from SC4 with an Associates of Applied Arts in Criminal Justice in

1988. Prior to college Larry spent 6 years in the Army National Guard.

Lawrence has several specialties which include: Haz-Mat Technician, Confined Space Technician, Collapse Rescue Technician, Fire Investigator and Fire Inspector.

Fire Inspector Warren hopes to finish his career as the Fire Marshall for Port Huron.

In his off time Lawrence enjoys spending time with his grandson, camping and traveling.

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**PHPD and PHFD's FINEST**



**Lt. Scott Pike** started at Port Huron Police Department in 1991 after starting his career in the Navy in 1980 and then was an officer at Lake Havasu Police Dept. in Arizona. During his career at PHPD he has been a Use of Force Instructor, Ranger Master, Armorer and Haz Mat Technician. For 19 of his 24 years of service here he has been a member of the Special Response Team. During his career he was a member of the St. Clair County Drug Task Force and the Special Crimes Unit. He promoted from patrol officer to Sergeant and then Lieutenant.

Lt. Pike's educational accomplishments include; A Masters Degree for University of Michigan, a Bachelor's Degree from Eastern Michigan University and an Associate's Degree from St. Clair Community College. He graduated from the 249<sup>th</sup> session of the FBI National Academy, Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command, Central Michigan University Law Enforcement Executive Leadership Institute and Macomb Community college Center for Police Management and Leadership Studies.

Lt. Pike's future goals include finding a second career that is as equally as challenging and rewarding as he will be retiring in 2016.

In his off time Scott enjoys camping and golfing, but he is a family man at heart so he treasures his family time the most.

**CLERICAL STAFF**



**Jennifer Leach** has been an employee of the City of Port Huron since 2005. Jenny went to Saint Clair Community College where she took classes in Criminal Justice.

Jenny is part of a 6 person team that she has recently become to love. Jenny organizes two fundraisers for Special Olympics Michigan- an annual Dodge Ball Tournament and a 5k Run. She enjoys the challenge of dealing with a difficult problem or customer and loves the new direction that management has gone.

**2014 PH POLICE New Hires**



Officer Andrew Teichow



Officer Travis Reed



Officer Dan Stocker

**PH POLICE CADET**



**Cadet Brendan Stephens** has worked for the Port Huron Police Department since 2013. He is currently a student at Baker College where he is working towards his Associates Degree in Criminal Justice.

He enjoys being able to help people in his job, riding along with officers, patrolling the beaches and learning new things everyday.

His future goal is to become a Port Huron Police Officer.

He enjoys motocross and playing hockey in his time off!!



## Community Oriented Policing (C.O.P.)

The C.O.P. philosophy promotes problem-solving techniques and partnerships to proactively address the immediate conditions that give rise to public safety issues such as crime, social disorder, and fear of crime. We have been collaborating with individuals and organizations that serve to develop solutions to problems and increase trust in police.

Our community policing program is a partnership between police, business, schools, churches, volunteer groups, and citizens designed not only to solve crime, but to help solve community related problems. Criminal behavior must be made socially unacceptable and economically unrewarding, as well as unlawful. Thus, people must become directly involved in the solving of community issues or crimes and increase community wellness.

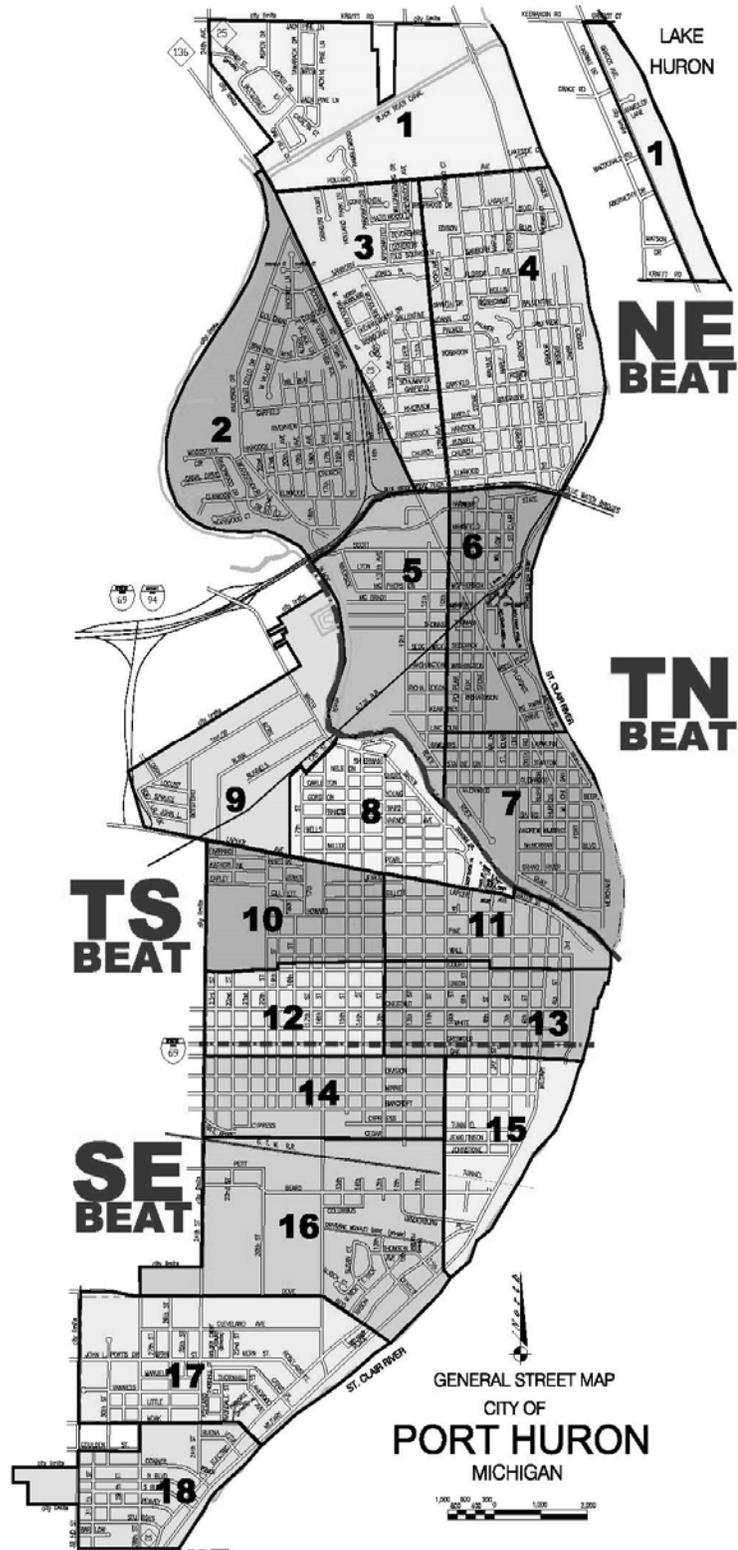
This last year with the development of the Code Enforcement Team we have made our focus quality of life issues. There were several events in which citizens, VIPS, police officers, code enforcement officers, churches and other organizations came together to help a citizen in need. There were lawns that were cut, houses that were painted and yards that were cleaned up and a variety of other things in the hopes of beautification of our city.

The zone officers focus on being a communication resource for the citizens within their zone. They have direct contact with Neighborhood Watch Captains and facilitate Neighborhood Watch groups and meetings to find out what the issues are within those neighborhoods.

The Port Huron Police Department has continued to make it easy for citizens to communicate with us. Most people know they can reach the police by calling 911 in an emergency or by calling Central Dispatch for non-emergency calls at (810) 985-8115. We have a website, [www.porthuronpolice.org](http://www.porthuronpolice.org). Citizens can use this website to report non-emergency crimes through a link called CopLogic. Anonymous tips on crimes and fugitives can be left using our new TipSoft software or by clicking on the C.A.P.T.U.R.E. link. Those who prefer to call can still call the C.A.P.T.U.R.E. line at (810)987-6688. If citizens have community related issues they can contact their primary zone officer at the (810) 984-8415 or by clicking on their e-mail address listed on the website. For immediate assistance they can call Central Dispatch at (810)985-8115. If you are interested in more information about these programs you can log into our website at [www.porthuronpolice.org](http://www.porthuronpolice.org) or call Officer Adrienne Mynsberge at (810) 984-9715.



# Community Policing Zones



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# AWARDS AND COMMENDATIONS

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On Thursday, May 15, 2014 at 6:30pm the Port Huron Police & Fire Departments did recognize citizens and police & fire personnel whose actions and/or accomplishments were extraordinary or exceptionally meritorious, and those acts which were above and beyond the call of duty.

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## **Port Huron Police**

### **Awards**

#### **Meritorious Service**

Sergeant Dave Seghi  
Officer Dave Conley  
Officer Brandon Rossow

#### **Distinguished Service**

Officer Ernesto Fantin  
Officer Marc Malott  
Officer Grafton Sharp  
Officer Doug Decker  
Officer Jennifer Sly  
K9 Braddock

St. Clair County Sheriff  
Deputy Michael Garvin

#### **Unit Citation**

Sergeant Joseph Platzer  
Sergeant John Stuewer (2)  
Sergeant Dave Seghi  
Corporal Jason Barna  
Detective Karen Brisby  
Detective Brian Kerrigan  
Detective Eric Krikorian  
Officer Ernesto Fantin  
Officer Thomas Ruedisueli  
Officer Douglas Decker  
Officer Laura Phillips  
Officer James Gilbert  
Officer Jennifer Sly & K9  
Braddock  
Officer Matthew Finnie

Officer Jeremy Young (2)  
Officer Grafton Sharp  
Officer Adrienne Mynsberge  
Officer Patrick Eash  
Officer Chris Smith  
Officer Duane Hunger  
Officer Dennis Huisman

Officer Ryan Sheedy  
Officer Derek Paret (2)  
Officer James Morgan

#### **St. Clair County Sheriff's**

Deputy Martin Stoyan  
Deputy Jay Miller  
Deputy Wright  
Detective Surman

#### **St. Clair County Central Dispatch**

Larissa Kowalski  
Scott Tallmadge  
Suann McCormick

#### **Staff & Command**

Lt. Joseph Platzer  
Sgt. Roger Wesch

#### **Citizen Lifesaving**

Michael Slaght  
David Slaght  
Marion VanLuven

#### **Citizen Commendation**

Bradley Gunter  
William Ferriby  
Stephen Sullivan

Thomas Jaekel  
Jon Shaffer  
Heidi Ishmael  
Tanya Lewis

#### **Citizen Certificate**

Peter Steka  
Karen Sue Horner  
Mikayla Dixon  
Corine Delay  
Patrick Quinn  
Tim Hultquist  
Katie Rodriguez

## **Port Huron Fire** **Awards**

### **Lifesaving**

Lt. Corey Nicholson  
Firefighter Paul Solliday  
Firefighter Al Chamberlin  
Firefighter Nate Johnston  
Firefighter Shawn Lumley

### **Meritorious Service**

Firefighter Matt Oleaga  
Firefighter James Hayes  
Firefighter April Fuller  
Firefighter Neil Green  
Firefighter Roger Howison

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

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*The Port Huron Police Department teamed up with Radio 1<sup>st</sup> and Marysville PD to host the 13<sup>th</sup> annual CAPTURE Spaghetti Dinner at the Seaway Terminal and had another successful year that helped the future of the CAPTURE program*



**Officers King, Teichow, Lt. Platzer, Officers Chad Smith and Duane Hunger**

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*On March 29, 2014, Port Huron Police hosted its third annual Dodge Ball Tournament. All proceeds went to The Special Olympics Michigan.*



**Winners of the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Dodge Ball Tournament.**

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On August 23, 2014 members of the PHPD VIPS group, city council members and PH Police Officers joined forces to help an elderly resident clean up her yard.



**VIPS Clint Sharrard and City Councilmember Anita Ashford clean up limbs from a tree that was trimmed.**

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## Port Huron Department of Public Safety

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### Our Values

**"The Constitution.** We guarantee the constitutional rights of all citizens. We believe in the principles contained within the Constitution of our nation and our state. We recognize the authority of federal, state, and local laws."

**"Honesty, Integrity, and Fairness.** We will maintain the highest standards of honesty and integrity. We believe that integrity is the basis for personal and public trust. Fairness is the glue that holds our organization together."

**"Professionalism.** We will demonstrate honor and integrity in all that we do through ethical behavior by the pursuit of the highest standards of professionalism in managerial, operational, and personal performance. This requires all members of the department to accept an individual responsibility for achieving the highest professional standards, and in particular, by demonstrating impartiality to all, regardless of color, race, sex, creed, or social position."

**"Dedication.** The department maintains a force of well trained, thoroughly professional police officers dedicated to public service and the protection of the people of this city."

**"Efficiency.** This requires the effective balance of limited resources to meet increasing calls for service with the exercise of professional judgment in setting priorities to achieve the goals of the Department."

**"Accountability.** We are accountable to each other and to the citizens we serve, who are the source of our authority."

**"Cooperation.** We are dedicated to improving the quality of work life in our Department through interaction and concern for each other. We will work to enhance the relationship between the Department and this community's neighborhoods. We believe that cooperation among ourselves, members of the community, governmental entities, and other enforcement agencies will enable us to combine our diverse backgrounds, skills, and styles to achieve common goals."

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### Port Huron Police Department Mission Statement

*The Port Huron Police Department will respond to community needs through a combined strategy of preventative, proactive and reactive policing programs, using the concept of a total integrated team effort by all employees and volunteers, the whole of which will be supported by a progressive, participatory management environment.*

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### Port Huron Fire Department Mission Statement

*"Protecting the lives and property of our citizens with timely effective response to calls for service and enhancing the safety of our community through a collaborative public education and fire prevention program"*

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