

Midland Police Department



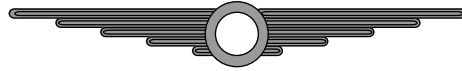
ANNUAL REPORT

2003 - 2004

James Q. St. Louis
Chief of Police

Midland Police Department

Mission Statement



The members of the Midland Police Department are committed to working with the public to provide total law enforcement services to all. We will provide these services in an effective, efficient and professional manner to insure that Midland is a quality community in which to live, work, visit and play.



September, 2004

TO: KARL TOMION, CITY MANAGER

TOPIC: 2003-2004 (FISCAL YEAR) ANNUAL POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT

Attached is the annual Midland Police Department Activity Report for the fiscal year of 2003-2004 which summarizes the activity area of complaints recorded; court activity; traffic enforcement activity; vehicle crash experiences; criminal investigations; juvenile complaints; and various other police comparative activities and community programming.

The annual report indicates that criminal activity reported within the city of Midland for the 2003-2004 reporting period recorded a slight decrease of only 0.3% in criminal complaints reported. The annual report also indicates that overall traffic crashes experienced a significant 6% decrease over the previous year. The total number of vehicle accidents during the 2003-04 reporting period is the second lowest number of annual accidents recorded within our community since 1975.

When reviewing the annual report, it should be noted that in order to gain a clearer understanding of a reported activity's growth or reduction that the actual total number should bear the focus as the percentage figures may provide a distorted perception of their actual changes.

The personnel of the Midland Police Department have continued to perform in an excellent manner during 2003-2004 of assisting the community in keeping Midland a safe and healthy environment in which to live, work, play and visit. Midland remains a safe and tranquil community as evidenced in the comparison of criminal activity with other communities of our size throughout the state. Members of the Midland Police Department, along with the elected and appointed officials of the City, are to be commended for their joint efforts with community residents and businesses in assuring that the City of Midland continues to prosper within an environment of safety and security.

Respectfully submitted,

James Q. St. Louis
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Midland Police Sworn Department Personnel

Chief of Police

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Captain - Support Services

Todd Ponte - Retired 8-22-03 John Oswald - Promoted 8-25-03

Captain - Patrol Services

Larry Quinn - Retired 1-12-04 Robert Lane - Promoted 1-13-04

Administrative Lieutenant

David Thompson

Detective Lieutenant

John Oswald

Gerald Ladwig - Assigned 11-8-03

Shift Lieutenant

Robert Lane	Carmine Prinzo
Patrick Hansen	Gregory Kramer- Promoted 11-23-03
Gerald Ladwig	Clifford Block- Promoted 1-13-04

Shift Sergeant

Gregory Kramer	George Hutter
Steven Elmer	Karen Tomicek- Promoted 11-23-03
Cliff Block	David Trask- Promoted 1-13-04

Detective

Donn Cholcher
Robert Brzak
James Hurd

Warrant Officer

Marc Purtell

Community Relations Officer

Chad Schieber

Patrol Officers

* Indicates Retired during fiscal year

**Indicates Resigned position during fiscal year

Eugene Van Allen*	Sally Schmidt*	Morely Johnson*	Dave McCargar
Karen Tomicek	Steven London	Mark Taglauer	Dawn Mayer
Val Johnson	Donald Brooks	Caryn Weiland	David Trask
Ronald Rutledge	Jeff Doyle	Rod Roten	John Dubois
Joseph Schneider	Gregory Tait	Marc Goulette	Ricardo Longoria
Robert Booth	Jeffrey Seger	Michael Sokol	Darin Updike
Matthew Berchert	Brian Hampton	Jay Poellet	Steven Pomranky
Joshua McMillan	Jairam Mahabir	Bradley Nault**	Tonya Kenny
Sean Seabase	Mark Klein	Timothy St. Onge	Jeremy Davis

Midland Police Non-Sworn Department Personnel

Clerical Staff

Donna Davis
Christine Columbus
Nancy Tiede

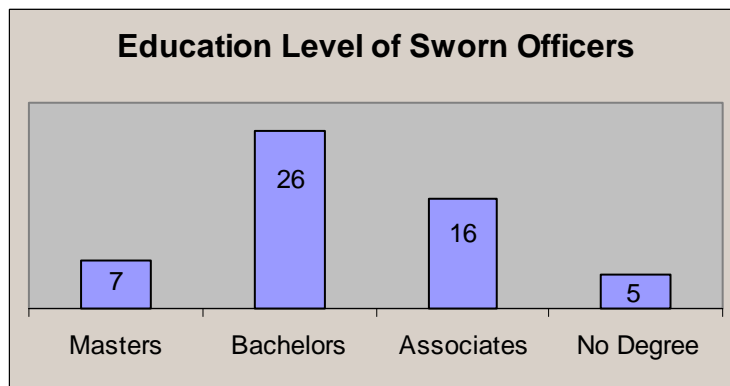
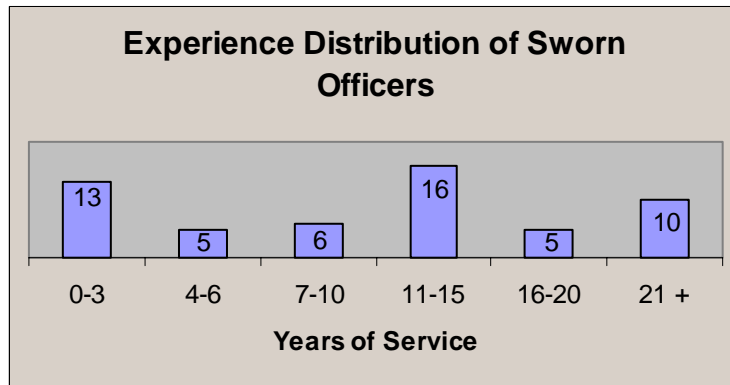
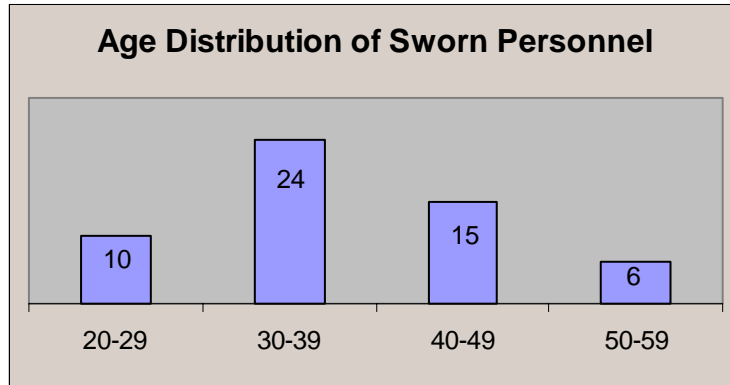
School Crossing Guards

Annabelle Waskevich
Arleneth Juneau
Elmer Thurston
Gilbert Rosin
Jan Kindt
Karen Harrell
Marilyn Sylvester
Sally Wirtz
Sharon Blaine
Linda Berry
Shellie Wilson
Tina Huber
Bruce Allard
Laurie Johnson
Gary Roberson
Charles Supinger

Alternate School Crossing Guards

Bob Jackson
Carrie Welsh
Sharon Wejrowski
Brenda Jewell
Charles Melchi
Sue McWhethy
Deb Smith

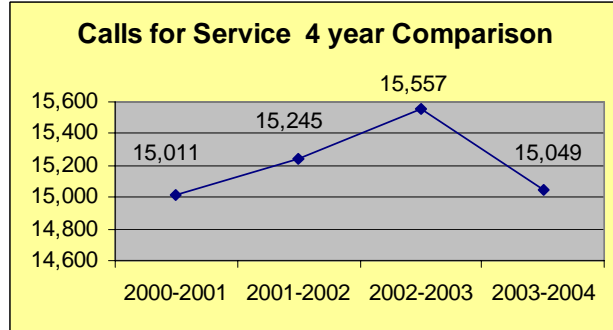
PROFILE OF SWORN POLICE PERSONNEL



FORMAL COMPLAINTS REPORTED TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	Percent Change From Prior Year
Murder	2	0	1	100%
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0%
Kidnapping	0	0	0	0%
Kidnapping (Parental)	0	0	0	0%
Sexual Assault	37	31	39	26%
Robbery	11	4	5	25%
Non-aggravated Assault	285	298	289	-3%
Aggravated Assault	30	45	31	-31%
Intimidation / Stalking	21	15	10	-33%
Arson	5	11	3	-73%
Burglary - Forced Entry	84	106	87	-18%
Burglary - Non-forced Entry	17	28	24	-14%
Unlawful Entry (no intent)	11	10	12	20%
Larceny	350	559	675	21%
Retail Fraud	182	187	178	-5%
Stolen Vehicle	25	18	32	78%
Forgery / Counterfeiting	13	13	19	46%
Fraud (excluding checks)	41	54	38	-30%
Check Offenses	70	50	50	0%
Embezzlement	16	29	25	-14%
Damage to Property	308	360	370	3%
Narcotics Violations	73	49	60	22%
Family - Abuse & Neglect	15	21	19	-10%
Driving Under Influence	259	195	170	-13%
Minor in Possession of Alcohol	277	229	178	-22%
Liquor License Establishment	12	8	10	25%
Liquor Law Violations - Other	37	31	26	-16%
Weapons Offense	11	13	15	15%
Disorderly Conduct / Public Peace	153	140	130	-7%
Totals	2345	2504	2496	-0.3%

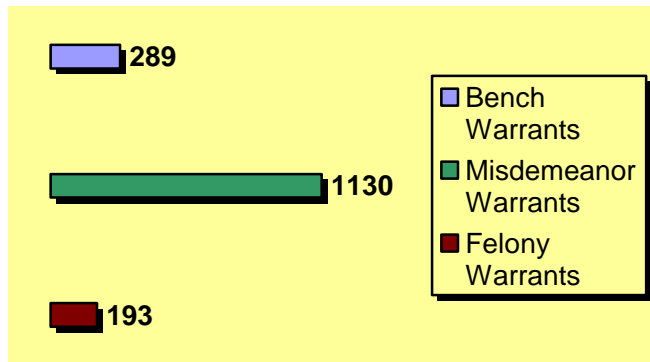
CALLS FOR SERVICE

2000-2001	15,011
2001-2002	15,245
2002-2003	15,557
2003-2004	15,049



COURT ACTIVITY

	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
Felony Warrants	230	194	194	193
Misdemeanor Warrants	1202	1212	1282	1130
Bench Warrants	239	210	237	289
Total Warrants	1671	1616	1713	1612

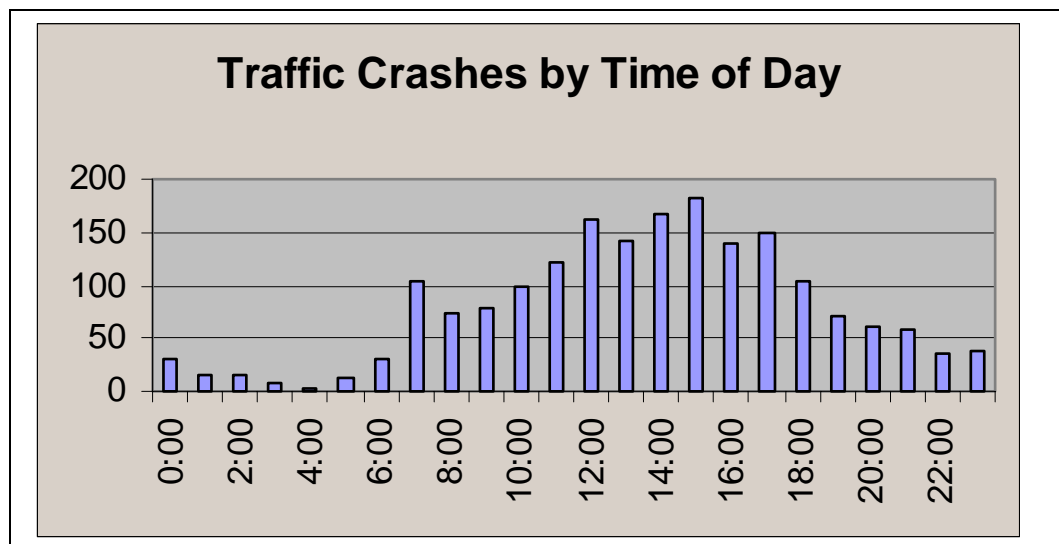
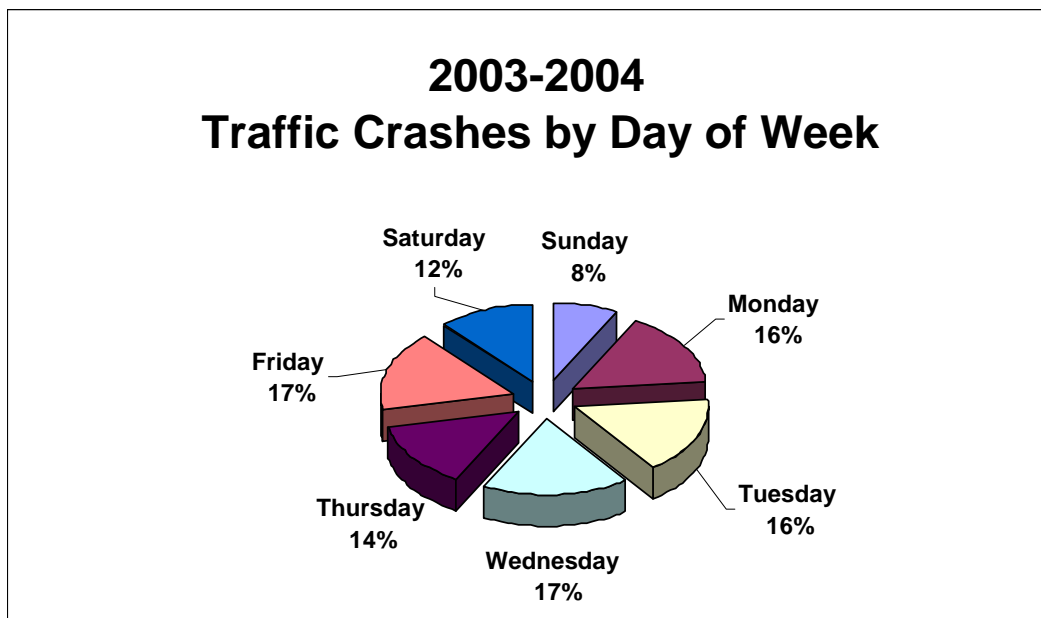


	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
Warrants Cleared	1674	1630	1721	1628
Subpoenas Received	1255	1828	1732	2104
Subpoenas Served	1255	1828	1732	2104

JUVENILE CASE DISPOSITIONS	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	Percent Change From Year Prior
Referred to Probate Court	198	238	269	13%
Referred to F.I.A.	0	3	0	-300%
Referred to Other Agency	2	1	2	100%
Referred to Adult Court	0	0	0	0%
Referred to Counselors	2	0	0	0%

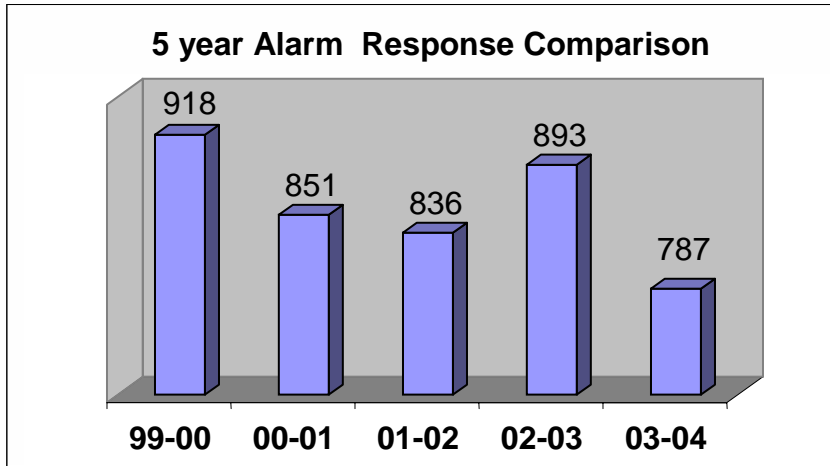
JUVENILE CASE CATEGORIES	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	Percent Change From Year Prior
Runaways Reported	39	24	53	121%
Juvenile Retail Fraud	77	86	74	-14%
Assaults	35	48	38	-21%
Sexual Assaults	6	5	3	-40%
Property Crimes	106	54	68	26%
Arson	1	2	0	-200
Narcotics Violations	32	23	25	9%
Liquor Violations	18	25	19	-24%
Tobacco Violations	31	52	19	-63%
Other - Miscellaneous	17	46	37	-19%
Total Juvenile Cases	362	365	336	-8%

TRAFFIC CRASH ACTIVITY	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	Percent Change From Prior Year
Fatal Crashes	2	2	2	0%
Private Property Crashes	472	473	461	-3%
Personal Injury Crashes	289	278	257	-8%
Property Damage Only Crashes	1303	1083	1021	-6%
Totals	1594	1363	1278	-6%



TRAFFIC LAW ENFORCEMENT	01-02	2002-03	2003-04	Percent Change From Prior Year
Hazardous Violations				
Basic Speed	534	431	389	-10%
Fail to Yield	273	293	285	-3%
Speed	2672	3209	2940	-8%
Reckless Driving	11	5	5	0%
Careless Driving	77	68	76	12%
Improper Turn	259	104	39	-63%
Improper Lane Use	149	132	123	-7%
Disobey Traffic Signal	510	520	458	-12%
Disobey Traffic Sign / Device	225	274	173	-37%
Safety Violations				
Equipment Violations	146	216	278	29%
Safety Belt Violations	564	687	638	-7%
Child Restraint Violations	26	2	9	350%
Administrative				
Suspended / Revoked	266	353	352	0%
Registration Violations	818	922	648	-30%
Insurance Violations	612	715	673	-6%
Alcohol Related				
Open Intoxicants	28	24	30	25%
OUIL / OUID / Impaired	259	190	164	-14%
Parking				
Handicapped Parking	74	71	88	24%
Miscellaneous				
All Others	970	778	621	-20%
Total Citations Issued - All Categories	8473	8994	7989	-11%

ALARM ACTIVITY	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	Percent change From Prior Year
Valid Alarm Calls	0	4	5	25%
False Alarm Calls	836	889	782	-12%
Totals	836	893	787	-12%



POLICE ACTIVITY SUMMARY

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

The criminal complaints filed with the Midland Police Department during the 2003-04 reporting period indicates that overall criminal offenses decreased slightly by 0.3% continuing a seven year trend of criminal offenses declining and/or remaining stagnant.

The "Crime Index" offenses on record with the Midland Police Department for 2003-04 continue to remain relatively low. Crime Index crimes are crimes that are composed of selected offenses used by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Michigan State Police Uniform Crime Reporting Section, and various other social science research entities to gauge fluctuations in the overall volume and rate of crime reported to law enforcement. The Crime Index reporting rate is used to gauge and rate the overall level of personal security and safety that exists within communities across the nation, and our state. The Crime Index offenses include the violent crimes of Murder (1 for Midland); Non-Negligent Manslaughter (0 for Midland); Felony Sexual Assault (39 for Midland); Robbery (5 for Midland); Aggravated Assault (31 for Midland); and the property crimes of Burglary (111 for Midland); Larceny (675 for Midland); Motor Vehicle Theft (32 for Midland); and Arson (3 for Midland); reflecting an 11% increase over the previous year.

Total calls for police service went from 15,557 the previous reporting period to 15,049 calls for service during this reporting period marking a decrease in police calls for service.

Criminal complaints involving juveniles aged 16 years and younger experienced a decrease of 8% reporting 336 juvenile offenses compared to 365 offenses the year before.

During the 2003-04 reporting period there were no identifiable organized gangs within the community and the perceived acts of violence or property crimes that are attributed to potential gang activity have primarily been identified as random juvenile delinquent acts.

The high visibility of patrol officers with the community, along with aggressive patrol and investigative procedures, community relations programming and community cooperation, are the basis for effectively containing criminal activity within the community.

TRAFFIC ACTIVITY

Traffic patterns, congestion and driving practices with the community continue to be one of the priority concerns of the community and the police department. During the 2003-04 reporting period the traffic enforcement officers and patrol officers continued in their efforts to provide high visibility presence at major traffic crash locations; residential and commercial streets; continued in the aggressive enforcement of traffic statutes; and sponsored ongoing traffic safety programming in an attempt to meet the department objectives of reducing traffic crashes and injuries associated with crashes. This teamwork concept focusing on problem traffic locations and patterns resulted in a significant decline in traffic crashes, recording a 6% reduction as well as a general consensus within the community that overall traffic safety has improved significantly.

With the 6% decrease in overall vehicle crashes, personal injury crashes decreased by 8% and property crashes (non-injury) decreased by 6%. There were two fatal crashes recorded during the 2003-04 reporting period that resulted in two deaths. One crash occurred in the morning hours when a lone driver failed to stop for a stop sign at Tucker and Wheeler and was struck by a west bound vehicle and was killed. The other fatal crash occurred

during the noon hour when a driver of a vehicle pulled out of a parking lot making a left turn onto N. Saginaw Rd. and was struck by a west bound vehicle and was killed. The victim was not wearing a safety belt.

Although vehicle crashes occurring on private property, i.e., shopping center parking lots; school lots; etc., do not legally require a police response or a police report, officers do respond in order to provide the community with a courtesy report in order to provide reporting assistance to their insurance carriers. During the 2003-04 reporting period officer's response to private property crashes remained steady by responding to 461 crashes compared to 473 the previous year.

TRAFFIC SERVICES OFFICER

The Traffic Services Unit of the Midland Police Department is comprised of two traffic services officers who were selected from the patrol division to address specific traffic enforcement issues within the city of Midland.

The traffic issues these officers addressed were developed from citizen complaints, from internal studies, and from officer experience.

Each traffic officer is assigned to an unmarked patrol vehicle, and this past year each of the vehicles were upgraded with a Kustom directional radar units allowing them with a more versatile approach to monitoring speeders on the roadways. These officers also obtained a Decatur hand-held directional radar which supplemented an already existing (non-directional) hand-held radar and a hand-held Lidar (Laser). The traffic services officers often times join with shift patrol officers to form selective traffic enforcement teams at high accident intersections and on streets throughout the community where citizens have complained about speeding vehicles.

The implementation of our mobile speed trailer "Speedy" is another tool assigned to the traffic services officers and has been in use for several years.

TRAFFIC SAFETY TEAM

The Traffic Safety Team (T.S.T.) is made up of officers that have an interest in traffic safety above and beyond the duties for which they are normally assigned. Independent, but inclusive of the traffic services officers, the Traffic Safety Team is comprised of employees from all areas of the department including the detective bureau, community relations unit, and the patrol division.

The goals of the T.S.T. are to "reduce traffic crashes, deaths, and injuries within the City of Midland."

In the effort to accomplish these goals, the T.S.T. designed and implemented several traffic enforcement campaigns, not only to enforce, but also to educate and encourage the community, as well as the members of the department, of specific traffic issues. Those campaigns included: Residential Speeding, School Zones, Following Too Closely, Loud Vehicle Noise, Seatbelt Compliance, and Drunk Driving.

Several officers of the T.S.T. are certified Car Seat Technicians. During the past year several hundred parents have come to the Law Enforcement Center for one-on-one inspections of cars seats, this is in addition to several car seat inspection events sponsored by local businesses and the Child Protection Council, with whom we have partnered.

The T.S.T. also partnered with the Midland Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association, and with Bay Arenac ISD, in conducting a comprehensive seatbelt compliance study in which 226 randomly selected intersections throughout the city were monitored for an hour each.

Another study developed by the T.S.T. was a study conducted to identify the perceptions of driver's in the community as well as their perceptions and expectations of the traffic enforcement by our officers.

The efforts of the traffic programs in the Midland Police Department have earned several awards during the past year.

The first and most prestigious award is the Michigan Association Chief s of Police Award for Excellence in Traffic Safety, awarded to the department for the second year in a row.

The department also received the U.S. D.O.T. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Buckle Up Award recognizing the department's leadership in seatbelt enforcement.

Finally, the Midland Police Department was awarded a \$20,000.00 Click It or Ticket Mobilization grant from the Office of Highway Safety Planning used for overtime expenses in a seatbelt compliance campaign, partnered with the Midland County Sheriffs Office and the Michigan State Police.

D.A.R.E.

The D.A.R.E. (Drug Awareness Resistance Education) program continues to have a major influence in our community since its implementation in 1989. The tremendous success and positive impact on our young school age youths can be attributed to the fine work of the two Midland Police D.A.R.E. Officers and Midland County Sheriff D.A.R.E. Officers along with the support from the schools and community.

The 2003-2004 school year also brought about changes for the D.A.R.E. program with the retirement of a D.A.R.E. Officer and the promotion to a command position by the other one resulting in two new D.A.R.E. officers having been trained and assigned to teach the program to the fifth graders within the community schools.

NEIGHBORHOOD POLICING

Since the implementation of the "Neighborhood Policing" project in 1992, the program continues to be highly successful and effective in fostering a positive relationship between the police and citizens as well as continuing to have a positive impact in providing safety to the assigned neighborhood sector. The officer assigned to the neighborhood sector, primarily the southeast section of the City, can be lauded for the program's continued success through foot and bicycle patrols; assisting in the creation of block parties, designing youth programs and general crime prevention programming such as assisting in the creation of Neighborhood Watch groups.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS UNIT

Since the creation of the Community Relations Unit, also known as the Crime Prevention Unit, in 1992, the Community Relations Officer has continued to enhance the programs and services of the Unit to the point that almost all groups and aspects of the community have been involved in, or have been a recipient of one of the many services provided.

The community relations and crime prevention programming included specialized visits and programs to the area schools; mutual programs with business and civic groups; and also assists neighborhoods and business districts in the formation of "Neighborhood Watch" and "Business Watch" programs. The Community Relations Unit is presently active with 32 neighborhoods involved in the Neighborhood Watch program.

One of the more popular community relations programs that were introduced in 1998 is the "Citizens Police Academy" which is a mini-style police academy for citizens of our community. This popular training and educational program is held one night a week for ten weeks and provides citizens of the community with an in-depth study of the duties and tasks assigned to police officers and the training associated with it, as well as a review of the overall operations of the Midland Police Department. The graduates of the program are well over 100 strong and have been very active in community programs and functions.

The summer of 2004 brought the second session of the "Youth Police/Sheriff Academy" cosponsored by the Community Relations Units of the Midland Police Department and the Midland County Sheriffs Office. 45 local youths, aged 10 to 14 years, attended the two sessions of the academy learning the various aspects of law enforcement, including boating and bicycle safety, juvenile laws, road patrol and detective functions; violence and gang prevention; etc. The program was an overwhelming success.

SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS

One of the more loyal and dedicated servants to the safety of our young citizens is the Midland Police Department School Crossing Guards. These dedicated members of the community have exemplified themselves in protecting the safety of our children during their walks to and from school, and often times during the worst of inclement weather and challenging traffic patterns. There is little doubt that the skills and professionalism of these dedicated school crossing guards have contributed significantly to the fact that the community has never experienced in recent memory a traffic related injury involving one of our school children while they were walking to and from school.

CONCLUSION

During the 2003-04 reporting period the members of the Midland Police Department have worked well together in providing the community with the finest and most effective law enforcement service possible. The citizens of Midland are very fortunate to have the professionalism that exists within their police department. The members of the department are recognized statewide for their competency, dedication and professionalism as patrol officers, command officers, investigators, specialized units, i.e., S.W.A.T.; Traffic Services; Neighborhood Policing; D.A.R.E.; etc., all of which have assisted in keeping criminal activity far below the average for communities of our size and traffic concerns from escalating.

The department goal towards increased patrol and investigative efforts has resulted in Midland's criminal activity to continually be at a level that is below the average for communities of similar size throughout the state. The vast majority of major criminal incidents have lead to successful arrests and convictions.

The goal of continuing to reduce traffic crashes continues to be met with success as indicated by the crash rate decreasing by 6%, after a 15% reduction the previous year and with recording the second lowest rate of vehicle accidents since 1975. Traffic crash reduction will remain a high priority among the officers of the department.

Another goal that the department members continue to strive towards is the continued efforts to work in a safe environment by being very safety conscious in order to reduce the risks and hazards that would potentially cause personal harm to the members or the public. The officers responded to over 15,000 calls for assistance by the community during the reporting period and only recorded five minor injuries during this time reflecting the success in their commitment of being safety conscious.

The members of the department have been experiencing a dramatic change in their role as public safety officers with the additional burdens and responsibilities that have been placed on them as the first line of protection and defense involving Homeland Security issues. Training in Homeland Security issues remains a priority for the department and is an ongoing process for the organization and its members.

The members of the Midland Police Department look forward to the continuation in their efforts of accomplishing the department goals in order to serve the community with the finest police service possible. Several of the ongoing services and goals that members of the department will be continuing to move towards during the next reporting period includes the continued expansion of police/community programming; supporting internal safety programs; and to focus on criminal activity and traffic concerns in order to reduce their impact on the community through aggressive patrolling and enforcement.

The Midland Police Department personnel are well prepared and trained to provide the citizens of Midland with the finest and most professional law enforcement department and service possible.