

FARMINGTON PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

2020 ANNUAL REPORT



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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Theodore Warthman, Deputy Director

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Justin DuLong

Paul (Bob) Houhanisin

Todd Anderson

Andrew Morche

SERGEANTS

Jeffrey Brow

Richard Friess

Reginald Madeline

Shane Wash

Patrick Spelman

PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS

Aaron Malewski

Alan Baranski

Mark Keeley

Scott Brown

William Wood

James Wren, Fire Marshal

Matthew Miracle, Detective

Cody Hawkins

Lisa Kobernick

Jacob Cote

Ryan Baessler

RECORDS STAFF

Corinne Brazzil, Supervisor

Leslie Amato, Records

CADETS

Donte Smith

Zachary Maurer

Katie Rogers

Scott Smith

Donna Reid-Cronin

Jonah Fanning

RESERVE FIREFIGHTERS

James Donovan

Sean Skinner

Matt Schiffmann

Clay Pennington

Ed Heidelberg

Ken McDonald

John Dresden

Derek O'Connor

Jeff Washburn

Brad Lowell

Matt Jones

Brendan Hall

Aidan Bowes

Patrick Palise

CIVILIAN SUPPORT STAFF

Michael Geldmacher, Parking Enforcement

Karol Hamilton, School Crossing Guard

Donna Fedelem, School Crossing Guard

Judi Mynsberge, School Crossing Guard

Kelsey Mynsberge, School Crossing Guard

CHAPLAINS

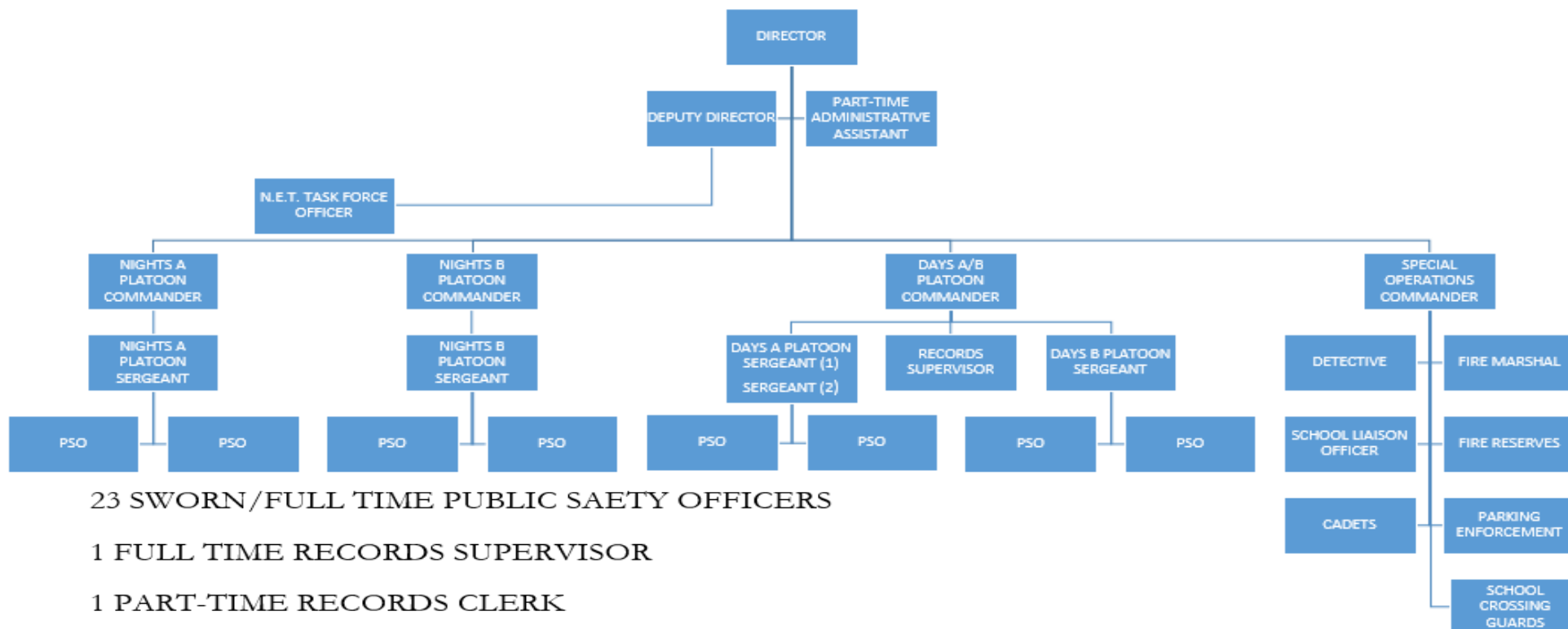
Randall O'Dell

Deborah O'Dell



ORGANIZATIONAL CHART - 2020

FARMINGTON PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT



23 SWORN/FULL TIME PUBLIC SAETY OFFICERS

1 FULL TIME RECORDS SUPERVISOR

1 PART-TIME RECORDS CLERK

6 PART-TIME CADETS

1 PART-TIME PARKING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

14 RESERVE FIREFIGHTERS

4 SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS

RETIREMENTS - 2020

DIRECTOR FRANK DEMERS

December 5, 1995 to December 31, 2020

After 25 years of dedicated service to the Farmington Public Safety Department and to the Farmington community, Director Frank Demers retired on December 31, 2020.

Director Demers held the following positions with the department: Public Safety Officer, Sergeant, Commander and Director. He also served as an accident investigator, detective, RADAR/LIDAR instructor, evidence technician, property room manager, and a THINK instructor (similar to DARE).

Over the course of his career, Director Demers received numerous awards and citations, including receiving a Merit Citation in 2009 for his investigation into a 1979 homicide that remained unsolved for over 28 years. As a result of his hard work and determination on the case, two subjects were found guilty of murder and sentenced to prison.

We wish Director Demers all the best in his retirement.



NOTABLE RECOGNITIONS IN 2020



25 Safest Cities in Michigan

Ranked #11



Best Cities to Live in Michigan

Ranked #16

DEPARTMENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

COVID-19

With the onset of COVID-19 in early 2020, the department took a great deal of precautions to ensure the health of its employees was safeguarded. Healthy employees ensured that services to the community remained unchanged during this unexpected pandemic. In the face of adversity, the employees of the department showed great courage in performing their duties in times of uncertainty. To keep department employees safe, the department implemented the following precautions:

- Staff immediately started wearing, fit-tested, N-95 masks while on duty both in the station and on incidents.
- The department started a disinfecting schedule that was performed by the cadet staff that included wiping down all surfaces with anti-infectant spray.
- Department personnel fogged the department and city hall with disinfectant two times a week.
- Department administration worked from home on alternating weeks to minimize exposure.
- Staff utilized appropriate PPE while responding to medical emergencies where the presence of COVID-19 was suspected.
- Staff practiced social distancing. As an example, the patrol division moved their rollcalls out to the fire barn where there is more room to social distance.

With these precautions in place, the department was able to avoid any employees becoming ill with COVID-19 during the first wave (April-June) of the pandemic. During the summer months, COVID-19 infection rates remained low before increasing with the second wave in November and December. During the second wave, several employees tested positive for COVID-19 but the department did a great job of mitigating the exposures ensuring that the virus did not spread throughout the department.



TRAINING ROOM

The department updated its training room during the first half of 2020. The last update of the training room was over 25 years ago. The department used several local contractors, and a lot of the work was performed by department personnel. Included in the upgrades were a new drop ceiling, LED lights, paint, flooring, a new projector and screen, and a new kitchen area.

Before



After



LIVESCAN FINGERPRINT DEVICE

The department submitted and successfully obtained a Technology Enhancement Projects – Byrne Justice Assistance Grant in 2020 in the amount of \$31,000. The grant allowed us to replace our old LiveScan device and to also upgrade the quality of our surveillance cameras in our booking room, holding cells and at our front desk. This work was completed in September of 2020.



PATROL DIVISION

The uniform patrol division was led by Commanders Justin DuLong, Paul Houhanisin, Todd Anderson, and Andrew Morche in 2020. Five sergeants; Jeffrey Brow, Richard Friess, Reginald Madeline, Patrick Spelman, and Shane Wash assist the commanders in supervising daily patrol operations. Eight public safety officers are assigned to the patrol division: Aaron Malewski, Mark Keeley, Al Baranski, Will Wood, Jim Wren, Lisa Kobernick, Jacob Cote, and Ryan Baessler.

Six 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. The cadet staff also allows for the department to keep its jail for short-term holding, which allows for Farmington officers to remain on the road in Farmington. Other responsibilities of the six cadets include assisting records personnel, cleaning the station, and answering business phone calls to the Public Safety Department. These cadets are Donte Smith, Zack Maurer, Katie Rogers, Scott Smith, Donna Reid-Cronin, and Jonah Fanning. They are assisted by two (2) fire reserves who are cross trained to handle cadet responsibilities when the cadets are not working. The cross-trained fire reserves are Sean Skinner and John Dresden.



The patrol division prides itself on its fast response to police, fire, and medical emergencies. A quick response time allows for public safety officers to mitigate emergencies quickly and efficiently while reducing further harm. The “Apartment Watch” program encourages officers to proactively patrol apartment complexes, many times resulting in arrests and crimes being prevented. Patrol officers also aggressively enforce traffic laws including motor carrier and “drunk driving” laws which makes for a much safer community and roadways throughout the city

The patrol division provides numerous community policing partnerships with the community. For example, our officers patrol neighborhoods and issue crime prevention notices (blue cards) indicating potential criminal opportunities, hazards, or concerns observed at a residence through our local neighborhood watch program. During the 2020 Covid-19 pandemic, officers took part in trying to keep spirits up by conducting over 35 drive-by parades and visited block parties from a distance.

Further services offered by our patrol officers include assisting residents who have fallen, home/vehicle lockouts, selective traffic enforcement on neighborhood streets, and conducting informational training such as speed measurement operations for our residents. The patrol division understands the important connection between its officers, the community's residents, visiting public, and looks forward to serving them in any way possible.

- 8,243 calls for service
- 249 adult arrests (39 for Operating While Intoxicated)
- 1,362 citations issued (Parking Violations excluded)
- 138 traffic accidents
- 2,082 apartment checks
- 1,555 subdivision checks



SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

The Farmington Special Operations Division consists of Commander Bob Houhanisin, Fire Marshal James Wren, Detective Scott Brown (School Liaison Officer), Detective Matt Miracle and an undercover narcotics detective who is assigned to the Oakland County Narcotics Enforcement Team (NET).

The responsibilities of the Special Operations Bureau are quite fluid and change from day to day, as investigations, fire inspections, and details change daily.

The Special Operations Division is responsible for the following duties:



Criminal Investigations

Detectives conduct investigations which consist of drafting search warrants, conducting follow up on cases, warrant presentation to the Oakland County Prosecutors Office and case presentation in court.

Crime Scene Processing

All Detectives have been trained in crime scene processing which entails crime scene documentation, lifting of fingerprints, collecting DNA samples, scene mapping/photography and collecting evidence.

Conducting Pre-Employment Background Investigations

Neighborhood Watch

Commander Houhanisin hosts monthly Neighborhood Watch meetings at the city hall. These meetings provide insight to crime trends and current events within the City of Farmington.

Evidence Property Room Management

Commander Houhanisin is the property room administrator for the department. He oversees all intake and return of property. He is responsible for thousands of items related to case investigation, found property and items in digital format for cases.

School Liaison Program

Detective Brown is Farmington's School Liaison Officer. Detective Brown has an office at Farmington High School where he has daily interaction with students. He also works closely with Longacre Elementary and Our Lady of Sorrows School. Detective Brown coordinates drills and investigates complaints on school grounds.

Background Checks for Liquor Licenses, Massage Parlors and Solicitors

Detectives conduct background investigations for applications for these new businesses.

Compliance Checks for Liquor, Tobacco and Massage Facilities

Plain clothes detectives conduct "sting" operations on all licensed facilities within the City. Citations are issued and repeat violations are forwarded to the State of Michigan for license revocation.

Fire Inspections

Fire Marshal Wren is a certified State of Michigan fire inspector. He completes many investigations each year which contribute to such a low number of fires within the City.

Membership with the Oakland County Incident Management Team

This team is a consortium of agencies who assist with managing large scale incidents. This includes both police and fire scenes.

Membership with OakTac

OakTac is a county wide group that provides training and equipment for large scale events, including festivals, active assailant, and riot control.

Smoke Detector Installation

Smoke alarms have been donated to the department and members install them in homes where they cannot be afforded.

In 2020, the Special Operations Division conducted:

- 120 Criminal Investigations
- 31 warrants issued by the Prosecutor
- 4 Employee background investigations
- 2 liquor License Background Investigations
- 2 Massage License Background Investigations



FIRE SERVICE

The Farmington Public Safety Department provides fire protection to both residential and commercial structures in The City of Farmington. Farmington's fire services are led by Fire Marshal James Wren. The Public Safety Department staffs 23 full time sworn Public Safety officers. All Public Safety Officers are sworn police officers, licensed firefighters, and licensed Medical First Responders, with 5 members being licensed EMT's. In addition, the department employs 14 paid on call Fire Reserves.

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
- Business fire prevention inspections
- First Aid/CPR/AED classes
- Stop the bleed program



In addition to providing the above services, Farmington Public Safety has members assigned to the Oakland County Hazmat team, as well as the Oakland County Incident Management Team.

In 2020, Farmington Public Safety Department responded to the following incidents:

- 835 Medical or Injured persons
- 6 Miscellaneous Fires
- 10 Odor/smoke Investigations
- 33 Fire alarms
- 23 Wires down
- 12 Carbon monoxide alarms
- 1 Structure fire
- 1 Vehicle fire
- 5 Dumpster fires
- 6 Outdoor burns



While 2020 proved to be a challenging year, the department adapted to those challenges

and continued to train personnel through virtual and traditional in person training environments. Through grant funding, the department was able to receive on-site, live, flashover training from Oakland Community College's mobile training staff and their state-of-the-art flashover trailer.



CREST FLASHOVER TRAINING 2020



RECORDS DIVISION

Record Supervisor Corinne Brazzil oversees the department's Records Division and is responsible for processing thousands of reports, forms and documents that filter through the department throughout the year. In addition, she also has multiple other responsibilities such as court processing, warrant entries, sex offender registration, and training new cadets. Records Supervisor Brazzil is also the department's Law Enforcement Information Network coordinator (LEIN), she ensures that all department personnel remain in compliance with strict state requirements to information security.



This year with the pandemic, Records Supervisor Brazzil also had the added responsibility of monitoring the city hall doors for visitors as city hall was closed to the public for much of the year. This added measure of protection was put into place to protect both visitors to city hall as well as employees of the City of Farmington.

Clerk Leslie Amato assists in records as well as assisting the department's Special Operations Department. Clerk Amato juggles the demands of organizing the property room, filing, transporting vehicles, assists with department functions such as "Feast in the Firebarn"



and the department awards and citations event that takes place each year. Clerk Amato also helps train new cadet staff.

COMMUNITY POLICING

The Farmington Public Safety Department embraces the strong connection it has with the community, understanding that the most important thing for a public safety department to have is the “public’s trust”. The department works hard to maintain that trust through a series of community policing initiatives. While 2020 was a unique year due to the pandemic, the Farmington Public Safety Department was able to serve the community in the following ways:

The department got creative and responded to over 35 requests for drive-bys from Farmington residents for events such as birthdays, graduations, anniversaries, and promotions at work. While residents were locked down in their homes due to the pandemic, the department brought some joy to them while driving by their residence with fire trucks and police cars, lights and sirens activated.



FARMINGTON PUBLIC SAFETY HAS PARTNERED WITH MI PREVENTION TO INSTALL FREE SMOKE DETECTORS TO FARMINGTON RESIDENTS.

SMOKE DETECTORS DO NOT LAST FOREVER, AND SHOULD BE REPLACED EVERY 10 YEARS.



IN AN EFFORT TO INCREASE FIRE SAFETY AWARENESS IN THE FARMINGTON COMMUNITY, FARMINGTON RESIDENTS MAY SCHEDULE AN IN HOME SAFETY VISIT. A FARMINGTON FIREFIGHTER WILL COME INSTALL UP TO SIX SMOKE DETECTORS AND ONE CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR AT NO COST. CONTACT FIRE MARSHALL WREN TO SCHEDULE YOUR HOME SAFETY VISIT AT

JWREN@FARMGOV.COM OR 248-474-5500 EXT 2246



Each year the department solicits donations to fund its smoke detector give-away program. This year, the State of Michigan Fire Marshal’s Office provided smoke detectors to the department. Department members then respond to requests for smoke detectors from citizens and install the smoke detectors for the residents. It’s a great way to connect with the community and at the same time get the message out about fire safety.

The department deploys bike patrols to different areas of the city, but a bike officer can routinely be found at the Farmers Market each Saturday at the Riley Park and the Sundquist Pavilion in downtown Farmington. The bike officer not only provides a sense of security to the market, but they also provide a smiling face and the ability for citizens to ask questions about the department or the city. Pictured are Sergeant Reginald Madeline and Public Safety Officer William Wood.



OPER_xATION



MEDICINE CABINET®

The department participated in Operation Medicine Cabinet on October 24th. Operation Medicine Cabinet allows residents to get rid of old medications that are no longer needed. Due to the pandemic, the department did curbside pickup of the medications from residents. The department had 22 participants and collected over 13 lbs. of medications.

In 2021, we are hopeful that we will be able to get back to participating in the over 80 community policing initiatives that we normally participate in. 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

2020 MAJOR INCIDENTS

The following is a summary of the major incidents investigated by the Farmington Public Safety Department in 2020:

Flee and Elude

On March 15, an officer on patrol stopped a vehicle in the area of Power and Valley View Circle for speeding. Upon approaching the driver, the vehicle suddenly accelerated heavily and sped away from the traffic stop. The officer pursued the vehicle and found that it had crashed at Power and Shiawassee. The driver was injured and was transported to the hospital. The driver exhibited signs of intoxication and was charged with Flee and Elude as well as Operating While Intoxicated.

Stalking

On April 2, an officer responded to Greene's Hamburgers on Orchard Lake for a complaint of stalking. Upon arrival, the officer learned that an employee was being harassed by an ex-boyfriend. The employee complained about the ex-boyfriend following her home from work and sending her threatening text messages. A check of the suspect revealed that he had been warned previously for trespassing at the restaurant as well as contacting the victim. A warrant was obtained from the Oakland County Prosecutor's office charging the suspect with Stalking.

Receive and Conceal Stolen Vehicle

On June 23, an officer on patrol stopped a vehicle in the area of Power and Grand River for disobeying a red signal. Upon approaching the driver, the driver notified the officer that the vehicle was stolen because he had failed to return it after borrowing it from its owner. The driver exhibited signs of intoxication and failed several sobriety tasks. The driver has 6 prior convictions for operating while intoxicated as well as two warrants for his arrest for larceny. On this date, the driver's alcohol level was .22. The driver was arrested and charged with Receiving and Concealing stolen property as well as Operating While Intoxicated.

Malicious Destruction of Private Property

On June 24, an Orchard Lake resident called police because her neighbor had just smashed her house window with a baseball bat and was now screaming in the middle of the road with a baseball bat. Upon arrival officers located the suspect hiding in a nearby bush, still with the baseball bat in his hands. Officers took the suspect into custody without any incident.

Flee and Elude

On July 20, a Sergeant on patrol attempted to stop a white Toyota as it nearly struck his parked vehicle while travelling 100 mph in the posted 25 mph zone on Grand River near Farmington. The Sergeant attempted to stop the Toyota, but the Toyota began disobeying red lights at a high rate of speed. At that point, the Sergeant terminated the pursuit due to safety concerns. Undercover officers from a neighboring police agency were able to follow the vehicle in unmarked police vehicles and were able to take the driver into custody without any further incident. The driver was charged by the Oakland County Prosecutor's office with 3rd degree Felony Fleeing and housed at the Farmington Jail.

Carrying a Concealed Weapon

On September 25, an officer on patrol stopped a vehicle in the area of Grand River and Lakeway for an improper lane use violation. Further investigation revealed that the driver had a suspended driver's license and several warrants for his arrest. The driver was arrested, and an unregistered firearm was discovered inside his vehicle. The driver was charged with Carrying a Concealed Weapon and Driving While License Suspended.

Possession of Heroin

On October 22, a Sergeant on patrol stopped a vehicle in the area of Grand River and Drake for driving at night without headlights on. A check of the driver revealed that he had a suspended driver's license and several warrants for his arrest. A check of the passenger revealed that she had 4 felony warrants for her arrest. A search of the passenger revealed 30 packets of Heroin in her purse. The passenger denied owning the heroin and did not know how the packets got into her closed zipped purse. The passenger was charged with being in Possession of Heroin.

Burglary

On November 5, at 3:01 AM, officers were dispatched to an alarm at the Colonial Oil Change on Nine Mile. Upon arrival, officers noted that a window had been smashed out and money was stolen out of the cash drawer. Colonial Oil had surveillance video of the incident which showed a black male driving an older model sedan break into the building and steal the money. On 11/10/2020, the man and an accomplice were arrested by a neighboring police department. Both suspects admitted to the Farmington crime and were charged with the Burglary.

Fatal Accident

On December 11, Officers responded to the CVS Pharmacy on Farmington for a report of an accident between a motor vehicle and a pedestrian. Upon arrival, officers attempted lifesaving efforts on the victim but were unsuccessful. Officers learned that the 25-year-old driver had been reversing her vehicle out of a parking space when she mistakenly stepped on the accelerator instead of the brake. The victim had been walking to the store approximately 20 feet behind the vehicle when he was struck and killed. The driver has been cooperating with investigators.

2020 CRIME STATISTICS

TOTAL INCIDENTS/OFFENSES - GROUP A, B, C

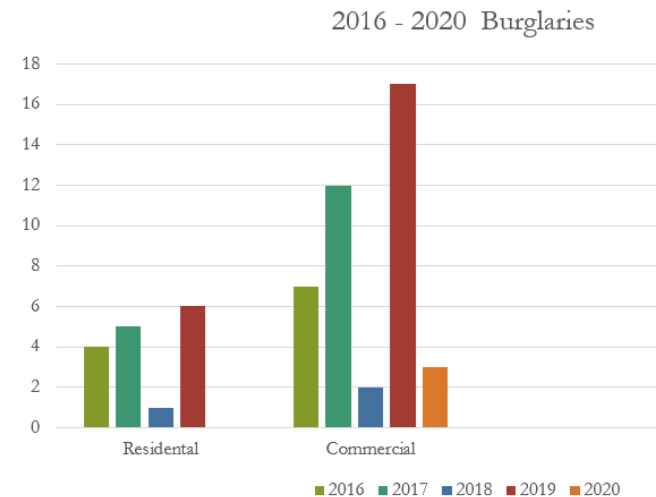
GROUP TYPE	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	% CHANGE
Group A	341	295	263	206	114	-45%
Group B	301	317	237	195	125	-36%
Group C	5,197	5,313	4,561	5,679	3,996	-30%
TOTAL OFFENSES	5,839	5,925	5,061	6,190	4,227	-32%

*TRAFFIC STOPS ARE NOT INCLUDED

5 YEAR BURGLARY COMPARISON

RESIDENTIAL	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
FORCED ENTRY	2	2	1	3	0
NO FORCED ENTRY	2	3	0	3	0
TOTAL	4	5	1	6	0

COMMERCIAL	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
FORCED ENTRY	3	7	1	10	3
NO FORCED ENTRY	0	0	0	1	0
TOTAL	3	7	1	11	3
TOTAL BURGLARIES	7	12	2	17	3



FIVE YEAR MAJOR OFFENSE COMPARISON

OFFENSE	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	% CHANGE
MURDER	0	0	0	0	0	-
SEX OFFENSES	1	4	2	3	2	-33%
ROBBERY	0	1	0	0	0	-
ASSAULT	35	43	37	36	28	-22%
BURGLARY	11	11	2	17	3	-82%
LARCENY	96	61	45	52	29	-44%
VEHICLE THEFT	4	6	5	5	1	-80%
FRAUD	30	24	21	40	15	-63%
ARSON	0	0	0	0	0	-
TOTALS	177	150	109	153	78	-49%

FIVE YEAR COMPARISON OF INTEREST

OFFENSE	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
ADULT ARRESTS	726	782	731	606	249
JUVENILE ARRESTS	11	13	4	16	3
CALLS FOR SERVICE	6572	6697	6064	6185	4235
FIRE CALLS	150	153	166	120	97
MEDICAL CALLS	919	912	954	1131	835
INJURY ACCIDENTS	27	29	26	23	16
PROPERTY DAMAGE ACCIDENTS	338	239	251	206	125
FATAL ACCIDENTS	0	0	0	0	1
NARCOTICS VIOLATIONS	113	98	123	10	6
IMPAIRED DRIVING	78	89	75	74	39
LARCENY FROM AUTO	43	10	10	18	13
TOTAL TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	3932	3929	3474	3277	1362

PARKING ENFORCEMENT

PARKING VIOLATIONS	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
TOTAL CITATIONS ISSUED	208	338	129	265	403

2020 ACCREDITATION MEANINGFUL REVIEW DATA

Farmington Public Safety officers make documented contact with thousands of individuals throughout the year. Many of those contacts result in the issuance of traffic citations, arrests, and the mitigation of situations involving violence and/or disagreements among parties. Employees of the department also have thousands of undocumented contacts with citizens each year including via the telephone, encounters at events such as the Farmers Market and Parades, and community speaking engagements.

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 received and investigated incidents of use of force, foot pursuits and vehicle pursuits:

INCIDENTS	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	5 YEAR AVG.
TOTAL # OF CITIZEN CONTACTS	12,435	12,306	12,456	12,748	8,243	11,638
CITIZEN COMPLAINTS	3	3	4	2	4	3.2
CITIZEN COMPLAINTS THAT INVOLVED USE OF FORCE	0	0	0	0	0	0
USE OF FORCE	17	7	20	15	11	14
FOOT PURSUITS	1	3	2	3	1	2
VEHICLE PURSUITS	2	5	2	4	3	3.2

2020 ACCREDITATION MEANINGFUL REVIEW DATA

A use of force incident is defined as an arrest that requires anything more than mere handcuffing. When an arrest requires anything more than mere handcuffing, the incident is reviewed by the officer's supervisor and then reviewed again by the deputy director for any violations of department policy. If any violations of department policy are found, the incident is handled accordingly, usually through additional training, a coaching session, or formal discipline.

Our use of force numbers remain low each year 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.

ARREST/USE OF FORCE	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	5 YEAR AVG.
ARRESTS	726	782	731	606	249	619
USE OF FORCE	17	7	20	15	11	14
% USE OF FORCE/ARREST	2.3	.9	2.7	2.5	4.4	2.6

