

KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT 2015 ANNUAL REPORT



KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT EQUESTRIAN TRAINING CENTER

**Dedicated to Peter Secchia and Family
September 15, 2015**



SHERIFF LAWRENCE A. STELMA

2015 was a year of significant command transitions within the Kent County Sheriff's Office. After 36 years of dedicated service, Undersheriff Jon Hess retired on June 1, 2015. This retirement created opportunities to realign the command structure of the Sheriff's Office and allow for new appointments to Undersheriff, Chief Deputy, and two new captain positions. Former Chief Deputy Michelle LaJoye-Young, a 26 year officer, was appointed Undersheriff. Former Captain Kevin Kelley, a 26 year officer, was appointed Chief Deputy. Former First Lieutenant Bruce Ivie, a 23 year officer, was appointed Captain taking over the command of the Investigative Division. Former Lieutenant Dave Kok, a 19 year officer, was appointed Captain, taking over command of the Patrol Division.

I am pleased to say these fine officers stepped into their new roles in a seamless way. This smooth transition occurred in part because of their superb personal qualities. The smooth transition can also be attributed to the entire staff of almost 700 individuals who, every day, strive to serve this community first, placing personal agendas second.

Throughout the year, the Sheriff Department staff participated in several events; the following lists only a few of the many special occasions that occurred in 2015:

- ♦ April 5, 2015 - Lt. Jack Smith and the Easter Bunny visited children at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids, passing out stuffed animals to the patients and sharing the excitement and wonderment only a personal visit with the Easter Bunny can bring.
- ♦ May 2015 – Police Unity Tour - six employees from the Kent County Sheriff Department joined the nationwide event to ride bicycles 300 miles from New Jersey to the National Police Memorial in Washington DC. They rode in honor of officers that died in the line of duty, while raising money for the National Police Memorial.
- ♦ August 4, 2015 – National Night Out - local law enforcement agencies along with several businesses hosted events in Rockford and Kentwood.
- ♦ September 15, 2015 - Kent County Sheriff Department Equestrian Training Center Ribbon Cutting honoring Peter Secchia and family for providing an endowment to the project.
- ♦ December 6 and 13, 2015 - Kent County Sheriff Department, partnered with local Meijer Stores, for the 14th annual Shop With A Sheriff event. Deputies volunteered to shop with 120 underprivileged children assisting them with selecting necessities (coats, boots, hats, etc.) as well as a Christmas gift that each child can choose for themselves or a family member.

The following pages are a tribute to the noble efforts of so many fine men and women of the Kent County Sheriff Department and it is a distinct privilege and honor to represent them.

UNDERSHERIFF MICHELLE YOUNG



The Undersheriff serves as second in command of the Sheriff's Office. Michelle Young began her career in 1989 as a Corrections Officer. She was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 1994, Lieutenant in 1999, Captain in 2007, Chief Deputy in January 2011, and Undersheriff in June 2015. Undersheriff Young holds a Bachelor in Criminal Justice from Michigan State University and a Masters in Public Administration from Western Michigan University.

Undersheriff Young has worked in several divisions of the department and has had extensive experience in the communication needs of the department. She is assigned to be a representative on a national technical advisory panel for the National FBI-CJIS and a representative on the Michigan State CJIC Advisory Board. She is appointed by the Governor to serve on the Michigan Interoperability Board.

DEPUTY CHIEF KEVIN KELLEY



The Chief Deputy serves as third in command of the Sheriff's Office. Kevin began his career at the Sheriff Department on June 5, 1989 as a County Patrol Officer. He was promoted to Sergeant on the Road on January 13, 2003 and promoted to Road Patrol Lieutenant on February 19, 2007. On January 3, 2011, Kevin was promoted to Captain assigned to the Road Patrol and, in August 2012, he was put in charge of the Detective Bureau, Road Patrol, and Vice Unit.

Kevin graduated from Grand Rapids Central High School. He obtained his Associates in Arts from Grand Rapids Community College and attended Grand Valley State University. Kevin graduated from Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command in November 2012. Kevin is the department representative to the Michigan HIDTA Board and MET Board.

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CORRECTIONS DIVISION

Overview



The Corrections Division employs just under 300 uniformed officers and civilian support staff. Our primary responsibilities include acting as the central inmate intake for all Kent county law enforcement agencies and ensuring the safe and secure detention of all pre-trial inmates awaiting final adjudication, all inmates sentenced to our jail and all inmates awaiting transfer to other facilities.

During 2015, the Kent County Jail consisted of the Main Jail at 703 Ball Avenue and the Community Reentry Center at 1330 Bradford. In July of 2015 we closed down our Community Reentry Center and moved these services inside the Main Jail. The practice of housing inmates at the Honor Camp was suspended in December, 2010. The Corrections Division also includes the security oversight and operation of the Kent County Courthouse on 180 Ottawa NW and the Transfer Crew.

Mission Statement

The Sheriff of Kent County and the Correctional Facility staff are dedicated to the safety and security of the community. The operation of this facility will be governed by the applicable State and Federal laws while maintaining the highest level of professionalism and service to the community.

Responsible inmate behavior will be encouraged by providing fair, impartial and humane treatment for all inmates. The safety and wellbeing of all those incarcerated will be an ongoing objective.

The employees of this facility will be provided with the training, support and supervision necessary to keep a safe and professional environment.

Facility Profiles

The jail is a system of facilities that house the inmates committed to the custody of the Sheriff. The system maintains the Main Jail; the Community Reentry Center was closed in July 2015. The Honor Camp was closed in Dec. 2010. The population of the jail system saw minor changes in 2015. The number of inmates was 24,598. The average length of stay is 11.2 days. The average daily population or census of all the inmates in the two facilities in 2015 was 1,046. We are in the top 100 largest jails in the nation. Our total bed capacity is 1,477 beds, which makes us the second largest jail in Michigan behind Wayne County.

Jail Population Count for all three facilities from 2001 to 2015														
2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
1,115	1,161	1,222	1,242	1,242	1,286	1,300	1,253	1,223	1,093	1,093	1,157	1,177	1,045	1,046

As noted above, the jail is the central inmate intake for all Kent county law enforcement agencies. The following table depicts the number of inmates booked into the jail by each of the local police agencies:

Arresting Agency	# of Arrests	% of Total
GRAND RAPIDS POLICE DEPARTMENT	10,900	44.6%
KENT COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT	5,730	23.4%
WYOMING POLICE DEPARTMENT	2,115	8.7%
SELF REPORT OR TURN IN	1,480	6.1%
KENTWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT	1,431	5.9%
WALKER PUBLIC SAFETY	702	2.9%
MICHIGAN STATE POLICE – ROCKFORD	484	2.0%
GRANDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT	437	1.8%
MDOC	211	0.9%
ANY OTHER ARRESTING AGENCY	185	0.8%
EAST GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SAFETY	127	0.5%
LOWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT	126	0.5%
ROCKFORD CITY PUBLIC SAFETY	117	0.5%
US MARSHAL	107	0.4%
SPARTA POLICE DEPARTMENT	79	0.3%
GRAND RAPIDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE POLICE	38	0.2%
FEDERAL MARSHALS	36	0.2%
SPECTRUM HEALTH POLICE	30	0.1%
IMMIGRATION NATURALIZATION SERVICE	19	0.1%
TRANSCOR PRISONER TRANSPORT	18	0.1%
IMMIGRATION	16	0%
GERALD R FORD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT POLICE	11	0%
SAND LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT	11	0%
ATTORNEY GENERAL	10	0%
IMMIGRATION – BILLABLE	9	0%
MICHIGAN STATE POLICE - 6TH DISTRICT HQ	5	0%
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES	3	0%
DEA	1	0%
MICHIGAN STATE POLICE – LAKEVIEW	1	0%
Grand Total	24,439	100%

Main Jail

The average daily population of the Main Jail prior to the move of the work release in July of 2015 was 900. After the move of this facility back into the Main Jail the average population is 1,069. Our primary goal is to run a secure facility and one that is safe for both inmates and staff. Toward that end, we changed the inmate classification system in 1997 and it continues to be a valuable tool for reducing unwanted inmate behavior. After several years of reduced inmate rule violations, 2015 saw very little variation in these key indicators of inmate behavior. The table below depicts this trend in unwanted inmate behavior.



	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
total rule violations	739	796	798	834	853	819	710	819	795	749	722
rule violations per 1000 jail bed days	1.89	2.06	2.08	2.19	2.29	2.09	2.13	2.32	2.10	2.07	2.18

Community Reentry Center

The mission statement of the Community Reentry Center program is *“To promote public safety by housing low risk offenders in a supportive environment and developing them into productive citizens through employment, education, vocational training and related services as they transition from incarceration into the community.”* The Community Reentry Center continues to provide programming, work opportunities, educational opportunities and spiritual guidance for the men and women participants. Our goal is to reduce recidivism by providing the tools, support, and encouragement that will cause individuals to decide to change their lives and become productive citizens. **This program has been moved back into the Main Jail but still provides the same programs and services to the community as it did prior to the move.**

Courthouse Security and Transfer Crew

Our downtown Courthouse provides the citizens of Kent County with a centralized justice center offering the services of the 17th Circuit, Family, Probate and 61st District Courts under one roof. The Courthouse is home to 13 Circuit Court judges, 6 District Court judges, 1 Probate judge, 7 Circuit Referees, and 1 Magistrate. A staff of 1 lieutenant, 1 sergeant, 27 full-time deputies, and 30 part-time Security Enforcement Officers comprise the security staff for not only the Kent County Courthouse at 180 Ottawa, but also provide security services at 82 Ionia and the 63rd District Court. This unit is also responsible for the transport of inmates to and from court, other facilities throughout the state, and occasionally around the country. In 2014 this unit transported 9,879 inmates from jail to the courts within Kent County, 382 adults and juveniles were transported for medical appointments, and 2,439 were picked-up or dropped off throughout the state/country for writs, warrants, mental health, extraditions and various other reasons. Also the Court Security/Transfer deputies took 2,011 persons into custody and lodged at the Correctional Facility or Detention.

The Courthouse entrance Security Checkpoint is staffed on a rotating basis by a unit comprised of part-

time deputies known as Security Enforcement Officers. They provide essential security support services upon which we have come to rely. Nearly 566,000 people were screened at the security checkpoint, with over 9,109 potential weapons, including razor blades, box cutters, and jackknives, were removed and held for safekeeping.

The 82 Ionia Annex houses the Kent County Prosecutor's Office, FOC Offices, Circuit Court Probation and 61st District Court Urinalysis Lab. Two full-time deputies and two SEOs are on duty during all hours of operation. The full-time deputies are responsible for general security patrol, collecting court ordered DNA samples, and the custodial arrest of all persons wanted by the Kent County Friend of the Court and Probation Departments. The SEOs open the building in the morning, screen everyone entering at the security checkpoint, and secure the building in the evening. This year 294,475 people were screened at this checkpoint, with 4,076 weapons discovered.

The 63rd District Court at 1950 East Beltline NE is home to two District Judges and two Magistrates. One full-time deputy and two SEOs provide security daily at this location. The full-time deputy is responsible for general security patrol, courtroom security, judicially ordered and warrant arrests, and DNA collection. The SEOs are stationed at the security checkpoint. Over 100,000 persons were screened, with 2,125 potential weapons discovered.

The Criminal Offender DNA Information System (CODIS) established in 2001 requires all defendants to submit a DNA sample upon conviction. The KCSD Court Security Unit has procured DNA samples since 2003 as a service to the other area Law Enforcement agencies in Kent County. This year 301 DNA samples were taken.

SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

The Mission of the Kent County Sheriff Department Support Services Division is to provide logistical and technical support to all employees of the Kent County Sheriff Department and serves the public through the operations of Records Management, Special Event Coordination, Dive Team/Marine Patrol, Parks Police Unit, Traffic/Safety Unit, Emergency Communications Center, Training Unit, and the Community Policing Unit. We provide our employees the best available training, education, work environment, equipment, and leadership so they may serve the citizens of Kent County to the best of their ability.



Captain Scott L. Brown

Overall command of the Support Services Division, reports to the Office of the Sheriff.



Lieutenant Jeff McAlary

Reports to Captain Brown and is responsible for the Records Unit, Special Events, Special Projects, Dive Team, Marine Patrol Unit, and the 416 Traffic Enforcement Unit.



Lieutenant Steve Chanter

Reports to Captain Brown and is responsible for the Records Management System, Transcription, Fleet Management, and the Radio Service/Communication systems throughout the county.



Lieutenant Jeff Devries

Reports to Captain Brown and is responsible for the Training Unit, Community Policing Officers, School Resource Officers, and Parks Officers.

COMMUNITY SERVICES UNIT

The Community Services Unit continued its commitment to providing long term solutions and proactive crime prevention through its relationship with the public. **Lieutenant Jeff DeVries** supervised the unit in 2015 that was composed of five community policing officers, six school resource officers and one Outreach officer. Programs and events such as Neighborhood Watch, Crime Free Multi Housing, National Night Out and Shop with a Sheriff provide opportunities to partner with the community to reduce crime and increase safety.

School Resource Officers

The Community Services Unit oversaw the continued deployment of School Resource Officers (SRO's) to the school districts of Byron Center, Forest Hills, Kenowa Hills, Kent City, Lowell, and Northview. These officers have proven to be extremely effective in building relationships with school staff and the students. Through these relationships information is shared to provide a cooperative/pro-active approach to law enforcement within the schools and give the schools a first contact person for any issues that arise.



SRO Deputy Todd Summerhays and Lowell High School students receive a check from State Farm Insurance to promote safe driving.

Awards - the Community Services Unit again partnered with area high schools (and the Michigan Sheriff's Association) in effort to keep teenage drivers safe through MSA's STOPPED initiative. For the sixth year, the sheriff department was recognized by MSA and Secretary of State, Ruth Johnson as the county having the most STOPPED registrations amongst the larger counties in the state of Michigan.

Shop with a Sheriff

For the 14th year, the Community Services Unit of the Kent County Sheriff Department coordinated the annual Shop with a Sheriff event. This year, due to generous donations of **Meijer** stores we were able to hold the event at Meijer stores located in Solon, Plainfield, Gaines, and Cascade Townships. Each store event started off with a "lights and siren parade" around the parking lot and ended with over 120 underprivileged children each spending approximately \$150 for necessities and Christmas gifts.



Deputies greet children as they arrive for Shop with a Sheriff.

National Night Out - now in its fifth year, the community services unit held the South Kent National Night Out celebration in Gaines Township. This year it is estimated over 6,000 residents were in attendance. They enjoyed booths from local business and organizations as well as vehicles and equipment of the sheriff department, local fire departments and the DNR.

Proactive - for the fourth year, the Community Policing Unit was proactive in monitoring registered sex offenders in Kent County. The Community Policing Unit with support of the Road Patrol made contact with 481 registered sex offenders throughout Kent County. These individual residence checks verified that the sex offenders were compliant with the requirements of the Michigan Sex Offender Registry. Warrant requests were sent to the prosecutor's office for those who were found to be out of compliance.

Volunteers in Policing—Sandi Jones continue to coordinate hundreds of volunteers who aid the department in delivering essential services. Volunteers donated 5,614 hours to the department. Trail volunteers patrolled over 7800 miles of county trail systems. Handicap enforcement volunteers enforced 781 handicap parking violations, visited 105 shut-ins and checked 254 homes while residents were on vacation. Our front desk volunteers greeted 9,174 visitors to the department.

Victim Advocates - The Kent County Sheriff Department has 21 victim advocates. They are a group of civilian volunteers who have the desire to assist individuals and families experiencing the trauma of a sudden, unexpected death. During this time the advocates provide support for the victims and their families. In 2015 the Victim Advocates provided 417 hours of service and offered assistance to 145 families.

Citizen Police Academy



Since 2008 the Kent County Sheriff Department has been hosting a Citizens Police Academy. This is an opportunity for the citizens of Kent County to see the service a modern, progressive police agency provides on a daily basis. In the fall of 2015, 38 attendees graduated from the 11 week program.

2015 Citizens Police Academy

Training Unit

The Training Unit is charged with developing, organizing, and tracking mandated training for civilian and sworn staff from each of the Divisions within the Sheriff's Office. In 2015 the Unit was supervised by Sergeant Mike Leach and staffed with two full time deputies. Deputy Brad Mercer from Road Patrol and Deputy Mike Gaboury from Corrections were assigned to training. The Training Unit conducted five block training events for Road Patrol and Corrections as well as organizing and hosting many other training events throughout the year. The state of the art indoor range draws officers from around West Michigan for an opportunity to train with firearms away from inclement weather.



Annual firearms training

Parks Police Officers

The 2015 Parks police unit was composed of ten part-time police officers with a variety of experience and was supervised by Sgt Russ Larson. These officers have full police powers and are assigned primarily to Millennium Park but also patrol the 29 other county parks and properties. In 2015, parks deputies performed over 5000 hours of county park patrol.

In addition to Millennium Park, the parks police provided weekend patrols of Wabasis Lake Campground and Myer Lake Park.

Park officers enforced park ordinances, conservations laws, and Michigan criminal laws.



KENT COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

The Kent County Communications Center (KCCC) is one of two Public Safety Answering Points in Kent County. Depending on the time of day and expected workload, there are between eight to fourteen call-takers, dispatchers, and communications supervisors working.

Matt Groesser

Emergency Communications Center Manager



In 2015, the Kent County Communications Center (KCCC) had an authorized staff of 48 full-time and 3 part-time civilians. Here is a break-down of our staff:

1 Emergency Communications Center Manager

8 Emergency Communications Supervisors (2 per shift)

30 Emergency Communication Operator II's

(Dispatchers cross-trained to work dispatch and call-taking functions)

12 Emergency Communicator I's

Call-takers cross-trained to handle LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) related tasks

KCCC handles dispatch services for nine police agencies (Kent County Sheriff Department, East Grand Rapids Public Safety, Grandville Police, Kentwood Police, Lowell Police, Sparta Police, Walker Police, Sand Lake Police and part-time dispatching services for Rockford Public Safety, twenty-seven fire departments, and is the after-hours call center for the Kent County Road Commission, Information Technology Department, the Sheriff's Victim Services, Emergency Management and Scientific Support Unit. In total, the KCCC handled 414,498 phone calls in 2015. 119,481 were 911 calls, 192,378 were incoming administrative calls, and 102,639 were outgoing calls made by dispatchers calling for other resources and gathering more information in reference to incidents.

In 2015, the Kent County Communications Center continued to partner with the Grand Rapids Police Dispatch and the Kent County Dispatch Authority on shared systems that allow Kent County to back up Grand Rapids and vice versa.

Radio Services Unit



The Radio Services Unit has the task of maintaining a tremendous amount of varied electrical equipment for the department. The department has many police vehicles in the field with some of the latest technology available for police patrol. It is the Radio Service Unit that is tasked with maintaining and troubleshooting overhead lights, sirens, mobile computers, digital video systems, radios, and other equipment installed as well as all of the mounting hardware associated with them.

There was a reposition of personnel in the middle of the year which prompted the introduction of an outside vendor completing vehicle changes. Whenever any of the Sheriff Department fleet vehicles reach its mileage limits, this vendor now is responsible for removing equipment from the old vehicle and installing all equipment necessary for police operations within the new vehicle.

This unit is also responsible for troubleshooting, working on, and replacing radio equipment at our many radio tower sites. The sites are equipped with legacy radio frequency equipment as well as microwave systems for transmitting data, telephone, and radio signals.

The simulcast radio project that was started in 2014 continued into this year and provided simulcast for our main police and fire channels. The simulcast project will continue into 2016 and 2017 with the use of Homeland Security funding for simulcasting the interoperability channels and building a more robust system throughout the county.

Secondary Road Patrol (SRP)

Public Act 416 provides funding to Sheriff Departments for patrol on county and local roads with an emphasis on the enforcement of traffic laws. The Kent County Sheriff Department (KCSD) is a long-standing participant in this program and is a model for other counties in the state. KCSD SRP Unit officers investigate and reconstruct fatal and serious injury crashes, conduct directed traffic enforcement, and participate in public education programs.

In 2015, the SRP Unit was staffed by Deputy Tim VanHouten, Deputy Jason Postma, and Sgt. Corey Luce. For fiscal year 2015 (October 1, 2014 – September 30, 2015), the KCSD SRP budget was \$398,325. Personnel cost, which includes wages, insurance, retirement, overtime, and other benefits, covered 91.2% of the fiscal year 2015 budget. However, some of this money was reallocated to an equipment fund to purchase patrol unit computers and crash data retrieval equipment.

The remaining expenditures covered the cost of vehicle maintenance, equipment purchases, and other operating expenses. The fiscal year 2016 SRP budget is \$406,471.

The following chart represents activity specific to the SRP Unit:

Calendar Year	2013	2014	2015
Traffic Stops	1391	1063	1049
Citations	1423	1038	792
Fatal Crash Investigations	18	21	22
Serious Injury Crash Investigations	27	20	22
Other Investigations	0	2	0

The SRP Unit maintains three marked patrol cars and five police motorcycles. Notable equipment purchases for the fiscal year 2015 include:

- 2013 Ford Taurus, equipped with emergency lighting, radar, radio, and other patrol accessories. This was purchased from the City of Cedar Springs as part of the transition of police coverage to the KCSD.
- Other emergency lighting for the Ford Taurus patrol unit.
- Three Dell Latitude Rugged Tablet computers and accessories for use on motorcycles and in patrol vehicles.

Crash data retrieval cables from Crash Data Group used for downloading of vehicle computers. These are used during serious injury and fatal crash investigations.



Sgt. Corey Luce operates a BMW 1200RTP motorcycle as part of the annual Cascade Township Independence Day Parade.

Traffic Safety Unit

In 2015, the Traffic Safety Unit consisted of one officer (Deputy Gale Hawley). Deputy Hawley is assisted by several Cadets. The Traffic Safety Unit is supervised by the SRP Sgt. Corey Luce. Duties of the Traffic Safety Unit include:

- Reviewing traffic crash reports and forwarding them to the State of Michigan.
- Investigation of “walk-in” requests for police service.
- Oversight of on-line “CopLogic” incident reports.
- Processing of school bus light violation complaints
- Deploying traffic speed boards throughout Kent County
- Processing of abandoned vehicle paperwork.

	2014	2015
Traffic Crashes Investigated by KCSD	5131	5234
CopLogic Complaints	2332	2299
Estimated Savings Due to CopLogic	93,280	\$91,960

Marine Safety Unit



The Kent County Sheriff’s Office Marine Unit is staffed with nine part-time deputies and shared supervision through the Community Services Sergeant. The Marine Unit promotes safety through education, inspection, and enforcement of boating and recreational laws. In addition to boating the unit patrols snowmobile trails during the winter.

Inspection and Enforcement: During 2015 Marine officers conducted 1,732 safety compliance inspections resulting in 31 citations and 298 warnings for boating violations. The Marine Unit inspected 12 boat rental liveries with a total of 245 rental boats.

Education: The Marine Unit provides education formally through boater safety courses and informally through boater contacts. In 2015 the Marine Unit taught 2,456 students in 109 recreational safety programs including testing students from the MDNR online program. Informal education is accomplished through contact with boaters on the water at access sites, lake association meetings, as well as boat and fishing shows



Underwater Recovery Team

The Kent County Sheriff's Office Underwater Recovery Team (URT) is comprised of 11 full-time deputies from the Corrections and Enforcement Division and 1 Officer from EGR Public safety. The KCSD URT is also the primary dive team for every law enforcement agency in Kent County, and also responds on a regular basis to all areas of West Michigan to assist other agencies.

Sgt Bryan Muir is the team supervisor. The team responds to emergencies on an on-call basis assisting with body and evidence recoveries. The team trains each month and is ready to respond regardless of the weather conditions. In 2015, the team assisted GRPD with 3 recoveries in the Grand River. They also assisted Wyoming Police with the recovery of person who had been missing for a decade. He was found inside his submerged vehicle in a pond.



In 2015 the Underwater Recovery Team took possession of a new dive trailer to replace a camper mounted in the bed of a pickup that had been used for years. The new trailer is a significant upgrade to the operational capabilities of the URT. Previously, equipment would be stored and transported in various location and vehicles. The new trailer allows for the centralization and organization of both equipment and personnel for the URT.

Records Unit



The Kent County Sheriff's Office Records Unit is responsible for a variety of tasks. On a daily basis they issue gun permits, concealed weapon permits, conduct background checks, register sex offenders, answer general public inquiries and requests for fingerprinting; but most importantly, they maintain all the records for the department. The Records Unit is the primary point of contact for citizens in need of traffic crash reports and copies of reports investigated by a deputy.

In 2015 the Records Unit saw a busy year for Concealed Pistol License requests. The unit processed 3406 applications. At the end of 2015 MSP took over the regular issuance of CPL's, but the Sheriff's Department will continue to print applicants for background checks.

Activity	2013	2014	2015
Concealed Pistol Permits	4,992	4,014	3406
Sex Offender Registration Verification	974	828	1352
Gun Permits Registrations	6,656	5491	2132
Fingerprints	4,429	5050	5425
Report Requests	6,954	6049	4649
Freedom of Information Requests	1,172	1322	1641

The Records Unit is also responsible for entering most warrants for arrest and personal protection orders. They entered over 1,438 warrants and 854 personal protection order entries as well as validating each new entry. **Deputy Kathy Butts** supervises the day to day activities of the Records Unit as well as requests for videos and all Freedom of Information Act requests.

Special Events

The Special Events Unit takes requests from the public, businesses, schools and local governments for additional police services at events. Some of the events covered are: football games, parades, fireworks, festivals, charity runs, school graduations, Whitecaps baseball, concerts and traffic control. Event organizers are generally billed for the added service.

Some noteworthy events in 2015 were the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) Tournament, Grand Rapids Triathlon, Michigan Titanium and the Grand Opening of Tanger Mall. In addition to the public requests, the Special Events Unit administers traffic related grants such as additional patrols for alcohol enforcement, seat belt enforcement, and aggressive driving. During 2015, the unit conducted 178 Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP) grant funded patrols for alcohol enforcement and seatbelt use resulting in 278 hours of patrol time. The unit assisted the public at 348 special events, deputies were assigned 900 times for a total of 4,153 hours.



INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

The Investigative Division is committed to the highest standards of crime solving, criminal apprehension and the successful prosecution of those responsible for these offenses. Laws, technology, procedures and techniques change rapidly. Investigators are required to master many skills to be successful in their position.



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Commander of the Major/Cold Case, Family Service, and Internal Affairs Investigator.

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Commander of the General Case, Financial and Narcotics Detectives.

The Investigative Division is comprised of 41 investigative staff who are assigned to Major Case, General Case, Family Services and Kent Area Narcotics Team (KANET). The division also has detectives assigned to collaborative units including the Kent Metro Cold Case Team, Financial Transaction Team (FTT), DEA Task Force and Metropolitan Enforcement Team (MET). Also overseen by the Investigative Division are the Polygraph Operator, Internal Affairs Unit, Scientific Support Unit (SSU) and Civil Process Service.

Major Case Team

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Supervises the Major Case Team, consisting of four senior investigators. The crimes investigated are those which are considered personal crimes of serious nature. This includes homicides, armed/unarmed robberies, and felonious assaults resulting in serious injuries.

General Case Team

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Supervises the General Case Team, consisting of seven investigators. The crimes investigated are all types criminal in nature, but do not involve juveniles or crimes investigated by the Major Case Team.

Family Services Team

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Supervises the Family Services Team, consisting of seven investigators. The crimes investigated are crimes involving children and families. The types of crimes investigated include sexual assaults, domestic assaults, child abuse and neglect, child pornography, vulnerable adult abuse and juvenile crimes. Two of the investigators are assigned to the Children's Assessment Center and work closely with Child Protective Services investigating child abuse. Two investigators investigate all crimes involving juvenile suspects, child pornography and cases involving vulnerable adults. Two investigators are assigned to domestics and warrants. These investigators obtain warrants on all misdemeanors and select number of felony cases. In response to the large increase in the number of Michigan Department of Health and Human Services referrals (Children Protective Services), the department added an additional detective to investigate physical and sexual abuse cases.

In 2015, one detective from Family Services started participating once a week in a Federal Bureau of Investigation Child Exploitation Task Force (WEBCHEX). The task force was formed in 2014 and includes detectives from several law enforcement agencies in West Michigan. The objective of the task force is to investigate federal cases of child pornography, criminal sexual conduct, and human trafficking. Another role of the task force is to assist any local law enforcement agency in a missing/endangered child investigation.

Kent Metro Cold Case Team

Michigan State Police D/Sgt. Sally Wolter

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Supervises the Metro Cold Case Team, consisting of five investigators; two from Kent County Sheriff Department, one from Grand Rapids Police Department, and one civilian contract worker that is a retired investigator. The Cold Case Team opens and investigates unsolved homicides for all involved departments. Since the formation of the team there have been 19 cold case homicides solved.

Kent Area Narcotics Enforcement Team K.A.N.E.T.

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Supervises the narcotics team. K.A.N.E.T. is a multi-jurisdictional drug enforcement team comprised of a Lieutenant, Sergeant and three detectives from Kent County and one detective from East Grand Rapids, Grandville, Walker and Wyoming Police Departments. In 2015, the Wyoming Police Department added a detective to the team. Kent County also has two additional Detectives assigned to drug investigations: One assigned to the D.E.A Task Force and the other to the Metropolitan Enforcement Team (M.E.T).

In 2015 K.A.N.E.T. Detectives continued to show their dedication in their proactive investigations/enforcement of narcotics dealers here in Kent County. As a unit, we also took the heroin epidemic head on. The unit has proactively investigated and arrested 32 heroin dealers and seized 155.94 grams of heroin.

Search Warrants executed for the year 2015 were one hundred (100) with an additional twelve (12) consent searches for total of 112 searches. There were 1,298 narcotics investigations resulting in 695 arrests for a variety of narcotic charges and over 1.7 million in street value dollars of narcotics seized.

K.A.N.E.T. is responsible for investigating liquor license violations/inspections and conducting tobacco checks throughout the County. In total, 375 liquor and tobacco checks were completed.



Intelligence Analyst

Jason Cramer

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The analyst's responsibilities include analyzing calls for service and crime data. Jason serves as a liaison between the Kent County Sheriff's Office and other law enforcement agencies in sharing crime patterns and trends that cross jurisdictional boundaries.

Jason provides statistical analysis that is used for departmental allocation of resources. Jason works closely with the detectives on data mining and developing potential leads for follow up on cases.

Notable Incident

Rockford Bomb Threats

Starting in late 2014, the Rockford Public Schools and surrounding community began receiving bomb and personal threats that disrupted the lives of thousands of students. Through an extensive joint investigation with the Kent County Sheriff Department, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Rockford Department of Public Safety, several suspects were identified; including a 15 year old from Massachusetts and a 16 year old Rockford student. This investigation solved hundreds of threatening calls with victims in at least ten different states.

Scientific Support Unit, Digital Forensics

(IT-FAU) & Property Management



Team Leader Lou Hunt

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Supervised by Lou Hunt, the Scientific Support Unit (SSU) is the forensic science and crime scene processing resource of the Kent County Sheriff Department. In addition to providing for Kent County investigations, the Scientific Support Unit also responds to assist smaller agencies within the county to support their investigations. The types of support that are offered include crime scene processing, evidence processing, covert alarm and video installations, photo line-ups, addressing video surveillance evidence and

preparing hand-drawn composites. 1000 cases were addressed by the Scientific Support Unit during the year of 2015.

The Scientific Support Unit consists of four Specialists and one Supervisor and operates every day of the week. Specialists within the unit contribute to investigations in many ways, often locating and recovering the fingerprint, DNA, and other forensic evidence that leads to the identification of suspects. The SSU is also the primary crime scene processing team for the City of Kentwood Police Department.

A major highlight in 2015 for the Scientific Support Unit was advanced training for many Specialists in the Unit. These trainings included Crime Scene Reconstruction, Advanced Bloodstain Pattern Analysis, and Shooting Incident Reconstruction. The Scientific Support Unit hosted the Crime Scene Reconstruction class and was able to bring in one of the premier instructors in this field.

2015 Scientific Support Unit Statistics

Information Technology-Forensic Analysis Unit

2014 2015

Within the SSU is an Information Technology-Forensic Unit, called the IT-FAU, that is staffed part-time by two investigators who process and analyze digital related evidence. The IT-FAU conducted analysis on 130 cases in 2015, ranging from individual cell phone examinations to extensive computer investigations involving multiple devices. This is an 88% increase from 2014. A priority in 2015 for the IT-FAU was to search cell phones and electronic devices involved in heroin overdoses, which have been increasing dramatically. In 2015, examiners in the IT-FAU were able to assist investigators to identify heroin dealers in numerous cases.

Forensic Investigations for KCSD	657	606
Forensic Investigations for KPD	99	85
Photo Line-Ups	169	106
Alarm & Video Installations	4	14
Composites	1	1
Video Enhancements	108	209

Notable Incident

A homicide occurred in northern Kent County where four masked men entered a residence armed with guns which resulted in one victim being killed and another victim suffered serious injuries. One of the suspect's computers, cell phones, thumb drives, and mini sd cards were forensically examined by the IT-FAU. The evidence obtained resulted in a suspect admitting to his role in the homicide. Investigators were able to obtain an image off the suspect's cell phone that showed a map of the inside of the victim's residence. Having the electronic evidence help build a strong criminal case that resulted in the arrest and conviction of six suspects.

Property Management Unit

Deputy Chris Hanson

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The Property Management Unit is in charge of long-term evidence storage and management. The unit is supervised by the Scientific Support Unit Supervisor and consists of one Property Manager, Dep. Chris Hanson, and a part-time cadet who provides assistance under the direction of the Property Manager. The Property Manager is in charge of accepting evidence, maintaining the chain of custody, bar coding, and proper storage and disposal of all evidence. Property Management prepares and participates in the auction of unclaimed property and purged items and vehicles. These auctions provide revenue for the County budget. The Property Management Unit is regularly audited for quality control. Improvements in 2015 included; major upgrades to internal alarm and surveillance cameras, and advanced training in property management. In 2015, a sergeant was assigned to make final disposition evidence in the property room longer than two years.



1959 Chevy

2015 Annual Report

Emergency Management Department Update

The Emergency Management Team — Jack Stewart, Stacy Madden, and Tiffany Kim

Local Initiatives

Preparedness Exercises

The Emergency Management office participated in the annual test of the hydroelectric dam emergency response plans for the Ada, Cascade, and Fallasburg dams, drills to test the state's WebEOC communication system, district and statewide tests of the 800MHz radio system, MABAS activation drills, statewide full scale exercises, and preparedness exercises at our local hospitals..

In 2014 our office began planning for statewide exercises which were held in 2015. The first exercise was donations /volunteer management exercise which evaluated the Kent County, and statewide plans this exercise was held in April 2015. The second full scale exercise, "Northern Exposure", was held in June, which evaluated Kent County's / Grand Rapids response to a mass casualty event.

Donations Management Center

Kent County and the City of Grand Rapids Emergency Management created a Donations Management Plan (DMC) in an effort to manage the anticipated outpouring of donations from compassionate residents, churches, charities, and businesses during a large-scale, community-wide disaster.

The DMC plan recognizes that solicited and unsolicited donations of materials, goods, labor, and services can pose a burden on already strained community disaster response resources. The DMC will provide a centralized location for the coordination of solicited and unsolicited disaster donations and offer an opportunity for people to help the affected community in providing them a place to donate products. The Salvation Army has graciously accepted the responsibility of coordinating the set-up and operational components of a DMC, should one be needed.

Volunteer Reception Center

Incorporating well-trained volunteers into the emergency management system is critical during emergency incidents. Kent County developed the Volunteer Reception Center (VRC) plan: a place where needs for help are matched with offers of help for a declared emergency response. A VRC provides a specific, centralized location, staffed by skilled volunteer managers capable of screening, interviewing and referring spontaneous volunteers to strengthen local capabilities. The VRC works under the supervision and expertise of Kent County Medical Reserve Corps and the Heart of West Michigan United Way to ensure smooth assignment and flow of volunteer help to areas where help is most needed.

Exercise

Kent County Emergency Management, The Salvation Army, Heart of West Michigan United Way and Kent County Medical Reserve Corps addressed the needs of donations and volunteer management during a state of emergency within our community. During the week of April 27 – May 1,

2015, we exercised the operational components of both centers, to assess our plan and improve our readiness.

Northern Exposure

Kent County Emergency Management took a leadership role in a multi-level statewide full scale exercise in coordination with the Michigan National Guard regarding a mass casualty event in our county. This exercise was held in June of 2015 and exercised our response to a mass casualty incident, focusing on EOC operations, public safety and welfare, public information, coordination of resources / use of the Incident Command System, public health and medical services, and recovery efforts.

Local responders worked alongside equipment and personnel from the National Guard at sites in Grand Rapids / Kent County, doing debris removal, and patient rescue, at other sites mass decontamination and air operations were tested. The response from participants was supportive of the exercise, and many expressed an interest of continuing the partnership with the National Guard for future exercises.

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

accesskent.com/lepc

The LEPC has the responsibility of maintaining the County's Hazardous Materials Offsite Response Plans. The LEPC continued to improve upon the updated 2013 Plan format, which has provided a more user friendly model. Beginning in 2015, a copy of each site's full Tier 2 report is downloaded from the State's database and included with the Offsite Response Plan, thus providing comprehensive information as reported by each site.

In 2015, the Kent County LEPC completed 24 new Offsite Response Plans (11 Kent County; 13 City of Grand Rapids). Additionally, the Kent County LEPC updated 207 existing Plans (162 Kent County; 45 City of Grand Rapids). Once an Offsite Response Plan is reviewed and updated, it is uploaded into the State's Tier 2 Manager database, thus providing "paperless" accessibility. In addition, each applicable fire department is provided a CD of all Offsite Response Plans within Kent County. Providing all Plans, organized by site-reported fire jurisdiction, allows neighboring first-responders information regarding sites in their adjacent communities. The LEPC appreciates the fine cooperation it continues to have with local industrial and agricultural facilities in creating and maintaining these comprehensive Plans.

The Industry Outreach Subcommittee put on their annual workshop on November 6, 2015 at the Amway Corporate Headquarters – "Put Your Plan To The Test." This annual workshop, provided free of charge, has continued to be well attended with positive evaluations provided.

The Kent County LEPC is also the Citizen Corps Council which oversees the activities of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), Neighborhood Watch, Volunteers in Policing (VIPs), and the Fire Corps program.

The LEPC provides the public with information regarding SARA Title III, Kent County LEPC activities, and copies of all our educational materials on www.accesskent.com/lepc. We continue to build on the existing information on our website. Throughout the year, Kent County Emergency Manage-

ment staff make presentations that include information about the Kent County LEPC.

The Community Outreach subcommittee has teamed up with TV-8 to present a “Monthly Preparedness Minute” PSA. This is an ongoing effort between the LEPC and TV-8.

Emergency Planning for Kent County Facilities

The Emergency Management Division has been working closely with Kent County Risk Management in training, and updating emergency plans and procedures for county facilities. Part of the emergency planning process involves doing site visits to facilities to determine risk, vulnerabilities, and response actions to emergencies. Trainings and follow up drills have been held to prepare staff in emergency response.

National Incident Management System Compliance

NIMS TRAINING

On March 1, 2004, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) published the first *National Incident Management System* (NIMS). NIMS provides a consistent template enabling Federal, State, tribal, and local governments, the private sector, and nongovernmental organizations to work together to prepare for, prevent, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the effects of incidents regardless of cause, size, location, or complexity. This consistency provides the foundation for nationwide use of NIMS for all incidents, ranging from daily occurrences to more complex incidents requiring a coordinated, Federal response. NIMS represents preparedness concepts, including communications and resource management, as well as the Incident Command System (ICS). Kent County Emergency Management continues to provide those trainings for area responders, as well as public and private shareholders.

Kent County Radio Amateur Communication Emergency Services (RACES)

www.KCRACES.net; www.kentcountySAR.org; www.kcvrm.net

The Kent County RACES/ SAR is an active element of the Emergency Response system in Kent County. The RACES/SAR has provided thousands of hours of volunteer assistance to the Sheriff Department’s Patrol and Emergency Management divisions. The team not only assists the Kent County community; they are frequently called to assist law enforcement agencies in other jurisdictions in our state finding missing persons, which include lost children and Alzheimer’s patients. The SAR team is a partner in Project Lifesaver, which is a joint venture between the Autism Society of Kent County and the Kent County Police Chiefs. This program is activated when a participating family of a child with autism is missing. The team responds on a 24/7 basis, including nights, weekends and holidays. The team also participates in numerous community outreach events.

The RACES / SAR team participates in and assists with preparedness exercises, as well as provid-

ing staffing to the Emergency Operations Center in severe weather and other emergency events. Every year the team sponsors SKYWARN, which is a weather spotter training course. This event is well attended by community members, as well as weather spotters.

It should be noted that the RACES /SAR team members do not receive taxpayer funding for their training, response, and other community activities. They assume the cost of fuel for their personal vehicles, as well as training for themselves and their K-9 partners. They have provided training for hundreds of responders in search and rescue techniques, as well as achieving awards for their accomplishments in those areas. We have had great success with, and are very proud of the dedicated, self-sacrificing members of our KCRACES / SAR team

Functional Needs Emergency Planning

www.accesskent.com/Health/HealthDepartment/DMHHS/default.htm

The Disaster Mental Health and Human Services Committee (DMHHS) was established in 2007 to bring human service agencies together with public health and emergency management in collaborative emergency planning. The committee is facilitated by the Kent County Health Department, and Kent County Emergency Management has been a strong partner from the beginning. Over 70 agencies in Kent County have participated in the committee's monthly meetings, trainings or exercises since its inception. These agencies provide services to Kent County's most vulnerable citizens: those with low income, elderly, children, and people with disabilities, people with sensory impairment, those who are culturally isolated, and people with mental/behavioral illness. These populations are often overlooked in emergency planning; the DMHHS Committee seeks to remedy this gap through agency and citizen education.

Kent County Emergency Management's involvement in the DMHHS Committee in 2015 includes:

- Continuity of Operations Training – Instructor

- Blind and Visually Impaired Awareness Workshop – Participant

- Attended DMHHS Committee meetings

- Participated in the DMHHS Recovery ad hoc committee and the Northern Exposure Tabletop Exercise for DMHHS.

- Distributed accessible NOAA Weather Alert Radios to individuals with sensory disabilities and agencies which serve them throughout Kent County and the City of Grand Rapids

Multi-jurisdictional Preparedness Efforts

Critical Infrastructure - WEST MICHIGAN WATER / ENERGY CONSORTIUM

A security breach to our critical infrastructure continues to be a threat to utilities that provide essential services for everything from drinking water, fire protection, electrical power, and cyber. Infor-

mation sharing services report that attacks on public infrastructure systems continue to be in the plans of terrorists worldwide. While most systems have developed emergency response action plans within their own system, communication between systems does not always occur.

In the past, infrastructure facilities have had incidents that may seem isolated; however there is no way to know whether there is the same type of isolated incident happening across the area. It was evident that a need existed for water systems and law enforcement agencies to develop a notification protocol. – This was the stimulus that prompted the formation of the West Michigan Water Security Consortium, and on December 11, 2008 the initial meeting was held in Grand Rapids with a near standing room only turnout. Since its formation in 2008, we have included all critical infrastructure facilities and providers to participate.

Presenters from local, state and federal agencies participate and bring great insight to the membership on issues relating to the security of our critical infrastructure, focusing on utilities.

WEST MICHIGAN CYBER SECURITY CONSORTIUM



The West Michigan Cyber Security Consortium is a multi-jurisdictional and public/private partnership whose purpose is to enhance the prevention, protection, response and recovery to cyber security threats, disruptions, and degradation to critical information technology functions.

Formed in 2010 to fill a need of Information Sharing related to Cyber security amongst businesses, communities, Emergency Management and Law Enforcement in Department of Homeland Security Region 6 in Michigan. It began with a focus group of about 25 individuals from ITMA (Information Technologies Management Association), which represented large and small businesses in West Michigan. At present the member list is around 590 individuals that reach beyond Region 6's 13 counties, to include representation from Allegan, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Detroit and other areas.

The Consortium is led by a steering committee that meets quarterly (more often for projects) to plan the Quarterly meetings, review projects and budgetary decisions.

Past projects have included:

- Assisting local Critical Infrastructure with increasing their Cyber Profiles by obtaining DHS Grant funding of 100K in gap analysis assessments, and penetration testing.

- DHS funding for member businesses to attend Secure World conference in Detroit

- DHS funding for member businesses to attend GRRCon Hacker conference in Grand Rapids

- Cyber Awareness Promotion through public service announcements booth presence at local community events

- Partnering with Michigan Infragard to promote Cyber Awareness at events within Michigan

Stop Think Connect Cyber Awareness Video through Grand Valley State University Film and Computer Science Departments

Stop Think Connect Cyber Awareness aimed at school aged citizens

2015 Michigan Cyber Range Red/Blue Exercise with Governor's Incident Response Team and Army National Guard

.2nd Annual Grand Rapids Cybersecurity Conference in partnership with Trivalent Group and the Better Business Bureau

Current projects include:

Cyber Hygiene Business training throughout West Michigan and beyond, partnering with the Better Business Bureau of West Michigan

Enhancing the security readiness and response of public and private sector entities through the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center and the Center for Internet Security

Actionable Threat Intelligence

Annual Michigan Cyber Range Red/Blue Exercise with Governor's Incident Response Team and Army National Guard

Risk Assessment training

National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) training

Annual Grand Rapids Cybersecurity Conference held in October

Topics of the Quarterly meetings have included:

Table Top Exercise with Department of Homeland Security Cyber Security Advisors

Demonstration of CySAFE, a free IT security tool to help small to mid-sized businesses and local governments assess, understand and prioritize their IT security needs

CryptoWall Encrypted File Recovery and Analysis

Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard compliance

Law Enforcement & Business Cyber Round Table

Deploying Microsoft EMET

Michigan Cyber Command Center in conjunction with the Michigan Intelligence Operation Center

Detroit & Southeast Michigan Information & Intelligence Center (DSEMIIC)

DHS Protective Service Agent Presentations

Business Impact Analysis

Disaster Recovery Training and Presentation

Past Incidents and Lessons Learned Panel

M.A.B.A.S.

M.A.B.A.S. (Mutual Aid Box Alarm Systems) is the standardization of response and the predetermination of Fire resources in effort to effectively and efficiently mitigate the effects of an emergent incident.

During 2015 MABAS Division 3603 grew to incorporate a total of 28 area fire departments. The newest Kent County Fire Department to join during 2015 was Oakfield Township Fire Department.

Stacy Madden continues to facilitate communication among Kent County fire departments and assist with the establishment of policies, procedures, trainings and exercises.

During 2015 MABAS Division 3603 conducted one Inter Division Response exercises and conducted one Intra Division Response exercise.

Division 3603 in collaboration with Kent County EMD, has successfully created Taskforces and Strike Teams that are trained and prepared to respond within Kent County, Region 6 and the State of Michigan.

Division 3603 continues to collaborate with the MABAS-MI Executive Board as well as Divisions throughout the State of Michigan. This collaborative effort has resulted in Kent County Policies and Procedures being utilized by Divisions throughout the State of Michigan.

Local Support Plans

State of Michigan Public Act 390 requires local jurisdictions with populations over ten thousand people to have a local emergency support plan that is consistent with their county's plan. The emergency management division assisted our jurisdictions with updating their local support plans. The Kent County EAG and local support plans were reviewed all were approved by the Michigan State Police Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division.

Emergency Operations Center

- The Kent County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is located at the Kent County Sheriff Department. The EOC is the coordination center for disaster and emergency response functions.
- There are 11 basic response disciplines in the EOC; however, we have expanded those annexes to include additional agency representatives as needed for specific response capabilities.

Emergencies and exercises are coordinated through the EOC.

Public Education

- Public education has always been a priority for Emergency Management and is strongly supported by Homeland Security programs. Our office provides citizens and community groups with a wide variety of presentations. The most common are:
 - Community Emergency Response Training (CERT)

- o Citizen and Family Preparedness (see section below)
- o Incident Management and National Incident Management System (NIMS)
- o Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)/Hazardous Materials Overview
- o Severe Weather Training (SKYWARN)
- o School Violence / Threat Assessment
- o Vulnerability Assessments of Critical Infrastructure

Public and Private Sector Emergency Management Planning

Kent County Winter Infrastructure Task Force

Kent County found itself in the track of near-record snowfall and cold in the winter of 2013-2014. During those winter months, The Heart of West Michigan United Way 211 Hotline, Kent County Emergency Management, the Kent County Health Department, and Disability Advocates of Kent County received dozens of calls from people who could not get to school, grocery stores, and medical appointments, due to snow-covered sidewalks, bus stops and roads. In response, area agencies including Kent County Emergency Management, The Rapid, Disability Advocates of Kent County, Disability Advocates of Kent County, Health Department, Road Commission and Administration, Heart of West Michigan United Way and the leaders from the cities of Grand Rapids, Grandville, Kentwood, Wyoming, and Walker created the “Shoveling Snow Angels” program as a whole community solution. The program promotes citizens to clear the sidewalk, curb, storms drains, unsheltered bus stops, and fire hydrants and in turn, they are receive recognition.

Types of recognition may include:

- MyGRCityPoints
- Shoveling Snow Angel buttons (available from Disability Advocates of Kent County)
- Recognize outstanding volunteers on participating organizations’ website, in newsletters, or via social media
- Certificates of participation

Recognition by Disability Advocates of Kent County or local media

To date, several communities in the Greater Grand Rapids Area have committed to the program. To become a Shoveling Snow Angel participating community or organization, contact Disability Advocates of Kent County at 616.949.1100. Residents interested in assisting a community or organization can contact the Heart of West Michigan at 211 to find a nearby participating organization.

GET READY! Kent County Citizen Preparedness Program accesskent.com/getready

Disasters happen anytime and anywhere. When disaster strikes, it is easier to cope when you are prepared. Being prepared for potential emergencies in Western Michigan means addressing all of

the steps noted in the program's twelve month preparedness calendar. Acting on one step each month is an easy way to accomplish this goal! What this program is all about:

- o Twelve Month Citizen Preparedness Program
- o New Topic on Preparedness Each Month
- o Monthly Fact Sheets Provide Informational Details and Suggested Action Steps
- o Easy to Understand and Adjustable for Any Budget
- o English and Spanish-Translated Materials, as well as a Homeland Security Family Planning Video are Available on Our Web Site
- o An Excellent Program for Children and Adults About Creating Emergency Kits, Understanding Weather Warnings, First Aid, Power Outages, Sheltering and Evacuation, and Communicating with Family and Friends
- o Created a DVD with All of the Program Fact Sheets plus the Homeland Security Emergency Preparedness Video for Families
- o Created a DVD for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Detailing How to Create an Emergency Kit, Planning for Sheltering and Evacuation, and Preparing for Influenza pandemic

The Disaster Preparedness 101 Course was Launched in 2013; trainings continue which Promotes Personal Preparedness and Volunteerism

Regional Citizen Preparedness Campaign

BeMittenReady.com

If a disaster was to strike in your community and first responders could not assist you for the next 72 hours, would you be prepared? Michigan is vulnerable to many different hazards so Region 6 is collaboratively promoting personal preparedness and getting involved with organizations in your community through various media outlets. Having information and resources pertaining to your local community easily accessible will elevate citizen awareness.

This committee has produced a 30 second TV commercial which was aired as a public service announcement throughout Region 6.

Homeland Security Plans and Projects In Process During 2015

Updated the Kent County & City of Grand Rapids Damage Assessment Operational Guidelines

Updated and exercised the Kent County & City of Grand Rapids Joint Information Center Plan Enhancements (*Joint Plan with the City of Grand Rapids and Kent County Road Commission*)

Conducted a statewide volunteer / donations management exercise at the Grand Rapids United Way office. Agencies from Kent County, the City of Grand Rapids, the State of Michigan, as well as Kent County Human Services agencies participated.

Equipment Lifecycle and Maintenance Plans (*ongoing*)

Expanding connections with Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources in Kent County

Delivery of a basic Citizen Preparedness Awareness course for the general public
Outreach in the development of Special Needs/Functional Needs Consortia in other counties
Addressing Critical Infrastructure Protection Plan (CIPP) guidelines for Tier II Homeland Security facilities
Working with our local daycare providers on safety and security training, as well as site visits to discuss risk and vulnerabilities.
Working with our colleges on threat assessment, training, and exercises.

Local and Regional Emergency Management and Homeland Security Committee Activities

Kent County Emergency Management personnel continue to be active and hold leadership positions in several local and regional committees.

- State of Michigan Department of Homeland Security Regional Planning Board
- State of Michigan Department of Homeland Security Regional Exec Bd.
- Regional Strategic Planning Sub-Committee
- Regional Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities Sub-Committee
- Regional Operational Readiness Sub-Committee
- Regional Critical Infrastructure Key Resources Sub-Committee
- Regional Citizen Corps Committee
- Community Emergency Response Team Advisory Board
- Disaster Mental Health and Human Services Committee
- West Michigan CIKR - Water and Energy Security Consortium
- West Michigan Cyber Security Consortium
- Kent County Local Planning Team Committee
- Kent County Local Emergency Planning Committee
- Kent County Local Emergency Planning Team Industry Outreach
- Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services Committee
- MABAS-MI Executive Board
- MABAS Division 3603 Executive Board
- Kent County Fire Chiefs' Association
- West Michigan Fire Chiefs' Association
- Southeastern Fire Chiefs' Association

Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs

Specialized Training Completed by the Emergency Management Staff

State-certified CERT Instructors

State-certified ICS Instructors

State-certified MRC Instructors

OHSA Certified Fit Testers

Federal Homeland Security Initiatives

Structure and projects

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has identified a number of national priorities to strengthen the preparedness of the United States. These priorities address the prevention, protection, response and recovery of threatened or actual domestic terrorist attacks, major disasters, and other emergencies. Major events have a regional impact which is why regional collaboration is critical. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has identified key project categories for funding. They broadly enhance the overall level of preparedness through-out our 13-county region.

The DHS and Emergency Management Project Categories for the Current Grant are:

Protection of Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources

Information Sharing Environment

Strategic and Operational Planning and Preparedness

Emergency Response to Cyber Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear and Explosive (CBRNE) and All Hazards incidents.

Catastrophic Readiness

The Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security continue to develop, coordinate, and evaluate our community response capabilities. The task of assessing local hazards and our capabilities to respond to the needs to our community have never been greater. Department of Homeland Security grants have allowed us to provide additional equipment and training to our response agencies.

Recent Projects Coordinated through Local Emergency Management Representatives and Specifically Benefiting Kent County include:

Developing and Enhancing Existing Interoperable Communications Resources and Protocols

Enhancing Emergency Operations Center and Joint Information Center Communication Capabilities and Operational Readiness

Training and Exercising Response Capabilities

Critical Infrastructure Protection Through Vulnerability Assessments and Threat and Risk Analysis

Development and Coordination of School Safety and Security Training and Presentations

Law Enforcement-Specific Mitigation and Response Equipment

Enhancing Law Enforcement Information Sharing Capabilities

Continuing implementation of an ID Credentialing System for Tracking On-Scene Responders and Trained Volunteers

Citizen Emergency Training and Preparedness Programs

Expanded Relationships and Planning Inclusion with Public, Private and Non-Profit Sectors

Sustainment of the West Michigan Water Security Consortium and the West Michigan Cyber Security Consortium

Planning

Planning is a key component toward the success of local and regional initiatives that help in the prevention, protection, response and recovery from emergencies and disasters. The collection and analysis of intelligence and information is needed for the development of policies, plans, procedures, mutual aid agreements, strategies, and other programs that improve the capabilities of our public and private response organizations. These plans must also comply with relevant laws and regulations, and receive collaborative support from the agencies and disciplines affected.

The dynamics of planning are necessary for all of the Homeland Security projects listed above. As we proceed as a 13-county regional collaboration, we will have the benefits of expanded response resources and talents. A Regional Homeland Security Strategy (RHSS) has been developed that encompasses the following counties:

Collaborating efforts with neighboring counties jointly enhances response capabilities and helps address National Incident Management System (NIMS) program requirements.

Clare	Ionia	Isabella	Kent	Lake
Mason	Mecosta	Montcalm	Muskegon	Newaygo
Oceana	Osceola	Ottawa		

State Initiatives

Hazard Mitigation Plan

As condition for receiving federal hazard mitigation funding, local jurisdictions must have a FEMA approved hazard mitigation plan. The plan identifies risks, vulnerabilities, and mitigative efforts to deal with hazards present in the communities involved. The Greater Grand Rapids Hazard Mitigation Plan (GGRHMP) is a joint effort between Kent County, Ottawa County, and the City of Grand Rapids. The original plan was approved in 2006 and the revision was approved by FEMA in 2012. The plan can be viewed on the *accesskent* website.

accesskent.com/CourtsAndLawEnforcement/SheriffsDepartment/sheriff_emergency.htm

Schools

- Emergency Management personnel continue to coordinate with the Kent Intermediate School District representatives to develop and deliver a variety of programs that provide specific preparedness measures, which schools can take to improve all-hazard preparedness
- The initial School Preparedness meetings focused on school safety and security, including discussion of operational plans, lessons learned, improvement considerations, and general citizen awareness
- Bringing together key public and school officials through School Preparedness meetings and workshops enhances the opportunity to identify and develop specific improvement guidelines, procedures, and plans to address issues and develop standardized joint community response coordination plans and strategies. This year's workshops focused on Cyber related issues as they apply to schools; which included a tabletop exercise facilitated by the US Department of Homeland Security Cyber team.
- The State of Michigan has designated Emergency Management to be the coordination point for all school drills. The Emergency Management office has coordinated with the Kent Intermediate School District to set up an online reporting system which facilitates the scheduling of mandatory school drills.

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The Emergency Management office is in the continual process of coordinating emergency planning, training, and response plans with our schools. Part of this planning involves vulnerability assessments on buildings, as well as student behavior related Threat and Violence Assessments (TVAT).

Communication

- A new statewide EOC communications system called WebEOC, has recently been placed into use. This system is more efficient and allows for a more efficient response communication than the previous management system. Training on this new system continues for EOC annex representatives and scribes.

Use of the CityWatch communication system allows us to send phone, text, or email messages to key organizations, groups, or to affected residential and business areas. This system is a reverse 9 -1-1 type of warning communication.

LAW ENFORCEMENT PATROL DIVISION

The Law Enforcement Patrol Division is responsible for an area that spans 872 square miles with a population of over 230,000 residents. The Sheriff has primary law enforcement responsibilities for the unincorporated area of the County that consists of 21 different townships. The Patrol Division manages 11 different contracts for patrol services that account for 44 deputies. A total of 98 patrol deputies responded to over 67,399 calls for service during 2015.

Patrol Command staff

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Lieutenant Troy Woodwyk troy.woodwyk@kentcountymi.gov

Is in charge of the East and South Sectors.

Lieutenant Nick Kaechele

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Oversees night shift operations.

Lieutenant Heather Martin heather.martin@kentcountymi.gov

Oversees night shift operations.

Standard Patrol Vehicle Equipment used:

In-car Video System

Electronic Tickets

Electronic Traffic Crash Reports

Mobile Data Computers

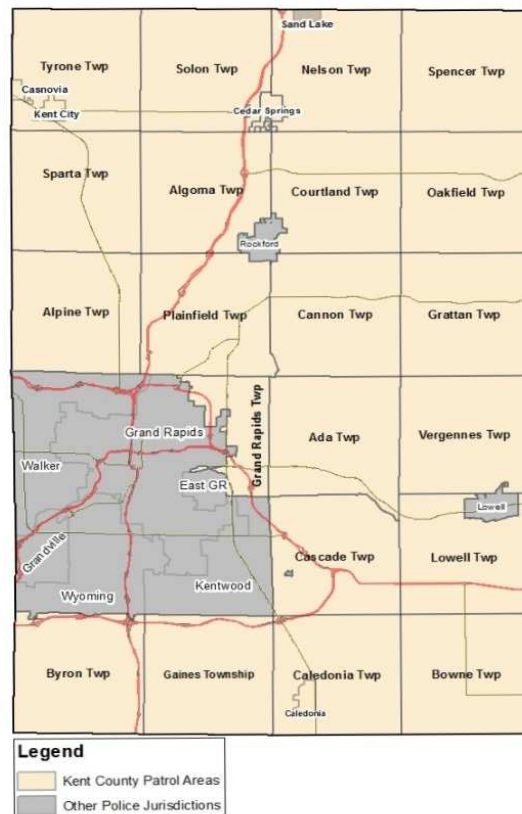
Wireless Internet Connections

Radar/Lidar Equipment for Traffic Enforcement

Patrol Rifles, Tasers, bean bag shotguns

Breaching Equipment

POLICE JURISDICTION/SERVICE AREA



SECTOR REPORTS

CENTRAL SECTOR:

The Central Sector is comprised of Alpine, Plainfield, Cannon, and Grattan Townships. The Sector is assigned 22 Deputies with 14 specifically assigned to Alpine, Plainfield, and Cannon Townships.

The Townships of Alpine, Plainfield, and Cannon participate in the Township Patrol Program, supplementing district patrols with dedicated, patrol assigned specifically to those townships. Plainfield Township funds two patrol cars, one 24 hours a day and one 8:00 am to 12:00 am and a Community Police Officer

NORTH SECTOR:

The North Substation is located at 790 Seventeen Mile Road NW. The North Sector Office services the eight northern townships of Kent County: Algoma, Courtland, Nelson, Oakfield, Solon, Sparta, Spencer, and Tyrone Townships. The office is open Thursdays and Fridays from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Services provided include fingerprinting, firearm registration paperwork, copies of police and accidents reports, and requests for police assistance. The North Sector is staffed by two detectives, and 12 deputies.

CEDAR SPRINGS UNIT

The Cedar Springs Unit is comprised of the City of Cedar Springs. The unit has four deputies and one sergeant. The Cedar Springs Unit is located at 66 S Main Street, Cedar Springs MI 49319. The Cedar Springs Unit provides 24-hour police coverage, however, does not currently offer records services.

SOUTH SECTOR

The Kent County Sheriff's Office South Sector office is located at 8557 Kalamazoo Ave. SE in the lower level of the Gaines Charter Township Offices. The South Sector Office serves the four southern townships of Kent County: Byron, Gaines, Caledonia (Township and Village), and Bowne.

The office is open for walk-in services (copies of police reports, gun permits, etc.) on Monday and Tuesdays 8:30 am-4:30 pm. The South office is staffed by one Lieutenant, four Sergeants, two Detectives, one Community Police Officer, 24 Road Patrol Deputies, and one Clerk.

The Townships of Byron, Gaines, and Caledonia participate in the Township Patrol Program, supplementing district patrols with dedicated, patrol assigned specifically to those townships. Gaines Township funds two patrol cars during the day, one patrol car in the evening, as well as a Community Police Officer (40 hours per week). Byron Township funds one patrol car 24 hours per day and Caledonia Township funds one patrol car 16 hours per day.

EAST SECTOR

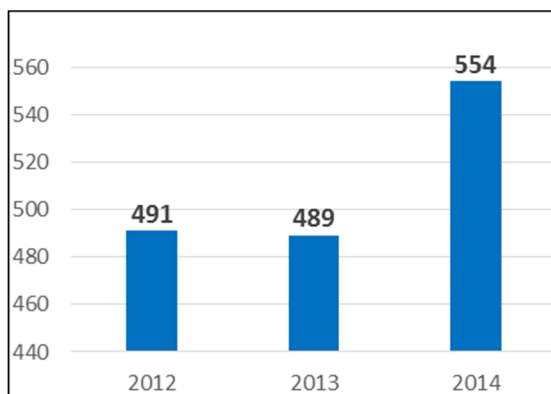
The East Sector of the county is comprised of the townships of Ada, Cascade, Grand Rapids, Lowell, and Vergennes. The East Sector has 20 deputies assigned to the sector with 12 specifically assigned and funded by the townships of Ada, Cascade, and Grand Rapids.

Ada, Cascade, and Grand Rapids Townships fund a Community Police Officer that is shared among the Townships. The Community Police Officer is available to assist community groups to help identify and resolve issues within those townships.

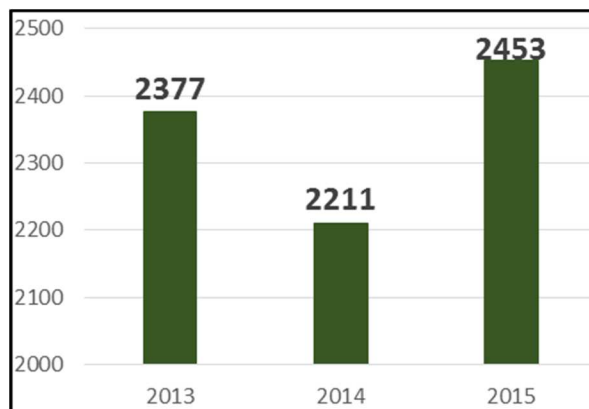
East Sector Deputies are based out of headquarters at 701 Ball Avenue, Grand Rapids.

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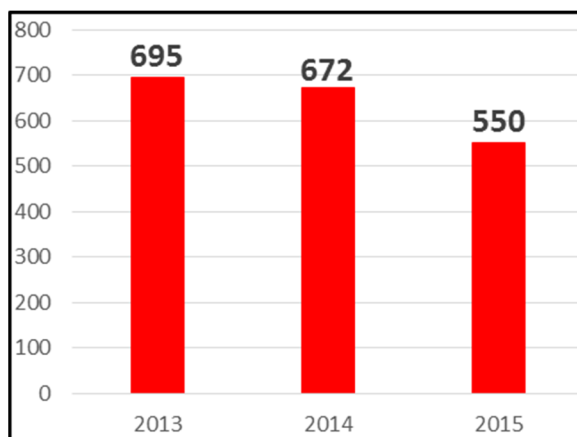
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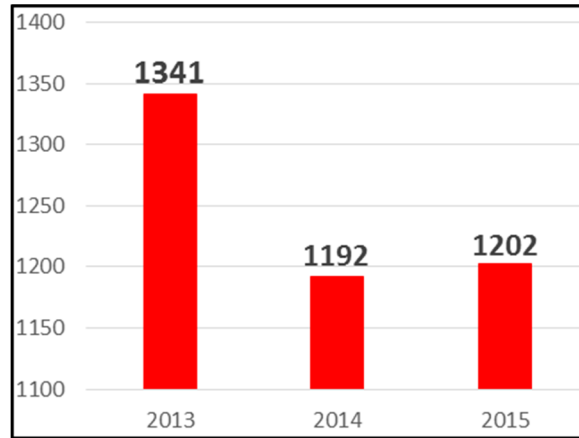
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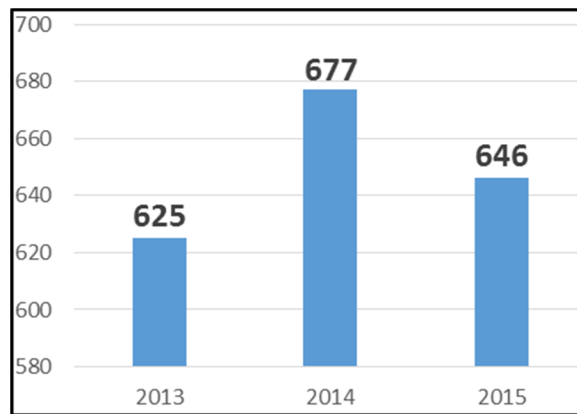
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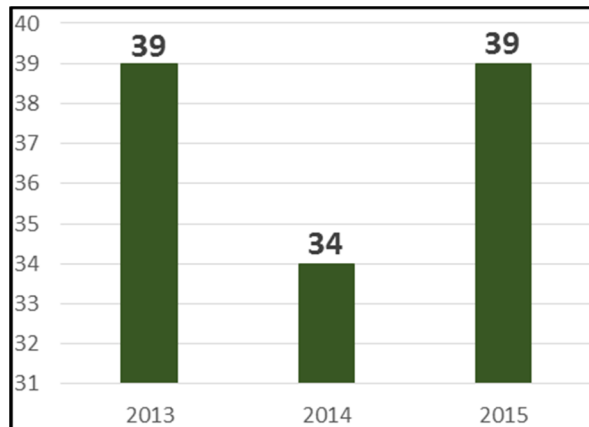
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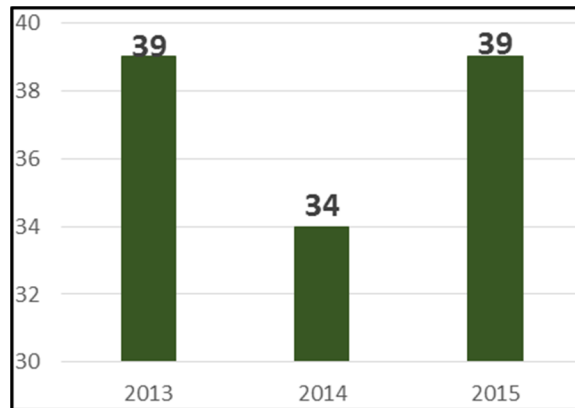
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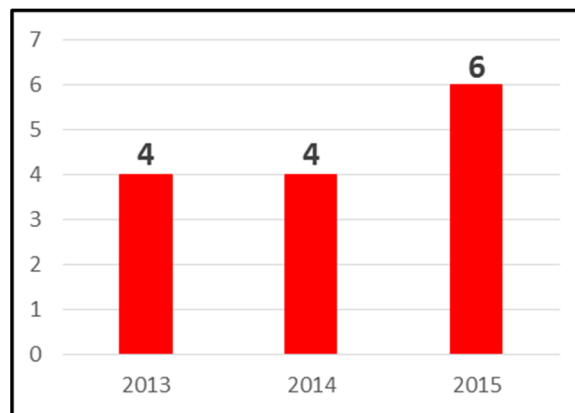
Robbery



Criminal Sexual Conduct



Homicide



Tactical Apprehension & Confrontation (T.A.C.) Team

Lt. Troy Woodwyk oversees the Sheriff's 30 member Tactical Apprehension and Confrontation Team.

Recognizing presence of a highly trained, highly skilled police tactical unit has been shown to substantially reduce the risk of injury or loss of life to citizens, police officers and suspects; and recognizing that a well-managed "team" response to critical incidents usually results in successful resolution of critical incidents, it is the intent of the Kent County Sheriff Department Tactical Apprehension and Confrontation (TAC) Team to provide a highly trained and skilled tactical team as a resource for the Kent County Sheriff Department in the handling of critical incident.

TAC members are trained and equipped to respond to a number of critical incidents including, but not limited to, hostage situations, barricaded armed subjects refusing to surrender, conducting arrest and search warrants for dangerous felons, and providing dignitary protection.

Team members have specific duties. Thirteen of the team members are assigned to the entry team, responsible for entries into locations to apprehend suspects or rescue hostages. Ten team members are assigned to a perimeter unit which includes four highly trained marksmen. They are responsible for securing perimeters at a scene and relaying vital information to other team members as well as a command post. Seven team members are assigned to the hostage negotiation team and are responsible for communicating with suspects in an attempt to stabilize a dangerous situation and convince a suspect to surrender peacefully.

In April of 2015, 14 members of the Kent County Sheriff Department TAC team competed in the annual tactical shooting competition hosted by the West Michigan Tactical Officers Association. The competition consisted of five individual stages of fire that stressed different shooting skills including shooting on the move, precision fire, support hand shooting, and positional shooting. All stages were completed with two officers shooting the stage as a coordinated team. Over 100 SWAT officers from around the state participated in the shoot. Several KSCD teams received awards after the scores were totaled.

Dep. Ryan Cavanaugh and Det. Joel Siemens finished in 5th place overall and finished first on Stage 1. Lt. Troy Woodwyk and Lt. Jack Smith finished in 6th place overall. Dep. Eric Brunner, Det. Andy Hinds, Det. Joe Abram and Dep. Jason Postma finished in the top 15.

In May, members of our sniper team attended training in Lake City which allows up to 1000 yard accuracy shooting with 10 different structures for officers to shoot from unconventional platforms providing more realistic training to improve accuracy and performance.

In September, Det. Joel Siemens attended a week long sniper basic course which is a requirement for all of our snipers. Basic skills are practiced and testing to include weapon familiarization, handling, maintenance, precision accuracy, ballistic capabilities and shooting techniques.

In September, members Deputy Ryan Thome and Deputy Brad Mercer competed in the West Michigan Tactical Officers Association sniper competition held in Cedar Springs. Both members finished in the top ten.

In October, members of our negotiation team attended the annual Michigan Association of Hostage Negotiators Conference and had the opportunity to collaborate and network with other negotiators from around the State of Michigan.

In 2015, two new officers were added to our tactical unit, attending SWAT Basic School in Alpena in September. Sgt. Randy Kieft continues to serve as Secretary of the West Michigan Tactical Officers Assoc.

Tactical Team Responses for 2015

	2015	2014
Barricaded Gunman	0	1
Hostage Rescue Deployment	1	0
High Risk Search/Arrest Warrant	3	4
Drug Search Warrant	7	2
VIP Security Detail	1	0
Patrol Deployments *	22	20
TOTAL	34	27

* Patrol deployments – partial team deployment by on duty patrol deputies who are team members and carry a portion of their tactical gear with them while on duty. In the event of a potential tactical situation occurring, they are the first to respond and often times can diffuse a volatile situation without the need for further intervention.

Strike Team

The Strike Team is designed to provide proactive police patrols and enforcement to high crime and high traffic areas throughout the county. The team consists of four deputies whose assignment falls under the command of the Road Patrol Division. The team is divided into two separate teams with two deputies per team.

The four members work closely with our crime analyst to establish recent criminal activity and directs their patrols accordingly. This enables the team to be in close proximity to where the crime is occurring and hinder additional criminal activity.

The team responds to high priority calls including armed robberies, homicides, serious crashes and burglaries. The team assists our detective unit with larcenies, home invasions, fraud and drug related crimes.

They work hand in hand with investigators to investigate criminal cases, recover stolen property, locate victims of property crimes and assist with vice operations. The team completes tasks such as serving arrest warrants, follow-up investigations through the on-line reporting program and collecting crime statistics.

The following chart identifies some statistical information on the team's combined productivity throughout the year 2015:

Assists to Road Patrol	721
Assists to DB	60
Assists to Vice	45
Lodged Felonies	28
Lodged Misdemeanors	19
Lodged Warrant Arrests	174
Cited Arrests	101



Canine Unit

Supervised by **Lt. Al Roetman and Sgt. E.J. Johnson**, the Kent County Sheriff's Office has three dogs.



K-9 "Sabre", purchased in 2014, is a drug detection and tracking dog assigned to Road Patrol duties, certified with the Association of Professional Canine Handlers. His handler and partner is Deputy Dan Alderink.

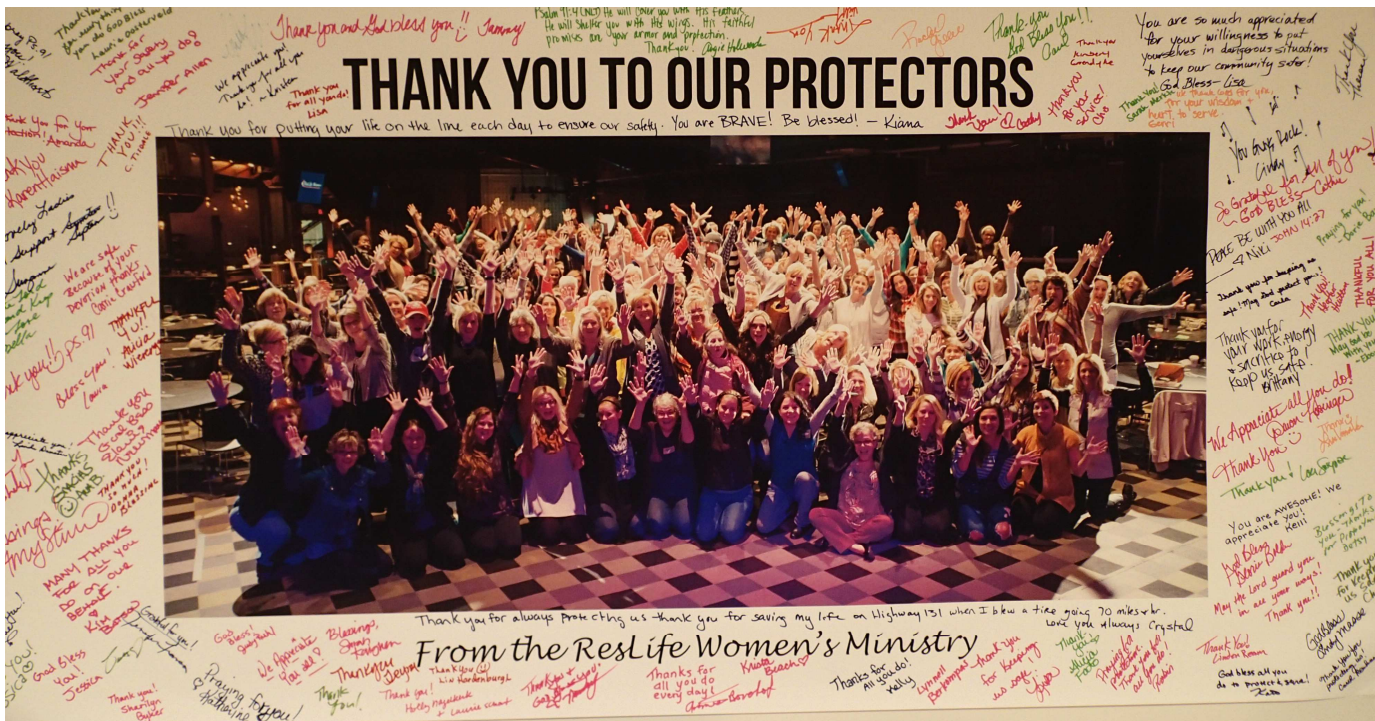


"Bart" is a drug detection dog certified by United States Police Canine Association and is assigned to the Narcotics Unit "KANET." His handler is Det. John Tuinhoff.



K-9 "Ritzey" is the first arson dog obtained by the Sheriff's Office. Ritzey was certified under the guidelines of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in 2013 and is trained to locate a variety of accelerants used by arsonists. Deputy Dale Dekorte is the handler and they service Kent County as well as District IV of the Michigan Sheriffs' Association.

CITIZENS APPRECIATION



KENT COUNTY EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER 2015
CORRECTIONS OFFICER NICOLE MINNICK



2015 PROMOTIONS

6/1 Undersheriff Michelle Young
6/8 Chief Deputy Kevin Kelley
6/22 Captain Bruce Ivie – Investigative
6/22 Captain Dave Kok – Road Patrol
7/13 ECS I Heather Bacon
7/13 Lt. Nicholas Kaechele - Road Patrol
10/12 Sgt. Dennis Albert - Road Patrol
10/12 Sgt. Lyndsie Cole - Corrections
12/28 Lt. Heather Martin – Road Patrol
12/28 Sgt. Mario Morey - Road Patrol

2016 PROMOTIONS

1/11 Sgt. Robert Porter - Road Patrol
1/11 Sgt. Jennifer VanSingel - Road Patrol

2015 NEW EMPLOYEES

1/12 Security Enforcement Officer Julia Hight
1/12 Marine Safety Officer Don Hamilton
1/12 Building Custodian III Blake Miller
1/12 Emergency Communications Operator I Chad Roberts
1/20 Electronic Technician William Huff
1/26 Security Enforcement Officer Lisa Claus
1/26 Security Enforcement Officer Lorna Zemaitis
2/2 Account Clerk Becky Loyd
2/2 County Patrol Officer Brandon Marz
2/2 County Patrol Officer Jared Parham
2/2 County Patrol Officer Joshua Thomas
2/2 Property Room Clerk Leslie Boomers
2/2 Property Room Clerk Laura Victory
2/23 County Police Cadet Tanner Day
2/23 County Police Cadet La'nika Layton
3/23 Marine Safety Officer Ian Gibson
3/31 Marine Safety Officer Kelly Anglin-Noordewier
3/31 Marine Safety Officer Alexander Carey
3/31 Marine Safety Officer Andrew Engelbert
4/6 Marine Safety Officer Nathan Turmell
4/6 Park Police Officer Samuel Cox
4/6 Park Police Officer Nicole Loomis
4/6 Park Police Officer Mitchell Matuz
4/13 County Patrol Officer Maurice Daigneault
4/13 County Patrol Officer Philip Gerhardt
4/13 County Patrol Officer Brett Holmes
4/13 County Patrol Officer Joseph White
4/20 County Police Cadet Eric Donoghue
4/20 Corrections Officer Alexander Bernhardt
4/20 Corrections Officer Peter Jewell

4/20 Corrections Officer Joshua Volk
5/11 County Patrol Officer Emily Canda
6/8 Park Police Officer Nathan Turmell
7/20 Corrections Officer Amber Heuvelman
7/20 Corrections Officer Joel Kooienga
7/20 Corrections Officer Sarah Lower
7/20 Corrections Officer Paul Nelson
8/3 Corrections Officer Steven Hypes
8/17 Account Clerk I Tatiana Windsor
8/24 County Police Cadet Chelsea Chase
8/24 County Police Cadet Rebecca Ensink
8/24 County Police Cadet Tanner Frederick
8/24 County Police Cadet Austin Geerlings
8/24 County Police Cadet Bianca Postema
8/31 Building Custodian III Ronie Heuvelman
9/21 Corrections Officer Tyler Akers
9/21 Corrections Officer Bryan Clark
9/21 County Patrol Officer Kailey Burnham
9/21 County Patrol Officer Michael Scalici
9/21 County Patrol Officer Natasha Smith
9/21 County Patrol Officer Troy A. White
10/5 Emergency Communications Operator 2 Gregory Nelson
10/5 Emergency Communications Operator 1 Amy Dubay
10/12 Account Clerk I Deanna Butterworth
10/26 Clerk Typist II Britnee Dye
11/9 County Police Cadet Olivia Boot
11/9 County Police Cadet Jessica Lechman
11/9 County Police Cadet Alexis Linthicum
11/9 County Police Cadet Yamel Marmolejos
11/16 Corrections Officer Travis A. Barber
11/16 Corrections Officer Samantha Gibbons
11/16 Corrections Officer Charles E. Hillen
11/16 Corrections Officer Omar Haynes
11/16 Corrections Officer Matthew Parris
11/16 Corrections Officer Jordan Peters
11/16 Corrections Officer Mark VanLente
11/16 Security Enforcement Officer Robert Yeiter
11/30 County Patrol Officer Nicole Loomis

2015 RETIREMENTS

1/1 Corrections Officer Lisa Claus
1/1 Corrections Officer Bruce DeVries
1/1 County Patrol Officer Don Hamilton
1/1 Corrections Officer Julia Hight
3/1 Corrections Officer Peter Greene
5/1 Corrections Officer Timothy Fries
6/1 Emergency Communications Supervisor Danielle Geldersma
6/1 Undersheriff Jon Hess

6/1 Corrections Officer Michael Carlson
7/1 Account Clerk I Kimberly Stewart
8/1 Corrections Officer Alberto Herrera
8/4 Clerk Typist II Joan Hertel
10/1 Corrections Officer Daniel Bultsma
11/1 Corrections Officer Mark Jacobson
11/1 Corrections Officer Robert Yeiter
12/1 Corrections Sgt. Tamara McDiarmid

2016 RETIREMENTS

1/1 Corrections Officer Susan Czarnowski
1/1 County Police Lieutenant Marc Burns
2/1 HVAC Technician Edward Kwiatkowski

IN MEMORY 2015

1/1/15 Senior Volunteer
Patricia Robinson

1/28/15 Former County Patrol Officer
George Peck III

2/3/15 Retired Deputy
Frank Vargo Jr.

2/4/15 County Patrol Officer
Paul Barquist

2/16/15 Jail Chaplain
George Koster

3/4/15 Retired Lt. James VanderKooode Sr.

5/30/15 Retired Building Custodian
Dennis VanCamp

6/29/15 Retired Clerk Steno II
Frances Buttrick

8/1/15 Former Sheriff's Reserve
Karl O. Larson

8/15/15 Former Sheriff's Posse
Dale E. Phillips

11/19/15 Former Corrections Officer
Michael Griffin

1/20/16 Ret./Lt. Lucian Thompson
1/29/16 K-9 Joe

AWARDS

2015 LETTERS OF RECOGNITION RECIPIENTS

Deputy Bobbie Jo Ritchie
Deputy Jack Wood
Deputy Aaron Brown
Deputy Beth Vanstrien
Deputy Mike Tenbrink
Deputy Patrick Stewart
Detective Justin Deboode
Detective Robert Porter
Detective Mike Hopkins
Detective Bill Marks
Deputy Doug McKay
ECO Jon Paulson
Det./Sgt. Heather Martin
Det. Aron Bowser
Dep. Andrew Hinds
Det. Rob Porter
Det. Jason Russo
SSU Specialist Jeff Gregus
Deputy Mike Cardosa
Detective Pete Duncan
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Detective Pete Duncan
ECO II Michelle Bouwens
ECO II Kate Chase
ECO II Mike Hansen
ECS I Eric Hutchinson
Deputy Gary Herzhaft
Deputy Don Burns
ECO II Bryan Looman
ECO II Kristina Sullivan
ECO II Katie Decker
ECO II Michelle Bouwens
ECO I Carrie Stoliecki
ECO II Katie Decker
ECS Beth Markowski

Deputy Brent Stein
Deputy Joel Langeland
Deputy Marnie Mills
Deputy Joe Taylor
Deputy Eric Smith
Deputy Dan Bishop
Detective Joel Siemens
Deputy Bill Whiting
Deputy Dave Schmuker
Deputy Chris Hawley
Detective Steve Brasseur
Det./Sgt. Rick Coxon
Det. Martin Albert
Det. Marcus Glover
Det. William Marks
Dep. Bobbi Jo Ritchie
Dep. Ryan Thome
SSU Specialist Jerry Shaffer
Deputy Mike Tenbrink
Sgt. Russ Larson
Deputy Yolanda Saucedo
ECO II Kate Gardner
ECO II Michelle Bouwens
ECO II Katie Decker
ECO II Jerry Yntema
ECO II Bryan Looman
Deputy Yolanda Saucedo
Deputy Chris Holmes
ECO II Gregory Main
ECO II Melanie Young
ECO II Russ Esther
ECO I Rebekah Hubers
ECO I Chad Roberts
Cadet Anna Huisman

2015 LETTERS OF COMMENDATION RECIPIENTS

Traffic Squad Deputy Jim Davis
Deputy Ryan Guernsey
Deputy Matt Kennedy
Deputy Adam Waskelis
Intelligence Analyst Jason Cramer
ECS Beth Markowski
ECO II Carl Wood
Deputy Andy Hinds
SSU Specialist Kimber Crain
D/Sgt. Rick Coxon
Det. William Marks
Det. Pete Duncan
Det. Marcus Glover
Crime Analyst Jason Cramer
SSU Specialist Dawn Tenbrink
D/Sgt. Heather Martin
Det. Jason Russo
Det. Marcus Glover
Det. John Tuinhoff
Det. Pat Frederick
MSP/Sgt. Sally Wolter
Det. Tonya Walkons
Det. Aron Bowser
SSU Specialist Jerry Shaffer
Detective Martin Albert
D/Sgt. Rick Coxon
Det. Tonya Walkons
Det. Pete Duncan
Dep. Joe Taylor

Deputy Ryan Coil
Deputy Tim Fries
Deputy Kurt Snyder
Detective Bill Marks
Sgt. Jason Kelley
ECO I Rebekah Hubers
ECS Dirk Holmberg
Deputy Amanda Johnson
Lt. Alan Roetman
Det. Mike Hopkins
Det. Jason Russo
Det. Justin Deboode
Det. Martin Albert
SSU Supervisor Lou Hunt
SSU Specialist Jeff Gregus
Det. William Marks
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Det. Martin Albert
SSU Specialist Kimber Crain
Sgt. Nick Kaechele
Det. Randy Haverkamp
Det. Rob Porter
Det. Randy Kieft
Intelligence Analyst Jason Cramer
Detective Robert Porter
D/Sgt. Todd Probst
Det. Jason Russo
SSU Specialist Jeff Gregus
ECS Eric Hutchinson

2015 LIFESAVING AWARD RECIPIENTS

Deputy Paul Rodriguez
Deputy Dale DeKorte
Deputy Gordon Carpenter
Deputy Ryan Dannenberg
Deputy Aaron Brown

Deputy Ryan Coil
Deputy Nathan Nowakowski
Deputy Neal Ostby
Deputy Yolanda Saucedo
Deputy Darren Clark

2015 DISTINGUISHED POLICE SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Detective Joel Roon
Detective Martin Albert



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT MISSION STATEMENT

To serve the citizens of Kent County, in the areas mandated by Statute and in the areas dictated by the Board of Commissioners and the citizens of the County, as well as to provide a constitutionally correct correctional facility, ensuring the wellbeing of officers and inmates, and the security of the general public.

