

PUBLIC SAFETY

OVERVIEW – SHERIFF

The County Sheriff is an elected office mandated by Article 7, Section 4 of the Michigan Constitution.

ADMINISTRATION AND ROAD PATROL

A number of administrative and operational functions are mandated to be performed by the Sheriff, including patrolling and monitoring traffic violations on County Roads, providing emergency assistance on County Roads, transporting inmates to and from court, and providing for Court security when requested. In addition, the Sheriff may be required by state statute to perform services in support of court operations regarding a civil case; however, state statutes provide that the courts may appoint a court officer to perform this function; therefore it is generally considered a discretionary function of the Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff is also mandated to serve as a court officer should the Michigan Court of Claims be seated in Kent County for a specific case (MCL600.6407).

Other activities, such as investigating reported or suspected crimes are not mandated but are performed by all county sheriff's departments and are considered a necessary component of law enforcement. Other specialized activities or teams, (e.g. drug enforcement units, domestic violence coordination, DARE instruction), are not considered a necessary function to carry out a specific mandate, as evidenced by the number of counties who have not created such units. However, in some cases the Board of Commissioners has specifically authorized the creation of specialized units or teams or the performance of a specific function. For the purposes of this report, in the absence of any Board resolution, the function is considered a discretionary activity.

The Sheriff's Department also seeks and receives reimbursement from several sources – inmates, other units of government, etc., and charges fees for certain services. Establishment of an administrative unit to support these functions is considered necessary.

CORRECTIONS

All counties are mandated by statute to provide for sufficient jail space and to keep it in good repair. MCLA 45.16a further states that a county may contract with another county for use of its jail in lieu of building one but the county must maintain a lock up within its geographic boundaries. The purpose of the Kent County Correctional Facility is to provide care and custody of individuals who have been arrested for, charged with, and/or convicted of violations of State law. For offenders charged with municipal ordinance violations, the County and the cities have established a MOU outlining the fees to house these offenders as the Sheriff is not statutorily required to house municipal ordinance violators.

Specific care and custody functions and activities are defined by a set of constantly evolving requirements including religious programs, provision of a law library, provision of medical services (specifically, physical examinations within 14 days of admission, testing for TB and STDs, and routine medical care) and provision of mental health assessment services.

Operation of alternative correctional services such as the Community Reentry Center is not mandated but is subject to the annual budget allocation authorized by the Board of Commissioners.

DISPATCH SERVICES

Counties are not mandated to provide dispatch services, however, such services are necessary to perform other mandated duties such as providing emergency assistance and enforcing the laws of the State. Operation of a dispatch service as a means to accomplish this function was authorized by the Board of Commissioners in 1987. In 2007, the Kent County Board of Commissioners approved an intergovernmental agreement forming the Kent County Dispatch Authority of which the Sheriff is appointed by virtue of the office. The Authority has since established a Strategic Plan to consolidate the 911 call-taking function to two Primary Public Safety Answering Points of which the Sheriff's Department serves as one of the call-centers. The Sheriff's Department continues to answer calls for service for other local units and dispatches their personnel when the service is requested by the local unit. The service also takes emergency calls for the Department of Public Works after hours. Answering and dispatch for all non-Sheriff's Department calls is considered a discretionary service, except where there is a Board-authorized agreement.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

County involvement with emergency management focuses on two separate areas, one related to hazardous materials, and the other related to general emergencies and disasters (e.g. weather-related incidents such as tornadoes). Since 9/11, this has expanded to include terrorism involving the use of nuclear, biological or chemical weapons of mass destruction. In 2004, the Board approved the Mutual Aid Assistance Agreement to provide the benefit of mutual aid among police departments operating within Kent County for special law enforcement needs in unusual or emergency situations where the need is beyond the capabilities of a single police department.

The Federal government's Superfund Amendments Reauthorization Act (SARA) requires the County to administer a local emergency planning committee and conduct activities relating to the clean-up and disposal of hazardous material spills. The County delegates authority for these activities to the Sheriff's Department.

With respect to general emergency planning, the County is mandated by MCLA 30.409(1) to appoint a county emergency coordinator, who, at the direction of the chair of the Board of Commissioners, is responsible for all matters pertaining to emergency management and preparedness. Nothing in the statute, however, requires that any specific actions or duties take place, and the powers and duties associated with the position are enabling, rather than mandating. Since the 1980s, the State Police – Emergency Management Division has contracted with the County to prepare and maintain an emergency management plan and to provide education for local providers about their roles and responsibilities under the plan. The contract also requires the County to conduct periodic readiness tests of the emergency response system to ensure that the County is adequately prepared to respond to emergency situations and conditions.

In 2012, the County entered into an agreement to consolidate the emergency management programs and LEPC to foster regional cooperation in preparing for emergency situations.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMPUTER NETWORK

In 1987, the Sheriff's department and several other policing agencies established a cooperative computer system to provide for dispatch and police records. The system allows for the departments to share information and provides some data-sharing efficiencies and cost savings through shared resources. Participation in the network, which is accounted for in a separate budgetary center, is a discretionary activity.

MARINE SAFETY

Counties are not required to provide marine law enforcement, however, the Board has accepted grant funds for this activity since the 1970's. State law does require the Sheriff to inspect boat livery operations, and to recover drowned bodies, and the resources to provide all of these activities have been concentrated and accounted for as one operation. Marine patrol services may be provided by the Sheriff through contract with lake associations or local units of government, and as such, is considered a discretionary activity.

TOWNSHIP LAW ENFORCEMENT

The Board of Commissioners has, on a township-by-township basis and at the request of the township, added positions to provide targeted enforcement within the boundaries of the township. Resolutions creating the positions have specified the duties of the officer sufficiently for the program to be considered as approved by the Board. Services above the normal service level may be provided to townships on a fee basis as outlined in specific township memorandums of understanding.

Sheriff

Function	Mandated						Non-Mandated							
	Statute	Fully Funded	Un-Funded	Partially Funded			Board Authorized Agreement	Board Resolution	Necessary	Discretionary	Funding Source			
				Designated State/Feds	User Fees / Fines	Other					Gen. Fund.	User Fees	State/Fed Grant	Other
Administration and Road Patrol														
Administration														
Administer and fulfill reporting requirements for grants, other revenues, and expenses		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Administer the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	11-09-00-166		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Create and maintain records of the department's investigative and correctional activities	MCLA 28.251	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issue and administer gun permits	MCLA 28.422	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Operate substations		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		12-8-94-158 12-45-95-146 8-83-107	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Serve papers as ordered by courts	MCLA 45.407	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Board Participation														
Community Corrections Advisory Board		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		3-89-37	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Concealed Weapons Permit Board	MCLA 28.426	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kent County Dispatch Authority		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	11-16-06-121	7-27-06-66	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Investigations														
Conduct investigations of reported and suspected crimes		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Participate in Metropolitan Enforcement Team		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	10-22-98-144		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Participate in the Kent Narcotics Team		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Road Patrol														
Enforce criminal laws of State observed during patrolling and monitoring	MCLA 51.76(2)(b)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implement COPS community policing		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4-13-95-43		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Investigate accidents involving motor vehicles	MCLA 51.76(2)(c)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Operate a Domestic Violence Coordination Program		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	11-24-98-182		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patrol and monitor traffic violations on County primary and County local roads	MCLA 51.76(2)(a)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provide emergency assistance to persons on or near a highway or road patrolled by the Sheriff	MCLA 51.76(2)(d)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provide secondary road patrol		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	10-86-144		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Security														
Provide Court Security	MCLA 600.581	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Training														
Participate in Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards	PA 203 of 1965 as amended	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provide training and certification courses for law enforcement personnel	PA 203 of 1965 as amended	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communications Center														
Call-Taking														
Answer in-coming 911 calls as function of 911 call-taking consolidation		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	03-25-2010-16	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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Dispatch Services														
Dispatch police and fire personnel pursuant to contracts with various agencies		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Various Agreemer		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dispatch Sheriff's Department personnel		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Corrections														
Community Re-Entry Center														
Operate a work release program		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2-82-30	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Corrections Administration														
Create and maintain records of inmates		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Inmate care accounting and billing		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Corrections Operations														
House inmates accused of city ordinance violation if space is available		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2-26-98-28	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Make available various inmate services (religious, educational, medical, mental health, legal access, recreation)	Various statutes and case law	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Operate a facility providing care and custody for offenders accused and convicted of violations of state law	MCLA 45.16	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transport														
Transport inmates for mental health exams	MCLA 330.2026	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transport inmates from KCCF to all district courts in the County for preliminary exams	MCL 600.581 MCL 766.4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emergency Management														

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Administer Local Emergency Planning Committee and activities relating to hazardous materials releases	42 USCA 11001(B)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		2-24-00-15	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adopt & Implement National Incident Management System		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		08-25-05-69	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Conduct periodic tests of readiness and the ability of the County's response system		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		1-28-93-12	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Educate citizens and officials regarding roles and responsibilities in emergencies		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		1-28-93-12	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Provide an emergency plan and review annually	42 USCA 11003	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		12-14-06-146	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Law Enforcement Computer Network														
Administer the law enforcement computer network		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Liquor Law Enforcement														
Enforce State and County Liquor Laws	MCLA 436.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marine Safety														
Conduct patrols on inland lakes, enforce marine safety laws, and rescue stranded boaters		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		1-6-98-6	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Inspect boat livery operations	MCLA 324.44517	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recover drowned bodies	MCLA 51.301	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Target marine safety patrols		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Township Law Enforcement														

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Provide services above normal service level to townships on a fee basis		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	7-27-00-102		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Target road patrols within specified townships		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

OVERVIEW – FIRE COMMISSION

The Board of Commissioners created the Kent County Fire Committee in April 1942; the group's name was changed to the Fire Commission in 1949. The Commission is permitted by MCLA 46.301 to oversee the purchase of fire extinguishing apparatus and equipment for townships without adequate fire protection. The law permitting such an activity also limits the County's contribution to 50 percent of the cost of such equipment, with townships required to contribute the remaining 50 percent.

The County also administers the Fire Commission Fund and serves as staff to the Commission, performing the managerial, clerical, and purchasing functions required to purchase and maintain the equipment. These activities are not required by resolution or the law to be performed by the County, and are therefore, considered discretionary.

Fire Commission

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	Statute	Fully Funded	Un-Funded	Partially Funded			Board Authorized Agreement	Board Resolution	Necessary	Discretionary	Funding Source			
				Designated State/Feds	User Fees / Fines	Other					Gen. Fund.	User Fees	State/Fed Grant	Other
Administer the Fire Commission fund and provide staffing for Fire Commission operations		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Appoint representatives to the Commission		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1-5-99	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Purchase fire fighting vehicles and equipment for members		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	04-14-42	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>