



# White Lake Township Police Department



## Annual Report 2023

Daniel T. Keller  
Chief of Police



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To: Rik Kowall, WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR  
Topic: 2023 (calendar year) ANNUAL POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT

Attached is the annual White Lake Township Police Department activity report for the calendar year of 2023.

This annual report is produced to increase awareness of our on-going effort to keep White Lake Township a safe place to live, work, play, and visit.

The White Lake Township Police Department employees work diligently to achieve customer satisfaction and to improve the quality of life for our citizens. Our Department wholeheartedly believes that our efforts would not be successful without the relationship enjoyed between the White Lake Township Police Department, elected officials, appointed officials, businesses, and community residents. We thank you for making this community-focused Police Department one of the best in the state of Michigan.

Sincerely,  
Daniel T. Keller

**White Lake Township Police Department**



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## Letter from Chief Keller

In 2023, in addition to White Lake Township being named the Fifteenth Safest Cities in America, the Police Department worked diligently on planning for the future. As a growing community, plans have been created to build a brand new Public Safety Building. Throughout 2023, members of the Police Department were assigned various tasks and committees to design the building with both functionality and future consideration for growth in mind. Through the hard work of all involved, it is anticipated that work on the new building will begin in the spring of 2025.



The Police Department continued all of the traditions that have been started throughout the years, including the Youth Police Academy, Open House, Shop with a Cop, Christmas Adopt-a-Family, and Polar Plunge. Our Police Explorer Program grew with new members coming on board. We welcomed new employees Ann Demaray and Isabella McCrum to our sworn officer ranks and Shayna Levin to our Records Bureau. We look forward to 2024, which will see new officers hired, continued training in both our core areas as well as specialized training, and more community engagement projects to keep us connected with the citizens who live, work, and play in White Lake Township.

Daniel T. Keller  
Chief of Police

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# White Lake Township Police Department

## White Lake Township Police Department Sworn Personnel

### Patrol Officers

Ronald Rogowicz	Kevan Diclaudio	Kristopher Mesaros	Wade Swalwell
Dylan Matthews	Mathew Kas-Mikah	Steven Bohez	Brittany Lynch
Kyle Welling	Marsela Shpati	Christopher Grosser	Natalie Uhazie
Frank Wright	Marcus Hunt	Isabella McCrum	Ann Demaray

### Investigative Officers

Jeff Sutton  
Jessica Snow  
Steve Moore  
Jarrette Hinman

### School Officers

T.E.A.M. Shawn Kidle  
S.R.O. Michael Race

### Shift Sergeant

Sgt. Brad Connell  
Sgt. Gregory Gondek  
Sgt. Ross Wagenmaker  
Sgt. Thomas Sarasin

### Administrative Division

Lt. Matthew Ivory

### Investigation Division

Lt. Matthew Silverthorn

### Patrol Division

Lt. Jeffrey Way

### Chief of Police

Daniel T. Keller



# White Lake Township Police Department

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Civilian Personnel

## Communications

Anna Cross

Kolleen Hendin

Helen Skaglin

Ivy Stogdill

Michelle Payne

Priscilla Gonzalez

## Records

Rhonda Grubb

Shayna Levin

## Cadets

Julio Lopez

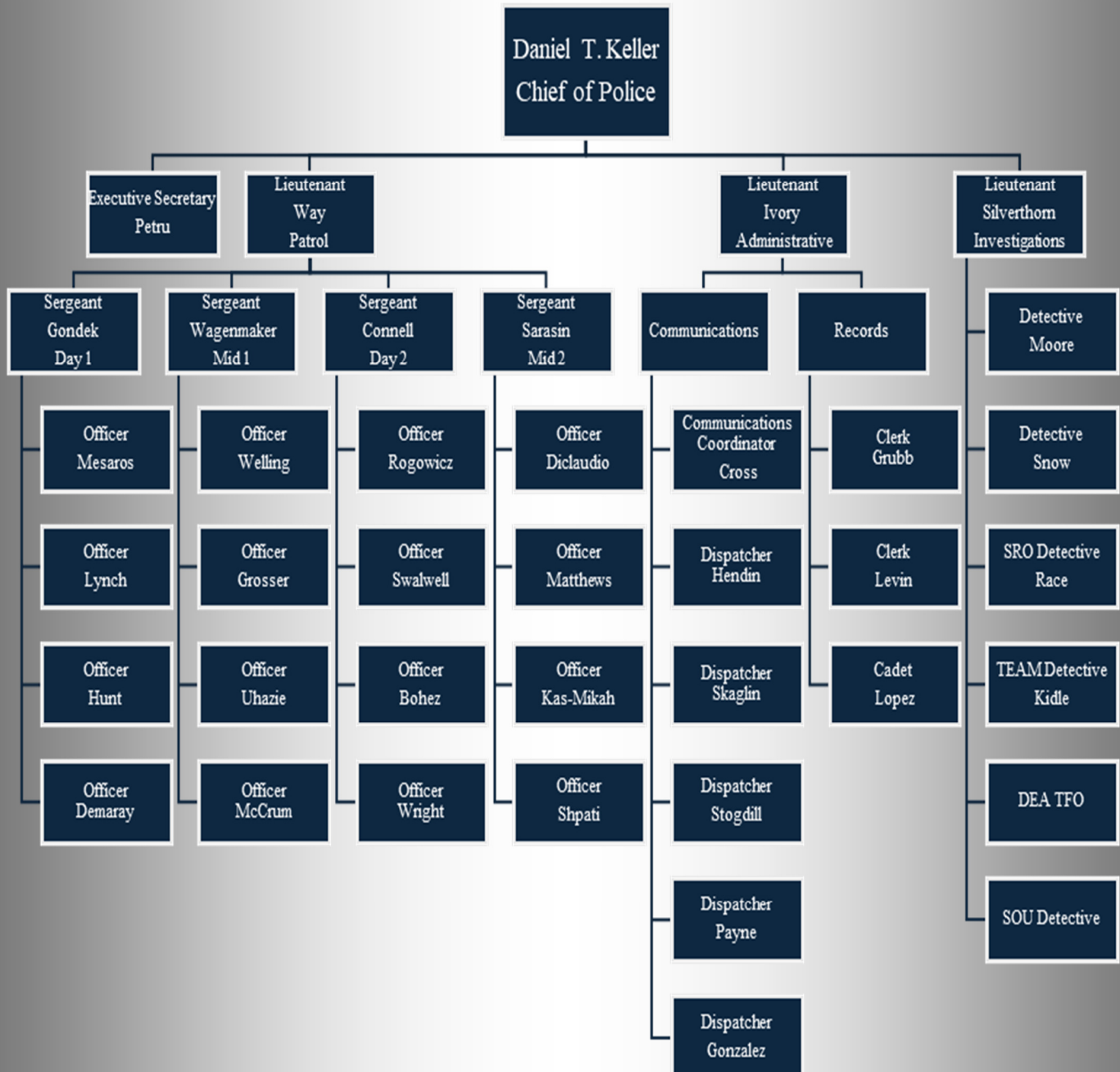
## Executive Secretary

Amy Petru





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## Retirements & New Hires



**Retired  
Officer  
Roxanne Ostrowski**



**New Officer  
Isabella McCrum**



**New Officer  
Ann Demaray**



**New Records Clerk  
Shayna Levin**

# Patrol Division

## Lieutenant Jeffrey Way



The White Lake Township Police Department Patrol Division is the largest division within the Police Department and is on the forefront of White Lake Township's Police Services. The Patrol Division, which includes sixteen (16) road patrol officers responding to daily calls-for-service, handles on average about 26,000 calls-for-service annually or about 74 calls-for-service on a daily basis, including traffic enforcement contacts. The White Lake Township Police Department covers the entire 37.18 square miles of the township, and serves White Lake Township's 31,384 (2018) residents and over 150 local businesses. In addition to its daily patrol duties, traffic enforcement, responding to calls-for-service, and investigating criminal activity, the patrol division is also responsible for the following Community Policing details and programs:

- PACT Program (Police And Community Together is a community leadership outreach program).
- Senior Welfare Check Program (Conducting regular checks on senior citizens in need).
- Vacation House Checks (Residential house checks during times of vacancy).
- Focused Patrols (Problem area targeted patrols and enforcement when suspicious or illegal activity has been reported).
- Data Driven Approach to Crime and Traffic Safety (Directed Patrol) Patrol in specified areas in an attempt to reduce traffic crashes, traffic violations, and crime.
- Radar Trailer Deployment (Speed measurement device in high traffic or traffic problem areas).
- Community Policing Details (Regular patrol officer checks of all subdivisions and residential areas within the township).



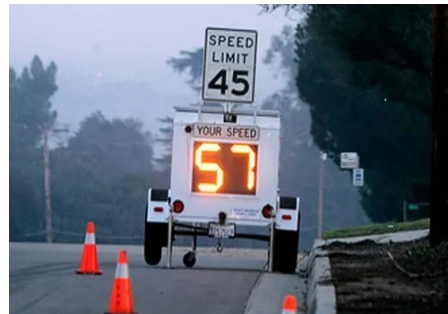
# Patrol Division

## Lieutenant Jeffrey Way

- Business Watch Program (Regular checks and walk-throughs of businesses, both while open for business and after-hours).
- Neuro-Diverse Citizens (Documented awareness of neuro-diverse residents that guides officers' response and actions to identified locations and people).
- CERT (Community Emergency Response Team supplemental police and fire volunteer services).
- Police Explorers (Youth police education and leadership and career preparation).
- Youth Police Academy (Annual summertime junior police academy for early teens).
- Recruitment (Proactive recruitment of potential White Lake Township Police Officers).



The Patrol Division takes pride in providing high quality policing and community outreach services to the residents, businesses, and guests of White Lake Township. In 2023, White Lake Township was named the fifteenth (15) safest city in the United States by Visualcapitalist.com. That ranking was based on the findings of a study completed by Neighborhoodscout.com which found the chance of being a victim of crime in White Lake Township is only 1 in 233. The White Lake Township Police Department Patrol division is proud to be a part of the safety and security of White Lake Township, and will continue to work stringently toward an improved quality-of-life for White Lake residents, businesses, and guests.



# Investigations Division

## Lieutenant Matthew Silverthorn

In 2023, the Investigations Division handled 571 criminal case assignments. Cases can range from minor crimes to major crimes, such as homicide. The Division obtained 461 arrest warrants in 2023. There are two full-time Detectives assigned to the Division, who handle all the criminal cases. The Detectives also handle court proceeding for arrested persons who are in custody. They also work with prosecutors throughout the court process of their investigation.



The School Resource Officer (SRO) and the Teaching Educating And Mentoring (TEAM) Officer are also assigned to the Division and function as Detectives in addition to their regular duties. The SRO spends time at both Lakeland High School and Harbor High School. In addition to regular school hours, the SRO attends sporting events and school dances.

The TEAM Officer teaches a curriculum at all five White Lake Elementary Schools and keeps office hours at White Lake Middle School. The TEAM Officer and SRO both teach active shooter response through either ALICE or Run, Hide, Fight, to several schools and organizations.

A Detective is assigned to a DEA Task Force. The Task Force investigates local, state, and federal cases related to drug trafficking. A Detective is also assigned to the Special Operations Unit (SOU). The SOU is comprised of Waterford and White Lake Detectives who investigate local crimes such as robbery, burglary, theft, and fraud. The SOU is also able to assist Patrol at crime scenes where more personnel are required.

The Division maintains an on-call Detective that trained as an Evidence Collection Technician to respond to crime scenes at any time 24/7, when a Detective is not on duty.



# Administrative Division

## Lieutenant Matthew Ivory

The Administrative Division is comprised of the Communications Center and the Records Bureau

The Communications Center operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week and serves as a constant contact point between the citizens of White Lake and the Township's Emergency Services. The Communications Center is staffed by five full-time Communications Officers and one full-time Communications Coordinator.

The Records Bureau is the central clearing house for all department records. The Records Bureau is staffed Monday through Friday from 7:00am until 5:30pm (excluding government holidays). The Records Bureau is staffed by two full-time Records Secretaries who handle the day-to-day paperwork of the Police Department. Each one is also assigned to various other functions of the Patrol and Detective Bureaus. The Records Bureau handles FOIA requests, gun permits, clearance letters, notary public services, and general records requests.

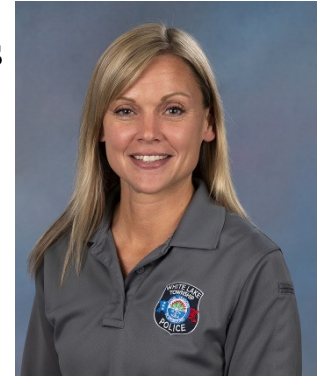




# Communications

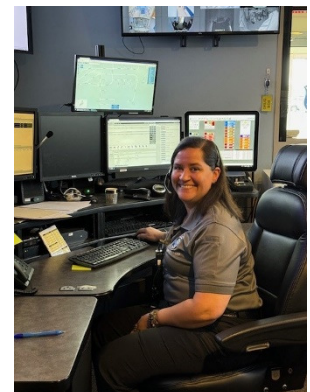
## Communications Coordinator Anna Cross

Communications is comprised of one Communications Coordinator and five full-time dispatchers. The Communications Center operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week and serves as a constant contact point between the citizens of White Lake and the Township's Emergency Services.



Dispatchers answer both emergency and non-emergency calls for the Township as well as dispatch Police, Fire, and EMS to calls for service. Dispatchers perform various clerical duties such as warrant entries and cancelations, vehicle impounds, stolen item entries, sex offender verification, scheduling vacation house checks, prisoner monitoring, and assist officers in other various tasks. Dispatchers are the first point of contact when entering the station and often answer questions about both police and non-police matters.

In 2023, White Lake Dispatchers answered 8,564 911 calls, 21,689 non-emergency calls, and 122 Text-to 911. Dispatchers dispatched 23,275 police calls for service and 3,124 fire calls for service.



# SAFEST CITIES

Thanks to the dedication of the hard working men and women of the White Lake Township Police Department, and the outstanding partnerships we have with the citizens of the community, White Lake has been ranked 15th in the list of top 100 safest cities in the Country. We will continue to work hard to keep White Lake Township a safe place to live, work, and visit.

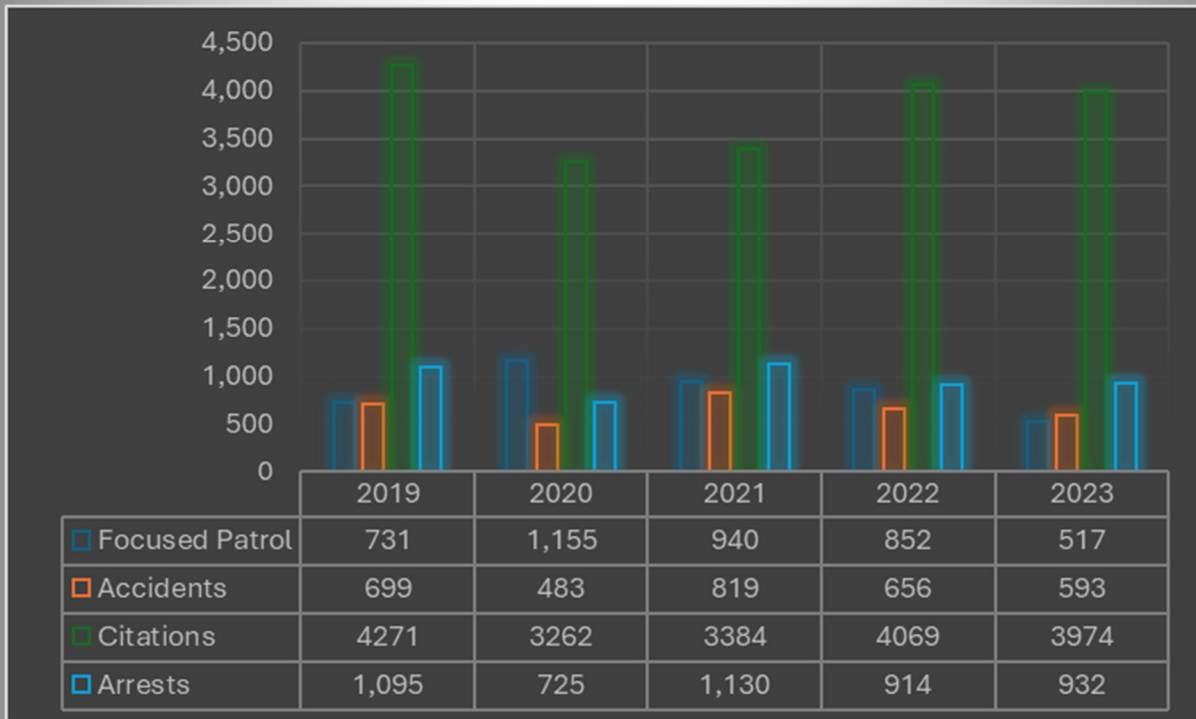
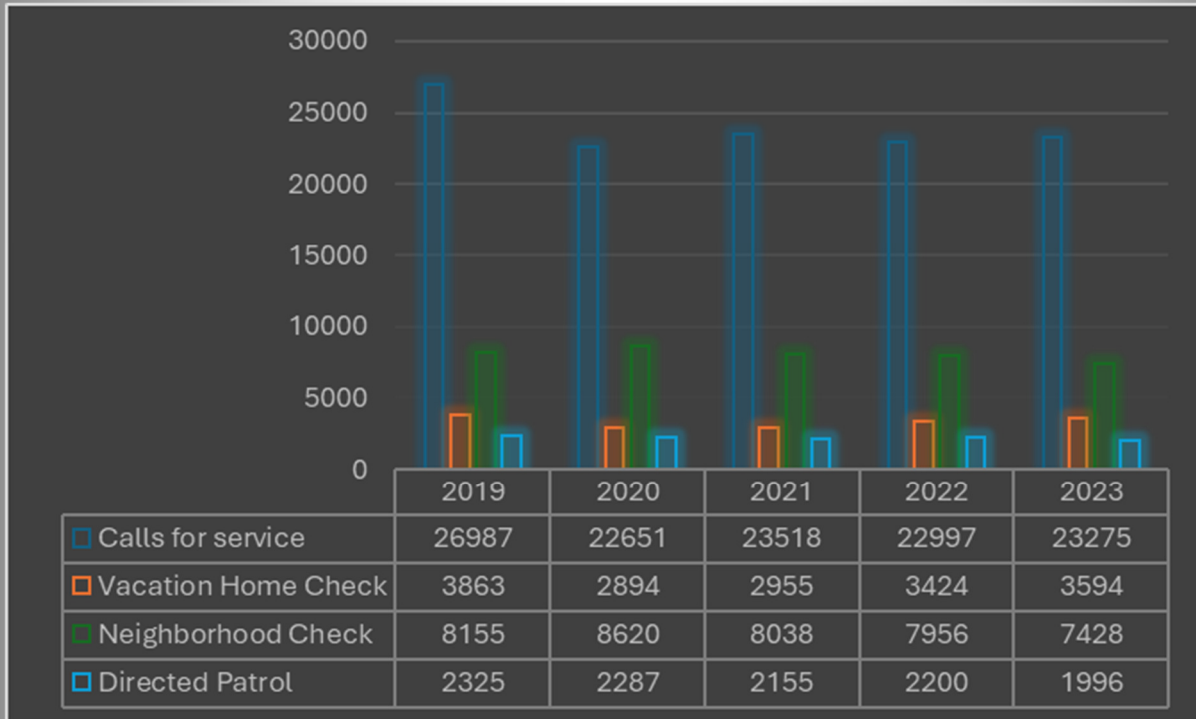
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<https://www.visualcapitalist.com/safest-cities-in-the-us/>





# Statistics



# Department Training



The White Lake Township Police Department continues the tradition of in-depth training for our officers. Our officers participated in the core law enforcement competencies as well as many advanced trainings.

## CORE TRAINING

Response to Resistance	Legal Update
Hazardous Materials Training	Firearms
De-Escalation	Ethics and Diversity
Mental Health	Taser Trainings

## ADVANCED TRAINING

FTO Training	Firearms Instructor
Crisis Intervention	Run, Hide, Fight
Critical Incident Stress Management	
Interview and Interrogation Techniques	



# Explorer Program



In 2023, the White Lake Township Police Department began its Police Explorer Program. Part of the Boy Scouts of America, the Explorer program is designed to expose young people, ages 14 – 21, to law enforcement as a possible career option. The White Lake Township Police Explorers meet monthly to learn the various aspects of law enforcement, such as traffic stop, dispute resolution, building searches and traffic crash investigations, for example. The Explorer Program is facilitated by members of the White Lake Township Police Department and currently consists of 15 Police Explorers.

White Lake Police Explorers participated in several community events, such as the White Lake Township Police Department Open House, and Scout Day at the Capital in Lansing. For the Scout Day at the Capital, the White Lake Police Explorers were chosen by the regional Boy Scout Explorer Director to represent all statewide Police Explorer Programs in Lansing. Several of our Explorers had the opportunity to tour the state Senate and Representative halls, as well as meet a member of the State Senate and House. Police Explorers also held their own fundraising event in 2023 at the White Lake Wal-Mart by hosting a hot dog and soda sale. One of the highlights of the Police Explorers for 2023 was the formation of a relationship with the local chapter of AmVets, Chapter 2006 – Huron Valley. As a result of the new collaboration, The AmVets donated an American and State of Michigan flag to the Police Explorer Honor Guard!





## T.E.A.M.

### Teaching, Educating, and Mentoring

T.E.A.M. is a 10-week school-based, “law related” program, taught to fifth and seventh grade. Each student receives a T.E.A.M. t-shirt at the conclusion of the program. In 2023, over 700 students were taught about topic including:

Rules and laws

Staying safe

Crime in our community

School violence

Drugs/vaping

Internet safety

Gun safety



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# Community Emergency Response Team

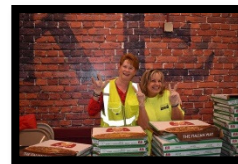
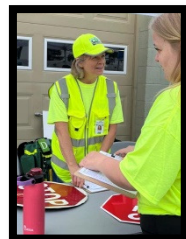


## CERT

2023 served as the 5-year anniversary for the creation of the White Lake Township Police & Fire Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). White Lake CERT, and its members, have become a vital part of the police and fire department's resident and community outreach efforts and serve numerous roles within the community, including supplementing the police and fire departments services. White Lake CERT members volunteer at various community events, respond to police and fire emergencies and participate in regular emergency management and response training exercises as well as home, business, and community safety and emergency response simulations, such as light search and rescue operations. White Lake CERT participates as part of the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) State of Michigan Region 2 Citizen Corp. White Lake CERT currently has 35 volunteer members with another 13 members currently attending the Basic CERT Training Academy. The current trainees are set to graduate from the CERT Basic Academy in March, 2024.

In 2023, White Lake CERT volunteers participated in various emergency preparedness training simulations as well as numerous community service events. During the calendar year 2023, White Lake CERT members participated in Knots & Tying, SkyWarn, Radios and Traffic Control, and Search & Rescue tabletop exercises and training scenarios. White Lake CERT members also assisted in various community events, such as the White Lake Township Police & Fire Open Houses, a White Lake Township Police Foundation Fundraiser on Skull Island, Trunk or Treat at Fisk Farm, Halloween Safety Foot Patrols, the Highland Chamber of Commerce Rockin' the Farm event, the White Lake Township annual Christmas Tree Lighting at Fisk Farm, as well as both White Lake Township Police Department's Shop with A Cop events. In 2023, White Lake CERT was deployed for a downed wires emergency response incident, in which CERT volunteers safeguarded citizens and motorists from downed live wires until the situation could be addressed by DTE.

White Lake CERT looks to enter its 5<sup>th</sup> year of service even stronger, with additional trainings, a wide range of collaborative service efforts region wide, and with the addition of its newly trained volunteers to White Lake Township CERT.







## Police & Community Together P.A.C.T.

In an effort to facilitate expanded communication between the community leadership of White Lake and the Police Department, the White Lake Township Police Department has established a program called, “**Police and Community Together**”. This program is designed to enhance communication by providing community leaders with a liaison officer who will be in direct communication on a monthly basis. In doing so, our department will be able to provide up-to-date information to those community leaders regarding the numerous community programs we have available, safety tips, and topics of concern pertaining to there area of responsibility. Likewise, this will be a perfect opportunity to express any concerns or other information that is important for our department to know. The Chief of Police and PACT liaisons attend the annual meeting of each neighborhood association every year. We also encourage all of our residents to Like us on Facebook, where we also do community outreach.



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# White Lake Police Foundation

The White Lake Police Foundations a 501C(3) was created to better serve our community. It is our hope to improve the lives of children and adults living in White Lake Township. We will continue the numerous programs such as Citizens Academy, Open House, Golf Outing, Youth Police Academy, Shop with a Cop, Adopt-a-Family, and more!

Our purpose is to promote drug abstinence and crime preventions amongst children and teens. To provide the citizens of White Lake Township programs, events and support to enrich their community and increase quality of life.



# Citizens Academy



In 2023 the White Lake Township Police Department hosted another session of our Citizens Academy. The White Lake Township Police Department, in conjunction with the Fire Department and the Township, hosts an outstanding program known as the Citizens Academy. The Citizens Academy runs 11 weeks with approximately three hour sessions each week. Each session consists of engaging and informative lessons taught by the professionals from each of the topics covered. Topics include Communications, Police Department Operations and Investigations, Patrol Tactics, and Fire Department and Township Operations. We also visit the Oakland County Medical Examiners Office and the Aviation Unit, as well as trip to the Gun Range. It all culminates with a Graduation Ceremony. This year we held our 32nd session!

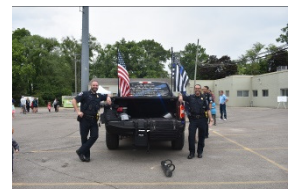
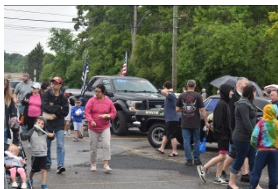
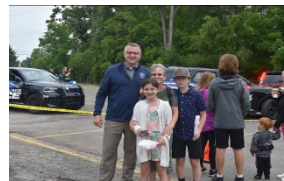




# Open House



White Lake Police Department hosted its annual Open House in June. This event was a huge success with over a thousand White Lake residents taking part in a fun-filled day. The event included police car rides, dunk tank, tours of the station, face painting to rock-wall climbing. Thank you to everyone who attended and the numerous sponsors and volunteers; you really make White Lake Township a great place to live, work and play!





# Golf Outing



Every July, 64 teams fill two golf courses for our annual White Lake Police Foundation golf outing. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. In 2023, we raised \$30,760 to fund our community events. The golf outing pays for TEAM expenses, shop with a cop, open house, youth police academy, citizens academy, and more.





# Youth Police Academy



In 2023, the White Lake Township Police Department hosted its Eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) Youth Police Academy (YPA). The Youth Police Academy is a free program which first began in 2008. Outside of a few years, the program has continued annually since that time.

The YPA is open to young people in/around the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade age ranges who may be interested in Law Enforcement as a career, or they may just be curious about the daily functions and tasks of the police. The program is held each summer, typically in late July, and lasts a week. In 2023, 34 students participated in YPA.

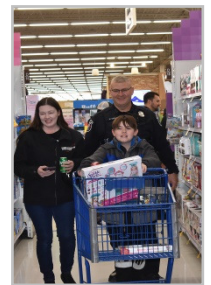
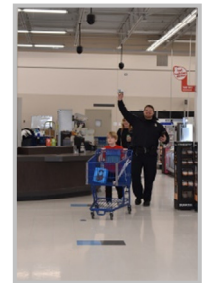
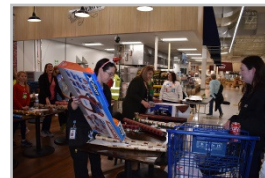
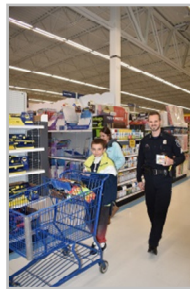
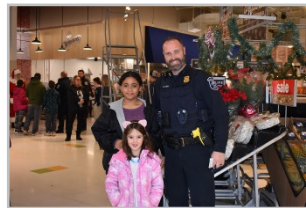
The academy includes instruction by White Lake Township Police Officers, Sergeants, and Detectives, as well as the Chief of Police. The Academy includes instruction on Crime Scene Investigations, Defensive Tactics, Driving, and Traffic Stops. Throughout the academy, Cadets are exposed to the concepts of Leadership, Teamwork, Physical Fitness, good Decision Making, and Integrity as those concepts relate to law enforcement. Those instruction topics are bookended by a trip to the Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center and then a graduation ceremony at the week's end.



# Shop With A Cop



Shop with a Cop was another success this year. Each year, this is one of our most popular events. With the support of Meijer and Walmart, we were able to allow 82 students to go through the program. Each student was given a \$150 gift card to purchase Christmas presents for themselves and their family members.





# Adopt A Family (No Shave November)



Officers at the White Lake Township Police Department went without shaving for a cause during the month of November. In honor of “No Shave November”, police grew out their beards as part of a fundraising campaign to support a local White Lake family in need. Officers donate to participate, and paper beards were sold to support the cause. It was the fifth year the department has adopted a family for the holidays. This year we selected a local family with a child with Langerhans Cell Histiocytosis. Langerhans cell histiocytosis (LCH) is a rare, cancer-like condition. It happens when a person’s body makes too many immature Langerhans cells. These cells are a type of immune cell known as histiocytes. When these cells build up, they can form tumors or damage tissue, bone and organs. Langerhans cell histiocytosis can show up anywhere in the body. It is most common in the skin and bones. It also can affect bone marrow, lymph nodes and organs, including the lungs, liver, brain and spleen. The disease is more common in children than adults. It occurs in about one out of every 200,000 children. It’s most often diagnosed between the ages of 1 and 3.



# Community Support

Thank you White Lake Community for the continued support throughout the year!

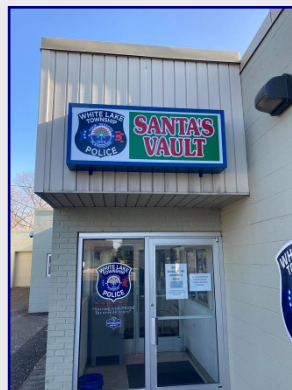




# Community Events



R.A.D. Training - Truck Pull - Trunk or Treat  
Wreaths Across America - Veterans Day - Santa's Vault



# Community Engagement



Our Officers enjoy engaging with our community. We take pride in our involvement and interaction with all the citizens of White Lake Township!





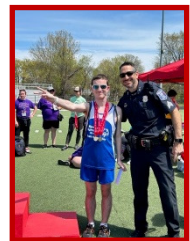
# Special Olympics



In 2023, The White Lake Police Department continued their efforts of fundraising through the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Michigan. The year started with a bang as White Lake PD was the host department of the Oakland County 2023 Polar Plunge. We fundraised and took a dip in the frozen waters of Walled Lake while raising an astounding \$20,408 for Special Olympics. The Department was again recognized as the top fundraising law enforcement team at the event.

In April, we attended the annual conference and accepted the Law Enforcement Torch Run Emerald Award. This award recognized White Lake Township Police Department as the Top Fundraising Local Police Agency in the state. Several members throughout the year also volunteered their time, coaching, playing Unified Sports, and presenting medals to our local Special Olympic Athletes. We love and look forward to continuing our partnership with both Team Huron Valley Special Olympics and Special Olympics of Michigan.

In September the Department hosted the 2022 Oakland County Fire Truck Pull for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time. This 4-hour event was a huge success and raised another \$8,500 for Special Olympics Michigan.





# Mission Statement



It is the mission of the White Lake Township Police Department to serve our citizens with professionalism, courage, and integrity. To hold the quality of life, preservation of safety, and protection of property in the highest regard.”

**White Lake Township Police Department**