

# FARMINGTON PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

## ANNUAL REPORT

2019



### MISSION STATEMENT:

We pledge to enhance the quality of life, safety and security of the community with professional services that value and respect the civil rights of all people.

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## DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

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Frank J. Demers, Director	Carole Lukas, Administrative Assistant
Theodore Warthman, Deputy Director	Corinne Brazzil, Records Supervisor
Justin DuLong, Commander	Leslie Amato, Cadet
Paul (Bob) Houhanisin, Commander	Donte Smith, Cadet
Todd Anderson, Commander	Zachary Maurer, Cadet
Andrew Morche, Commander	Katherine Rogers, Cadet
Jeffrey Brow, Sergeant	Patrick Fox, Cadet
Richard Friess, Sergeant	Scott Smith, Cadet
Reginald Madeline, Sergeant	James Donovan, Reserve Firefighter
Shane Wash, Sergeant	Jeff Washburn, Reserve Firefighter
Patrick Spelman, Sergeant	Sean Skinner, Reserve Firefighter
Aaron Malewski, Public Safety Officer	Matt Schiffman, Reserve Firefighter
Alan Baranski, Public Safety Officer	James Yuill, Reserve Firefighter
Mark Keeley, Public Safety Officer	Clay Pennington, Reserve Firefighter
Scott Brown, Public Safety Officer	Ed Heidelberg, Reserve Firefighter
William Wood, Public Safety Officer	Ken McDonald, Reserve Firefighter
James Wren, Fire Marshal	John Dresden, Reserve Firefighter
Matthew Miracle, Detective	Sean Beacome, Reserve Firefighter
Cody Hawkins, Public Safety Officer	Brad Lowell, Reserve Firefighter
Lisa Kobernick, Public Safety Officer	Derek O'Connor, Reserve Firefighter
Jacob Cote, Public Safety Officer	Brendan Hall, Reserve Firefighter
Ryan Baessler, Public Safety Officer	Matt Jones, Reserve Firefighter
Donald Taylor, Public Safety Officer	

### **SUPPORT STAFF**

Michael Geldmacher, Parking Enforcement Officer
Karol Hamilton, School Crossing Guard
Donna Fedelem, School Crossing Guard
Judi Mynsberge, School Crossing Guard
Kelsey Mynsberge, School Crossing Guard
Randal & Deborah O'Dell, Chaplains (Freedom Gateway Church)

## IN MOMORIAM

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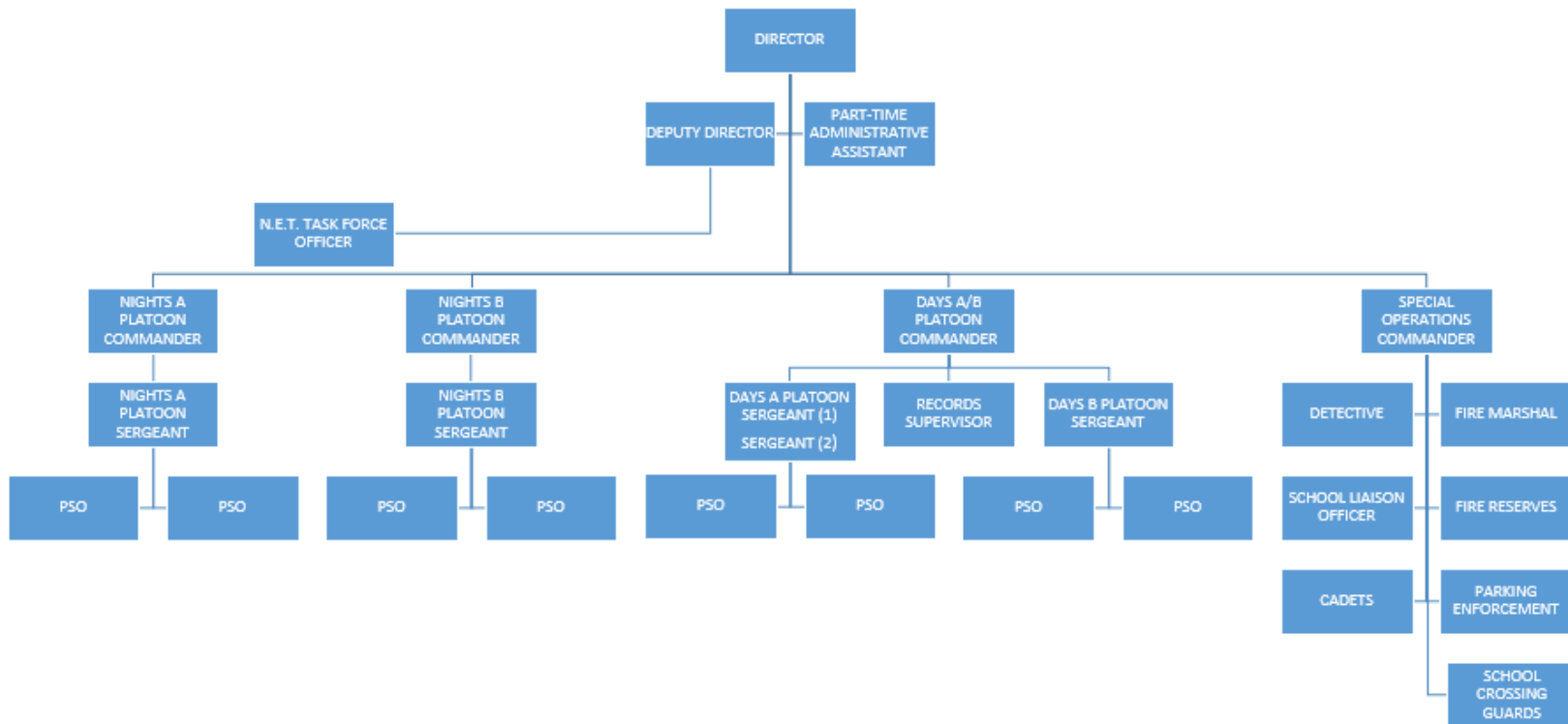
On June 20, 2019, Farmington Public Safety Parking Enforcement Officer Steve Roberts passed away. "Parking Steve" served as the department's parking enforcement officer for two years. He was truly a gentle giant. He embraced his position and handled it with fairness and equity. He had a great sense of humor and he was ALWAYS willing to lend a helping hand. Steve was well-liked and well-respected among members of the public safety department and throughout City Hall. He will be truly missed.



Retired Farmington Public Safety Sergeant Murray Switzer on passed away June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Sergeant Switzer served with the public safety department for 20 years. We are grateful for his years of dedicated service to the department and to the Farmington community.

# ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

## FARMINGTON PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



23 SWORN/FULL TIME PUBLIC SAETY OFFICERS

1 FULL TIME RECORDS SUPERVISOR

1 PART-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

6 PART-TIME CADETS

1 PART-TIME PARKING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

14 RESERVE FIREFIGHTERS

4 SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS

## NOTABLE RECOGNITIONS IN 2019

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**25 SAFEST CITIES IN MICHIGAN**

**RANKED #6**



***BACKGROUND CHECKS.ORG***

**RANKED #5**

## DEPARTMENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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In June of 2019, Farmington Public Safety Officers Jacob Cote and Ryan Baessler received Distinguished Service Awards at the Police Officers Association of Michigan conference in Grand Rapids. These officers were recognized for their quick actions in saving the life of an injured man who was also a US Army combat veteran.



Commander Andrew Morche graduated from the Eastern Michigan University School of Police Staff & Command in October, 2019.



Sergeant Reginald Madeline was honored during the March, 2019 City Council meeting with a proclamation from Mayor Pro Tem Sara Bowman in recognition of his heroic rescue of an elderly woman trapped in a structure fire.

## PATROL DIVISION

The uniform patrol division is led by Commanders Paul Houhanisin, Todd Anderson, and Andrew Morche. Five sergeants; Jeffrey Brow, Richard Friess, Reginald Madeline, Patrick Spelman, and Shane Wash assist the commanders in supervising daily operations. Eight public safety officers are assigned to the patrol division: Aaron Malewski, Mark Keeley, Scott Brown, Jim Wren, Matthew Miracle, Cody Hawkins, Lisa Kobernick, Jacob Cote, Ryan Baessler, and Donald Taylor.

Six Public Safety Cadets allow for city hall and the department to remain open twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven days a week for citizens and visitors to Farmington. Cadets also assist records personnel, maintain cleanliness of the station, and answer business phone calls to the Public Safety Department.



The patrol division prides itself on its fast response to police, fire and medical emergencies. The “Apartment Watch” program encourages officers to regularly patrol apartment complexes to deter crime and establish partnerships in multi-family housing communities throughout the City. Patrol officers also aggressively enforce traffic laws including motor carrier and impaired driving to further enhance the safety of the City’s roadways.



The patrol division provides numerous community policing services. For example, officers patrol neighborhoods and issue crime prevention notices (blue cards) indicating potential criminal opportunities, hazards or concerns observed at a residence. Station tours, visiting block parties, picking up stray pets, assisting residents who have fallen, home/vehicle lockouts, selective enforcement on neighborhood streets and any other requests for assistance from citizens are just some of the services that the patrol division provides.





### 2019 Patrol Division Activity

6,185 calls for service (Traffic stops not included)  
606 adult arrests (74 for Operating While Intoxicated)  
3,277 citations issued (Parking Violations excluded)  
229 traffic accidents  
2,401 Apartment Watch checks



## SPECIAL OPERATIONS

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The Special Operations Bureau is headed by Commander Bob Houhanisin who supervises Detective Matthew Miracle, Fire Marshal James Wren and School Resource Officer Scott Brown. Included in the bureau is an undercover narcotics officer who is assigned to the Oakland County Narcotics Enforcement Team (NET).

The Special Operations Bureau is also responsible for the following:

- Criminal Investigations
- Processing Crime Scenes
- Conducting Pre-Employment Background Investigations
- Neighborhood Watch
- Evidence and Property Room Management
- The School Liaison Program
- Background Checks for Liquor Licenses, Massage Parlors and Solicitors
- Compliance Checks on Liquor, Tobacco and Massage Facilities
- Fire Inspections
- Membership with the Oakland County Incident Management Team
- Membership with Oak Tac (Oakland County Mutual Aid)
- Membership with the Oakland County Mobil Field Force (Large Gathering Management)
- Smoke Detector Installation
- Accident Investigation
- Community Education Programs
- Conducting LEN Investigations (Follow up investigations for The Department of Human Resources)

In 2019 the Special Operations Bureau conducted the following:

- 185 Criminal Investigations (54% Closure Rate)
- 60 Warrants Obtained
- 12 Pre-Employment investigations
- 175 Fire Inspections
- 7 Solicitor Background Investigations
- 14 Car Seat Inspections
- 1 Liquor License Background Investigation
- 2 Massage License Background Investigation

## FIRE SERVICES

All Farmington Public Safety officers are certified firefighters and licensed as medical first responders or Emergency Medical Technicians. In addition to the full time personnel, the department employs 14 paid-on-call reserve firefighters to supplement the firefighting force.

The Farmington Public Safety Department provides the following fire protection services:

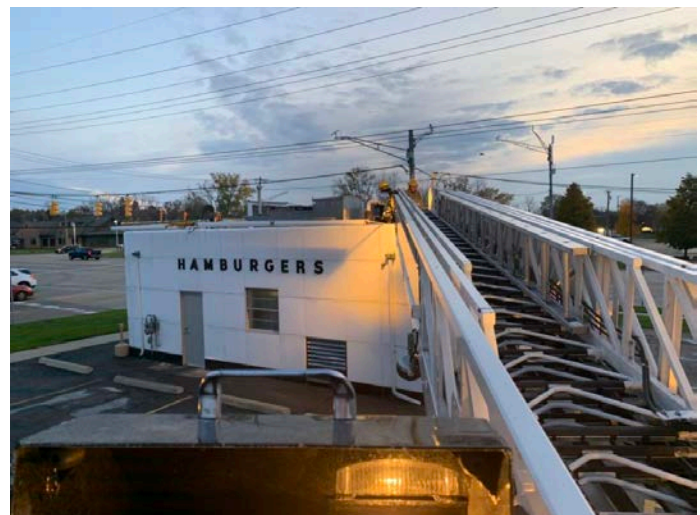
- Fire extinguishment
- Hazardous materials response
- Smoke detector give away/installation
- Fire safety presentations
- Home fire inspections
- Fire prevention inspections for businesses
- First Aid/CPR/AED classes
- Stop The Bleed program
- Car seat inspections



In addition to providing the above services, the department has members assigned to the Oakland County Hazardous Materials Response Team and the Oakland County Incident Management Team.

In 2019 Farmington Public Safety Department to the following:

- 1131 Medical or Injured persons
- 1 Miscellaneous Fire
- 27 Odor/smoke Investigations
- 24 Fire alarms
- 32 Wires down
- 18 Carbon monoxide alarms
- 7 Structure fires
- 5 Vehicle fires
- 175 Fire Inspections



- 1 Dumpster fire
- 5 Outdoor burns
- 35 Public education events



## RECORDS DIVISION

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Records Supervisor Corinne Brazzil is in charge of the department's Records Division. She is responsible for maintain and archiving the thousands of reports, forms and documents that filter through the department throughout the year. In addition to records responsibilities, Ms. Brazzil handles multiple other responsibilities during business hours such as handling public safety matters that are brought to the



department's front desk, answering phone calls to the department, monitoring the building and public security cameras, interacting with the 47<sup>th</sup> District Court, processing Freedom of Information requests, processing pistol permits, false alarm billing, bicycle licenses, parking permits, non-criminal fingerprints, police clearance letters, warrant processing/validations and requests for station tours and handling all matters related to registered sex offenders who reside in the City. Ms. Brazzil also serves at the department's Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) Coordinator. As the LEIN Coordinator, she ensures that all department personnel remain in compliance with strict State requirements related to information security. Supervisor Brazzil receives assistance from Public Safety Cadets.

## GRANTS & PARTNERSHIPS



The Farmington Public Safety Department received generous donations from Alexander's True Value Hardware and the Farmington Command Officer's Association to purchase smoke alarms for residents in need. Pictured below is Tim Alexander, the owner of Alexander's True Value Hardware located at 9 Mile Road and Farmington Road, and Sergeant Reggie Madeline.



The public safety department was awarded a BYRNE Justice grant in the amount of \$100,000 to install public security cameras in the downtown area and in Shiawassee Park. The video is wirelessly transmitted to monitors in the communications room.

### 2019 Grant Award Summary

GRANT SOURCE	AWARD AMOUNT	ITEMS PURCHASED
BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT	\$4000	REPLACEMENT BALLISTIC VESTS
MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (MMRMA)	\$525	REIMBURSEMENT FOR MACP ACCREDITATION COSTS
MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (MMRMA)	\$2,437	STAFF & COMMAND SCHOOL TUITION REIMBURSEMENT
MICHIGAN COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS	\$3,900	PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER TRAINING
BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE (JAG) GRANT	\$100,000	PUBLIC SECURITY CAMERAS
<b>TOTAL GRANT FUNDS AWARDED IN 2019</b>	<b>\$110,862</b>	

# COMMUNITY POLICING


The Farmington Public Safety Department embraces the United States Department of Justice definition of Community Policing which states:

*“Community policing is a philosophy that promotes organizational strategies, which support the systematic use of partnerships and problem solving techniques, to proactively address the immediate conditions that give rise to public safety issues, such as crime, social disorder, and fear of crime (DOJ, 2008).”*

By partnering with government agencies, local businesses, non-profit organizations, community stakeholders, and individual community members, the Farmington Public Safety Department has administered over eighty (80) services in support of the community policing model.

For a full list of the department’s community policing initiatives, please visit our website: [www.farmgov.com/City-Services/Public-Safety/Community-Policing.aspx](http://www.farmgov.com/City-Services/Public-Safety/Community-Policing.aspx)

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**CPR & AED**




THE FARMINGTON PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT WILL BE HOSTING A HEARTSAVER CPR / AED CLASS ON MAY 23RD, 2019 6:30 P.M. TO 10:00 P.M. AT THE CITY OF FARMINGTON COUNCIL CHAMBERS. THIS HEARTSAVER CLASS WILL FOCUS ON CPR FOR ADULTS, CHILDREN AND INFANTS AND THE USE OF AN AED. NO COST TO FARMINGTON RESIDENTS AND \$20 FOR NON-FARMINGTON RESIDENTS.

Farmington Public Safety is recruiting paid on-call


## Firefighters



- Must be at least 18 years old and
- Must have a valid drivers license.

- Fire reserves must live within 6 miles of Farmington.
- Once hired recruits will be paid to attend Firefighter 1 and 2 Academy in the spring of 2020.

**For more information please attend our informational meeting on October 22nd at 7pm in the Farmington City Council Chambers.**



**Fire Marshal contact info:**  
James Wren 248-474-4700 or [jwren@farmgov.com](mailto:jwren@farmgov.com)



# COMMUNITY POLICING (cont.)

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## 2019 MAJOR INCIDENTS

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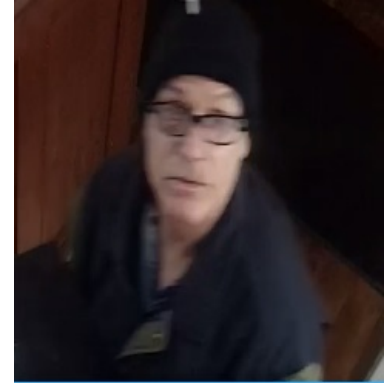
The following is a summary of the major incidents investigated by the Farmington Public Safety Department in 2019:

### **Burglary**

On January 1, 2019 officers investigated two burglaries at businesses in downtown Farmington. Investigators collected physical evidence as well as video surveillance of the suspect. The video and images of the suspect were released to the media and via social media. As a result, the man was identified and



arrested for the crimes. The arrestee, David Reese, was charged and convicted of Burglary and was sentenced to a maximum of 20 years in prison.



David Scott Reese



Video Still of Suspect

### **Larceny in a Building**

On February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019, an employee of Farmington First United Church reported that an unknown male had stolen a laptop from the church on February 16<sup>th</sup>. The church was made aware of the theft when they checked their security cameras once the laptop was reported missing. The officer taking the report recognized the man as a driver that he had stopped earlier that day. A warrant was obtained for the suspect, charging him with Larceny in a Building, a 4 year felony.

**Illegal Entry**

On March 21<sup>st</sup> at approximately 3:40 PM a 14 year old Birchwood Street resident observed an unknown male enter his home from an unlocked attached garage. Once the suspect made contact with the victim, he took off running out of the home. Officers responded to the scene and learned from a neighbor that she had observed the same suspect get into an older model blue Buick and drive away. Nothing was stolen from the home and the suspect was never identified. The investigation continues.



Sketch of suspect

**Attempt Burglary**

On April 24<sup>th</sup> the owner of the Johnny Weekend Company reported that an unknown person had kicked in the business' rear door. The business had been closed for several days and the officer taking the report recalled finding a teen male near the dumpster at the rear of the property on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Officers followed up with the teen who admitted to kicking in the door and then running away when the alarm sounded. The teen was charged with the attempted burglary.

**Resisting Officer | Disorderly Conduct**

On May 18, 2019, at approximately 3:32 pm officers responded to the Masonic Temple for a report of an escalating verbal argument. Officers determined that the argument was between relatives attending a funeral across the street. In an attempt to resolve the matter, officers determined that a female subject with slurred speech and the odor of intoxicants on her breath was responsible for the argument. The subject pushed one of the investigating officers, while they were attempting to separate the subject from the crowd. Officers arrested the 32 year old female was arrested for resisting, disorderly conduct and active warrants.

**Operate While Intoxicate – High BAC**

On August 6, 2019, at approximately 9:20 pm, officers responded to that area of Farmington Road and Marilyn Court for a report of a single vehicle roll over crash. Witnesses reported that the driver of the crashed vehicle ran from the scene. The fleeing suspect was seen by a number of witnesses attempting to enter multiple homes in the area, but was unable to gain access because the doors were locked. Officers located the suspect at the top of the Shiawassee Park stairs. The suspect's behavior was aggressive and erratic. He yelled incoherently at the officers and responded violently when the officers took him into custody. The 29-year-old male smelled strongly of intoxicants and was transported to the hospital for evaluation. The man was charged with Operating While Intoxicated with a high blood alcohol content.

**Larceny**

On August 31, 2019 at approximately 12:27 pm, officers were dispatched to CVS Pharmacy for a report of a subject that was observed taking several lawn care tools from the back of a pick-up truck and putting them into a gold station wagon. The witness that observed the suspected theft attempted to confront the subject, scaring him off. The witness was able to observe a license plate, which they provided to the officers that responded. Officers conducted follow up investigation and identified the 58-year-old male subject who was later located and arrested at his residence in Farmington Hills. The suspect was charged with Larceny.

**Commercial Burglary**

During the month of September, 2019, two gas stations were broken into during the late evening hours and cash was stolen. Video surveillance showed that both businesses were attacked by the same suspect, an African American male wearing a dark hooded jacket and a towel covering his face. The investigation continues.

**Retail Fraud**

On November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the department received information that a retail fraud (shoplifting) had occurred at the Nankin Hobby Shop on Nine Mile Rd. Upon arrival to the business, the investigating officer learned that the suspect entered the business and stole a \$280 remote control kit. The manager of the business posted the man's photo on Facebook and gave him an opportunity to return the merchandise. The suspect never returned the item, so a police report was filed. The suspect was identified and was charged with the crime.



# 2019 CRIME STATISTICS

## GROUP A, B & C

### TOTAL INCIDENTS/OFFENSES

*\*TRAFFIC STOPS ARE NOT INCLUDED*

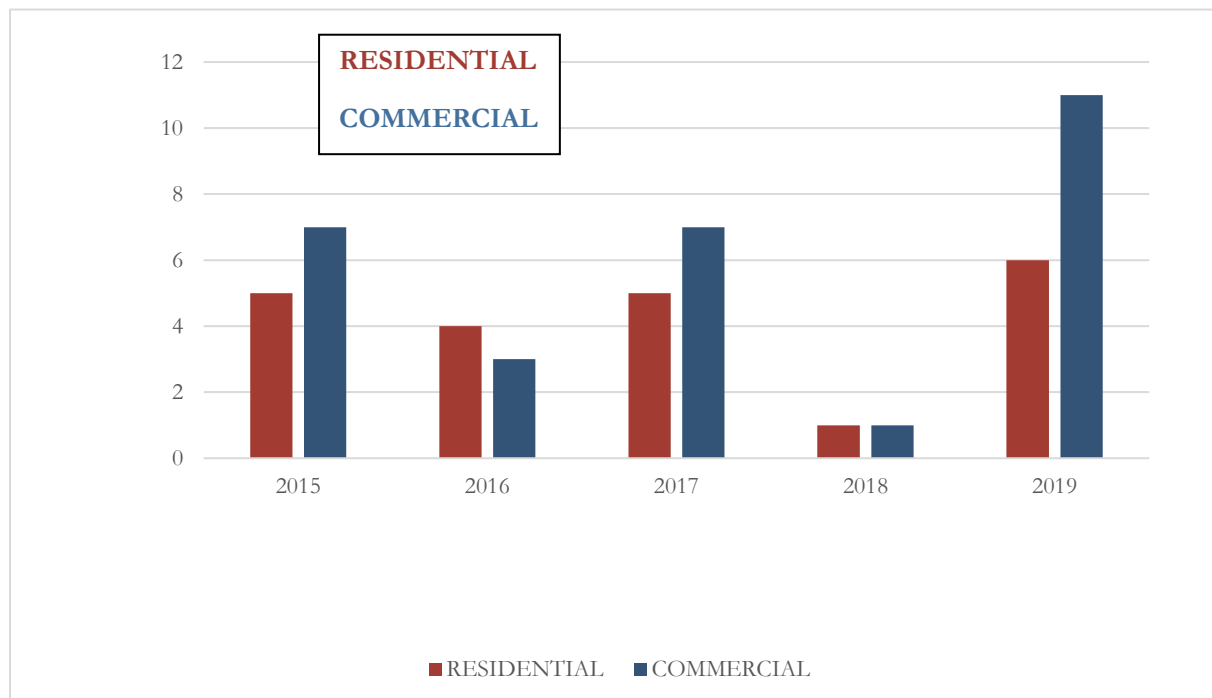
GROUP TYPE	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	% CHANGE
Group A	287	341	295	263	206	-21%
Group B	268	301	317	237	195	-18%
Group C	5,305	5,197	5,313	4,561	5,679	24%
TOTAL OFFENSES	5,860	5,839	5,925	5,061	6,190	22%

## 5 YEAR BURGLARY COMPARISON

RESIDENTIAL	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
FORCED ENTRY	5	2	2	1	3
NO FORCED ENTRY	0	2	3	0	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>

COMMERCIAL	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
FORCED ENTRY	6	3	7	1	10
NO FORCED ENTRY	1	0	0	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>TOTAL BURGLARIES</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>17</b>

## 5 YEAR BURGLARY CHART



**FIVE YEAR MAJOR OFFENSE COMPARISON**

<b>OFFENSE</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>% CHANGE</b>
MURDER	0	0	0	0	0	-
SEX OFFENSES	1	1	4	2	3	50%
ROBBERY	1	0	1	0	0	-
ASSAULT	33	35	43	37	36	-2.7%
BURGLARY	9	11	11	2	17	750%
LARCENY	99	96	61	45	52	15%
VEHICLE THEFT	7	4	6	5	5	-
FRAUD	35	30	24	21	40	90%
ARSON	2	0	0	0	0	-
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>40%</b>

**FIVE YEAR COMPARISON OF INTEREST**

<b>OFFENSE</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
ADULT ARRESTS	572	726	782	731	606
JUVENILE ARRESTS	8	11	13	4	16
CALLS FOR SERVICE	6066	6572	6697	6064	6185
FIRE CALLS	117	150	153	166	120
MEDICAL CALLS	940	919	912	954	1131
INJURY ACCIDENTS	25	27	29	26	23
PROPERTY DAMAGE ACCIDENTS	273	338	239	251	206
FATAL ACCIDENTS	0	0	0	0	0
NARCOTICS VIOLATIONS	90	113	98	123	10
IMPAIRED DRIVING	72	78	89	75	74
LARCENY FROM AUTO	43	43	10	10	18
TOTAL TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	3184	3932	3929	3474	3277

<b>PARKING VIOLATIONS</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
TOTAL CITATIONS ISSUED	455	208	338	129	265

## 2019 ACCREDITATION MEANINGFUL REVIEW DATA

Farmington Public Safety officers make contact with thousands of individuals throughout the year. Many of those contacts result in the issuance of traffic citations, arrests and the mitigation of numerous situations involving violence and/or disagreements among parties.

As a Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police (MACP) accredited agency, the Farmington Public Safety Department conducts meaningful reviews on citizen complaints, use of force incidents, foot pursuits and vehicle pursuits that occur throughout the year. These incidents receive special attention and serve as an early warning system for supervisors to identify and take proactive measures to train officers and ensure compliance with policies and procedures. The following is a five-year summary of citizen complaints investigated, incidents of use of force, foot pursuits and vehicle pursuits:

<b>INCIDENTS</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>5 YR AVG</b>
TOTAL # OF CITIZEN CONTACTS	11419	12435	12306	12456	12748	<b>12273</b>
CITIZEN COMPLAINTS	1	3	3	4	2	<b>2.6</b>
USE OF FORCE	17	17	7	20	15	<b>15.2</b>
FOOT PURSUITS	0	1	3	2	3	<b>1.8</b>
VEHICLE PURSUITS	0	2	5	2	4	<b>2.6</b>
% OF TOTAL CONTACTS	.16	0.18	0.15	0.22	0.20	<b>0.18</b>

<b>ARREST/USE OF FORCE</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>5 YR AVG</b>
ARRESTS	572	726	782	731	606	<b>683</b>
USE OF FORCE	17	17	7	20	15	<b>15.2</b>
% USE OF FORCE/ARREST	3.0	2.3	0.9	2.7	2.5	<b>2.3</b>

The public safety department is proud of its very low rate of complaints and use of force. These numbers are low because the department is dedicated to hiring and training men and women with high standards of integrity, implementing comprehensive training programs that stress de-escalation and professionalism, holding members accountable for their actions and constantly working to achieving the department's mission to provide superior public safety services to the community.