



BLISSFIELD VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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CHIEF OF POLICE

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ANNUAL REPORT 2019

LETTER FROM THE CHIEF

It is my honor and privilege to present the 2019 Blissfield Police Department Annual Report. Within the pages of this report, you will find statistics, charts, graphs and descriptions which measure and document the activity of the department over the course of the year. In reviewing this report, please keep in mind that it not only consists of numbers and percentages, but it also represents the dedication and commitment of the police department's employees – serving you twenty-four hours a day and seven days a week – who make our Village a safe place to live, work, enjoy leisure time and raise a family.

On behalf of the Blissfield Police Department, I want to thank the entire community for their ongoing support of their police department. It is this community support that allows us to be a professional and proactive law enforcement agency. Community Policing continues to be a high priority for the department.

The department continues to enjoy a strong relationship with community centers and service agencies in Lenawee County and throughout the State of Michigan. These relationships help us provide the highest level of police services to the residents, businesses, and visitors of the Village of Blissfield.

I am extremely proud of the dedicated members of the Blissfield Police Department who will continue to carry us into the future. I would also like to ask that if you see an officer or other Village employee doing a great job, please let us know. We want to recognize those officers and civilian staff members for their hard work, dedication and efforts, too.

It has been my honor to serve as the Chief of Police for the Village of Blissfield. Thank you for the trust and support you have instilled in the department. The department will continue to provide exceptional service to our citizens with a commitment to our core values. Your support goes neither unnoticed nor unappreciated.

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Chief of Police



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PERSONNEL

Chief of Police: Dale A. Greenleaf
Sergeant: Jacob Wagner
Police Officers: Tyler Raburn
Christopher Portincasa
Brittany Lynch
Matthew Dushane
Crossing Guard: Carolyn Goetz
Molly Nieman (alternate)
Receptionist: Holly Koester

AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS

There were no new agreements or contracts in 2019.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

It is the policy of the Blissfield Police Department to recognize outstanding service to our community by members of the department, other agencies, organizations, and civilians that may assist the BPD in our mission to provide for a safe community. In 2019, the following incidents of outstanding service were recognized:

Sergeant Jacob Wagner:

- **Life Saving Award** for the successful resuscitation of a patient who was not breathing and had no pulse.
- **Advanced Training Award with two bronze clusters** for Firearms Instructor, Emergency Vehicle Operations Instructor, and Advanced Roadside Impairment Driving Enforcement.
- **Length of Service Award** for over 18 years of service.
- **The Safe Driving Award** for accident-free driving for at least five years.

Police Officer Tyler Raburn:

- **Educational Achievement Award** for his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Western Michigan University.
- **Advanced Training Award with two bronze clusters** for Firearms Instructor, Active Assailant Training Instructor and Advanced Roadside Impairment Driving Enforcement.
- **Length of Service Award** for over 7 years of service.
- **Safe Driving Award** for accident-free driving for at least five years.

Police Officer Christopher Portincasa:

- **Advanced Training Award with one bronze cluster** for Advanced Roadside Impairment Driving Enforcement and Commercial Motor Vehicle Enforcement.
- **Length of Service Award** for five years of service.



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- **Safe Driving Award** for accident-free driving for at least five years.
- **Meritorious Service** for life saving efforts.

Police Officer Brittany Lynch:

- **Life Saving Award with two bronze clusters** for saving two people trapped in a house fire in 2016, and for the successful resuscitation of a resident suffering a heart attack.
- **Educational Achievement Award** for her Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Oakland University.
- **Advanced Training Award with one bronze cluster** for First Aid/CPR/AED training instructor and as an American Red Cross certified life guard instructor.

Police Officer Matthew Dushane:

- **Life Saving Award** for the successful resuscitation of a victim who was not breathing and had no pulse.
- **Advanced Training Award** for Taser Instructor.

Mr. Colton Weaver, a student at Blissfield Elementary School, was presented with a **Certificate of Recognition** for finding a credit card and turning it into the Blissfield Police Department.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

The Blissfield Police Department continues to plan and train for responding to any critical incidents that might occur, including natural occurrences such as storms and flooding and criminal acts such as active shooters. There were a total of 48 school shootings in the United States during 2019, with one of those shootings occurring in Michigan. Fortunately, there were no such incidents in Blissfield or Lenawee County. However, the officers of the Blissfield Police Department are keenly aware of the national trend in school shootings. Preparing, planning, and training for any critical event is an on-going effort within the BPD.

As part of that continuing planning, the BPD, the Blissfield Township Fire Department (BTFD) and the Madison Township Fire Department have a multi-pronged objective to better prepare for any critical incidents that might result in mass casualties. One of those objectives is to increase the level of awareness and training for residents.

- In 2019, Officer Lynch conducted a one-day training seminar to instruct residents on CPR, First Aid, and the use of the Automated External Defibrillator (AED). There were approximately 10 residents in attendance and the class was successful and well received by the residents that attended.
- In December, Chief Greenleaf participated in an annual safety review at the Blissfield School District and received a briefing from the Blissfield School District superintendent on their safety plans.



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EQUIPMENT

Body Worn Cameras (BWC's)

In April, the Blissfield Police Department purchased Body Worn Cameras (BWC) for use by Blissfield Officers. The cost of the cameras was fully funded with narcotics forfeiture funds.

SMOKE DETECTORS IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

In April, smoke detectors were installed in critical areas of the police department. The system that was installed has the capability for expansion into other areas of the building and for burglar detection if that is ever desired in the future. The monitored system alerts key personnel and automated messages are also sent out that include any power disruptions to the village offices.

NARCOTICS

We continue to monitor intelligence data and national trends in narcotics use and trafficking. Dangerous substances such as Fentanyl and heroin continued to be prevalent in the region throughout the year.

In 2019, there was one confirmed death as a result of an opioid overdose. There was one reported opioid overdose in which the victim survived due to the life-saving efforts of Blissfield police and fire personnel. Those efforts included the administering of Narcan and the use of the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) in conjunction with CPR.

RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA

In November, 2018, voters across the State of Michigan approved Proposal One, which legalized the general use of marijuana with some restrictions. The result was a drastic decrease in the number of marijuana related offenses for the year. However, marijuana use and intoxication while operating a motor vehicle is still a criminal offense. There was a slight increase in the number of arrests for operating while under the influence of drugs compared to 2018.

NIXLE COMMUNITY ALERT AND ADVISORY SYSTEM

We continue to utilize the NIXLE COMMUNITY ALERT AND ADVISORY SYSTEM. This system has allowed the BPD to communicate directly with subscribers and provide immediate information on weather events, life threatening situations, closed roads, etc. We currently have 487 contacts listed on Nixle.



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Unfortunately, in 2019 Nixle discontinued support for texting of any messages that were not marked as an "Alert." The ability to reach our subscribers by text for Advisory and Community messages was restricted and would require a financial subscription by the Village. The subscription was cost-prohibitive and determined to outweigh the benefit, as other forms of mass electronic communication are still available to the police department, i.e., social media and email notifications.

OFFICER TRAINING

Law Enforcement agencies in Lenawee and Jackson Counties are members of the Southern Michigan Criminal Justice Training Consortium. The Blissfield Police Department receives many hours of officer training at minimal cost. In accordance with the agreement, BPD normally contributes half of the Public Act 302 training funds that we received from the State of Michigan to support the training activities. We participated in the following training:

- Precision Driving School
- Defensive Training for all officers,
- Radar/LIDAR (speed measurement) recertification and certification.
- Taser recertification for all officers.
- Emergency Vehicle Operation.
- Narcan Administration Training.
- Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Training.

Additional Training:

BPD participates regularly in a wide spectrum of training topics, including quarterly firearms qualification and training, Active Shooter Response Training, Computer Training, Legal Update, Interviews and Interrogations, and Counter-Terrorism.

We have several BPD officers that are now instructors:

- Police Officer Brittany Lynch is now certified as an AED/CPR/First Aid instructor and a Lifeguard instructor.
- Police Officer Matthew Dushane is a certified Taser Instructor.
- Sergeant Jacob Wagner and Police Officer Tyler Raburn are our firearms instructors.

FIREARMS TRAINING:

Officers are expected to constantly keep up with professional skills and changing requirements. All members participated in quarterly weapons training and/or qualification. The BPD conducts regular firearms training, both in daylight and darkness. Firearms training now includes the Tactical Patrol Rifle, handgun, and shotgun. Additionally, BPD officers regularly participate in tactical training with other agencies for readiness preparedness and response for active threat situations.



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POLICY REVISIONS

Several policies were either updated or entirely new for the department. The policies are as follows:

- Child Abuse Protocol
- Sexual Assault Investigations
- Body Worn Camera

SOCIAL MEDIA

The Blissfield Police Department does maintain a Facebook page. The page is utilized to share relevant information with the public on public events, crimes and matters of public interest. The main concern is that some citizens utilize Facebook Messenger as a means of requesting police service. We discourage this practice, as the page is not monitored 24 hours a day and remind citizens to call 911, Central Dispatch, or the Police Department directly with all requests for police services.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The BPD assisted with a number of special events throughout the year. The annual events were as follows:

- May 25, 2019: Memorial Day Parade
- June 20, 2019: Movies on the Lane
- June 28, 2019: 8-'s/90's Block Party
- June 29, 2019: Citizen's First Aid Training
- July 8-11, 2019: River Raisin Festival
- July 11, 2019: Car and Bike Show
- July 13, 2019: 3x3 Basketball
- July 18, 2019: Movies on the Lane
- August 8, 2019: Car and Bike Show
- August 10, 2019: Craft Beer Festival
- August 15, 2019: Movies on the Lane
- August 12-16, 2019: Safety City
- August 16, 2018: Tractor Cruise-In
- August 17, 2019: Bluegrass on the River
- August 24, 2019: Battle Buddy Ride
- August 24, 2019: Art at Your Feet
- September 12, 2019: Car and Bike Show
- September 21, 2019: Antiques in Autumn
- October 31, 2019: Halloween Parade
- November 8, 2018: Yuletide Parade
- November 9-10, 2019: Yuletide Celebration
- December 13, 2019: Cha-Cha Run and Wassailfest
- December 14, 2019: Parade of Lights



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Safety City

The annual Safety City was held August 12-16, 2019. This year, Officer Lynch presented the program to the students. The five-day event is designed for incoming kindergarteners and gives the children an opportunity to learn how to reduce injuries by teaching them how to be safe in their world. The program is broken up into three areas. One area taught the children about general traffic safety.

The children get to drive battery powered cars, pedal bikes or walk as pedestrians on a painted traffic area. There was a guest speaker each day to talk about bike safety, poison safety, fire safety, electrical or water safety and bus safety. The third part of the day was spent in the classroom setting with games and activities focused on the theme for the day. The children also enjoy a snack each day.

This annual event would not be possible without the financial support we receive from the community. Their continued support is appreciated. The following businesses and organizations provided financial support for the 2019 Safety City:

- Blissfield Rotary
- K & S Tire
- Iott Insurance
- Lena's Pizza
- Dan & Ashley Bailey
- American Legion Post 325
- Blissfield Lions Club
- Transcend Physical Therapy
- Coach Light Estates
- Nutrien AG
- Schmidt & Sons Pharmacy
- Blissfield State Bank
- Lightning Quick Gas-n-go
- K & J Absorbent
- Blissfield Vet
- D & N Upholstery Inc.
- Keller Insurance Agency
- Valero

STATISTICS

CALLS FOR SERVICE

Calls for Service include all 911 calls, calls initiated by the patrol officer, calls for backup, and calls for mutual aid. Calls for Service do not necessarily equate to an actual criminal offense having occurred. Calls for Service simply characterizes the nature of the call. If more than one officer responded to an incident, such as a traffic crash, then a separate call is logged for each responding officer. Actual criminal offenses that occurred are reported separately.

<u>INCIDENT</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
911 "Hang-up" Calls	8	16	6	10	10	11
Alarm Burglary	110	87	127	90	89	99
Animal Complaints	51	34	33	45	52	41
Assaults	12	12	11	10	8	6
Assist to Other Agencies	79	88	86	78	119	110



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<u>INCIDENT</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Burglary	13	7	9	6	5	8
Civil Disputes	46	51	44	36	35	47
Crash - Private Property	22	9	14	17	12	12
Crash - Public Property	67	81	81	72	80	75
Death Investigations	4	1	3	4	5	1
Disorderly Conduct	29	34	46	36	26	33
Disturbance - Domestic	29	31	35	17	33	29
Disturbance - Non-Domestic	60	93	86	81	50	61
Destruction of Property	16	19	18	11	7	13
Driving Offenses	89	40	66	59	59	42
Embezzlement	0	1	1	1	0	0
Extortion	0	1	0	1	0	0
Fire - EMS	58	69	74	92	79	82
Forgery	1	0	0	0	0	1
Fraud	16	16	19	12	13	11
General Assistance Requests	6	4	2	19	0	1
Hit and Run	2	3	3	3	2	0
Identity Theft	1	2	1	4	0	0
Intimidation / Stalking / Harassment / Threats	1	8	5	5	2	0
Intoxicated Driver	14	12	7	5	3	0
Juvenile Complaints	11	27	20	18	9	11
Kidnapping/Abduction	0	0	0	0	1	0
Larceny	0	0	1	0	0	0
Liquor License Establishment Violation	0	0	0	0	1	0
Lost and Found Property	7	8	10	7	6	4
Misc. Criminal Offense	0	1	1	2	1	2
Missing Persons / Runaway	5	5	9	7	5	6
Narcotics Offenses	13	18	12	7	12	5
Narcotics Equipment	6	0	0	6	8	0
Noise Complaint	6	10	7	18	6	4
Obstructing Justice	31	45	64	48	3	0
Obstructing Police	2	1	0	5	1	0
Ordinance Violations	9	10	23	22	44	26
Other Offenses	20	22	28	23	10	17



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INCIDENT	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Overdose	1	0	1	3	2	0
OWI	33	31	17	17	30	24
Parking Complaint	6	6	8	3	5	7
Police Services - Non-criminal	44	51	66	47	10	10
Premises Check	N/A	938	1244	1858	3817	3527
Public Works / Traffic Signal	8	8	9	4	5	4
Retail Theft	8	5	2	2	1	2
Resisting Arrest	2	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	1	3	5	5	3	7
Shoplifting	1	0	0	0	0	0
Shots Fired	0	0	0	3	1	2
Stalking	0	0	1	0	0	0
Structure Fire	0	2	2	1	3	6
Suicidal Threats/Investigations	11	20	6	7	12	12
Suspicious Activity	64	90	119	86	81	99
Theft	33	31	33	35	17	22
Traffic Complaint	29	37	29	32	27	21
Transport of Prisoner	0	1	4	2	6	0
Traffic Stops	2953	2369	2860	2510	3057	2369
Trespassing	0	1	4	4	1	2
Violation of PPO	0	0	2	0	0	0
Warrant Check	0	0	0	0	9	25
Warrant Service	13	19	26	43	17	2
Weapons Offenses	7	5	8	2	4	1
Welfare Check	23	29	54	31	34	50
Zoning Violations	0	0	2	11	13	0
TOTAL	3963	4409	5321	5483	7852	6950



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CASE STATUS DISPOSITION SUMMARY

CASE STATUS DISPOSITIONS are the outcome of all cases opened during the year. This includes reports for non-criminal matters such as welfare checks, traffic crashes in which a police report was created in addition to the crash report, accidental injuries, etc.

CASE STATUS DISPOSITION	2017	2018	2019
ARREST – CASE PENDING IN COURT	58	77	10
CLEARED - NON CRIMINAL	68	64	39
CLEARED - WARRANT NOT SOUGHT	6	4	18
DEFENDANT PLED GUILTY - MISDEMEANOR	49	32	39
DEF PLED GUILTY - FELONY	7	1	4
TURNED OVER TO OTHER LEA	29	3	21
CASES WITH NO DISPOSITION (ACTIVE)	21	5	38
INACTIVE - SUSPECT UNIDENTIFIED	15	16	4
CITATION	9	5	4
JUVENILE DETAINED	6	3	0
EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE - CASE DISMISSED	11	9	11
EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE - DIVERSION ORDERED	2	0	1
EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE - JUVENILE / NO CUSTODY	2	2	1
EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE - NOLLE PROSEQUI	5	4	9
EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE - VICTIM REFUSED TO COOPERATE	4	3	10
EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE - WARRANT DENIED	11	6	1
FAILURE TO APPEAR FOR ARRAIGNMENT / ABSCONDERS	N/A	N/A	7
TOTAL CASES	303	234	233



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REPORTED CRIMINAL OFFENSES

REPORTED CRIMINAL OFFENSES are the confirmed reported crimes that occurred in the Village. Reported crimes decreased 11.9% from 2018 to 2019.

- **Property crimes** (Larcenies, Breaking and Entering, property damage) increased from 24 in 2018, to 38 in 2019 – a 58.3% increase.
- **Violent crimes** (Assaults, kidnapping, sex crimes, stalking, weapons offenses, obstructing police) increased from 28 in 2018, to 34 in 2019 – a 21.4% increase.
- **Driving offenses** (Suspended license, uninsured motor vehicle, etc. excluding OWI offenses) decreased from 60 in 2018 to 42 in 2019 – a 30% decrease.
- **Operating while intoxicated/impaired by Alcohol / Narcotics** decreased 30 in 2018 to 24 in 2019 – a 20% decrease.
- **Narcotics offenses** decreased from 25 in 2018 to 3 in 2019 – a 88% decrease. This decrease was almost entirely due to the legalization of recreational use of marijuana in the State of Michigan.

REPORTED OFFENSES			
Group A Offenses	2018	2019	CHANGE
Kidnapping/Abduction	1	0	-100%
Sexual Contact Forcible - CSC 2nd Degree	0	1	n/a
Sexual Penetration – CSC 1 st Degree	0	2	n/a
Sexual Penetration – CSC 3 rd Degree	0	1	n/a
Non-Aggravated Assault	13	19	+46%
Aggravated / Felonious Assault	8	4	-50%
Intimidation / Stalking	2	3	+50%
Extortion	0	0	n/a
Burglary - Forced Entry	2	4	+100%
Burglary - Entry Without Force	1	1	Unchanged
Larceny - Theft from Building	3	3	Unchanged
Larceny - Theft from Motor Vehicle	1	2	+100%
Larceny - Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts / Accessories	1	0	-100%
Larceny – Purse Snatching	0	1	n/a
Larceny – Other	4	8	+100%



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Group A Offenses (cont)	2018	2019	CHANGE
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	1	n/a
Forgery / Counterfeiting	1	1	Unchanged
Fraud - False Pretence/ Swindle / Confidence Game	3	5	+67%
Fraud - Credit Card / ATM	3	2	-33%
Fraud - Wire Fraud	0	3	n/a
Fraud - Identity Theft	0	0	Unchanged
Embezzlement	0	0	Unchanged
Damage to Property	4	6	+50%
Retail Fraud – Theft	1	1	Unchanged
Violation of Controlled Substance Act	17	2	-88%
Narcotic Equipment Violations	8	1	-88%
Weapons Offenses - Concealed (No permit)	3	1	-67%
Weapons Offense - Other	0	0	Unchanged
Group A Totals	76	72	-5.2%
Group B Offenses	2018	2019	
Fraud - Bad Checks	0	2	n/a
Conservation	0	1	n/a
Sex Offense – Other	0	0	Unchanged
Liquor License - Establishment	1	0	-100%
Liquor Violations - Other	0	0	n/a
Obstructing Police	1	3	+200%
Obstructing Justice	3	9	+200%
Disorderly Conduct	0	4	n/a
Family Abuse / Neglect Non-Violent	0	1	n/a
Hit and Run Motor Vehicle Accident	2	0	-100%
Operating Under the Influence of Liquor or Drugs	30	24	-20%
Health and Safety Violations	3	0	-100%
Trespass	1	0	-100%
Juvenile Runaway	1	0	-100%
Misc. Criminal Offenses	13	1	-92%
Group B Totals	55	45	-18.1%



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Group C Offenses	2018	2018	
Juvenile Offenses	5	3	-40%
Traffic Offenses	58	42	-27%
Warrant Arrests	17	18	+6%
Animal Complaints	7	12	+71%
Group C Totals	87	75	+14%
	2018	2019	
TOTAL CRIMINAL OFFENSES - ALL GROUPS	218	192	-11.9%

ARRESTS AND DETENTIONS

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Total Arrests and Detentions	190	180	190	140

WORK HOURS

Total hours worked by officers are as follows:

YEAR	HOURS WORKED
2016	11,031
2017	11,328
2018	12,444
2019	11,813



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TIME DISTRIBUTION (HOURS)				
<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Patrol and Traffic Enforcement	5480	5319	6438	6193
Complaint Investigations and Report Writing	1497	1740	1284	1412
Administration	1976	2101	1820	2067
Officer Training	425	229	762	672
Public Relations	299	226	410	263
Equipment Service	119	229	234	238
Lunch	682	687	492	525
Court	160	98	139	92
Assists to other Agencies	212	226	208	129
Special Meetings	153	159	252	237

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Total Stops:	2369	2860	2510	3057	2370
Citations Issued:	938	1175	1078	1875	1584
Warnings:	1473	1727	1534	1435	1207
Motor Vehicle Crashes:	49	44	49	51	63

SUMMARY

The Blissfield Police Department continues to work diligently for the preservation of the good quality of life in this community. We appreciate the support of the citizens, recognizing that you are our customers. As always, there is an officer on duty 24/7. We can be reached by dialing 911 or 517-263-0524 for Central Dispatch non-emergency police service. The office can be reached directly during normal business hours at 517-486-4340.