



# Annual Report - 2015



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## Director's Message



As the Director of the Emmett Township Department of Public Safety, I am extremely proud to submit the 2015 Annual Report on behalf of all of the members of the Department. I should note that this is the first annual report that the department has ever completed. It has been an exciting year with the acquisition of our new Engine and Aerial truck and we continue to be very busy with our general law enforcement duties as well as our medical responses.

I believe our officers are among some of the best trained in all of Calhoun County. To begin with, all of our officers have at least an Associate's Degree and several have a Bachelor's Degree. Our officers are trained in three separate disciplines; police, fire and medical first response and each requires a significant amount of training. Our staff is licensed and certified by the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards, The Michigan Fire Fighters Training Council and the State of Michigan as Medical First Responders, Paramedics or Emergency Medical Technicians. I am convinced this has led to some of our many successes in the Township. Our clearance rate for crimes solved in the Township is well above the state average. Our fire fighters are widely recognized throughout the county as among the best and our medical first responders record a number of "saves" every year.

Our department participates in a number of mutual aid agreements throughout the county. We work hand in hand with local, county, state and federal agencies and they reciprocate with us. As you know, we mutual aid with the neighboring townships and we have gone as far as the City of Marshall to assist their fire department. The department has worked hard to build relationships to aid in making our community as safe as possible for our residents and visitors.

We work equally as hard to interact with our township residents and build positive relationships. We actively participate in the Shop with a Cop program, we have a School Resource Officer, we participate in the National Night Out and the Fire Prevention program held annually at our schools and culminating at Bailey Park with a large fire safety display.

I am extremely proud of the members of the Department of Public Safety and as you read the report, I think you will understand why! The officers are very committed and they work hard for our community.

Respectfully,

*Michael C. Olson, Director*



## **Mission Statement**

The Department of Public Safety shall provide integrated Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical Services to serve and protect the citizens and property of Emmett Township, along with all of its visitors.

## **Emmett Township Department of Public Safety Operating Principles:**

### **1 – Be a values-driven organization.**

It's our ability to communicate that working together, leadership, ethics, excellence and respect for human dignity are our organizational core values.

### **2 – Be a facilitator of change.**

Leadership requires the courage and risk taking to make change as well as the tolerance to implement it. If ETDPS is going to control its own destiny, we must be leaders in this area.

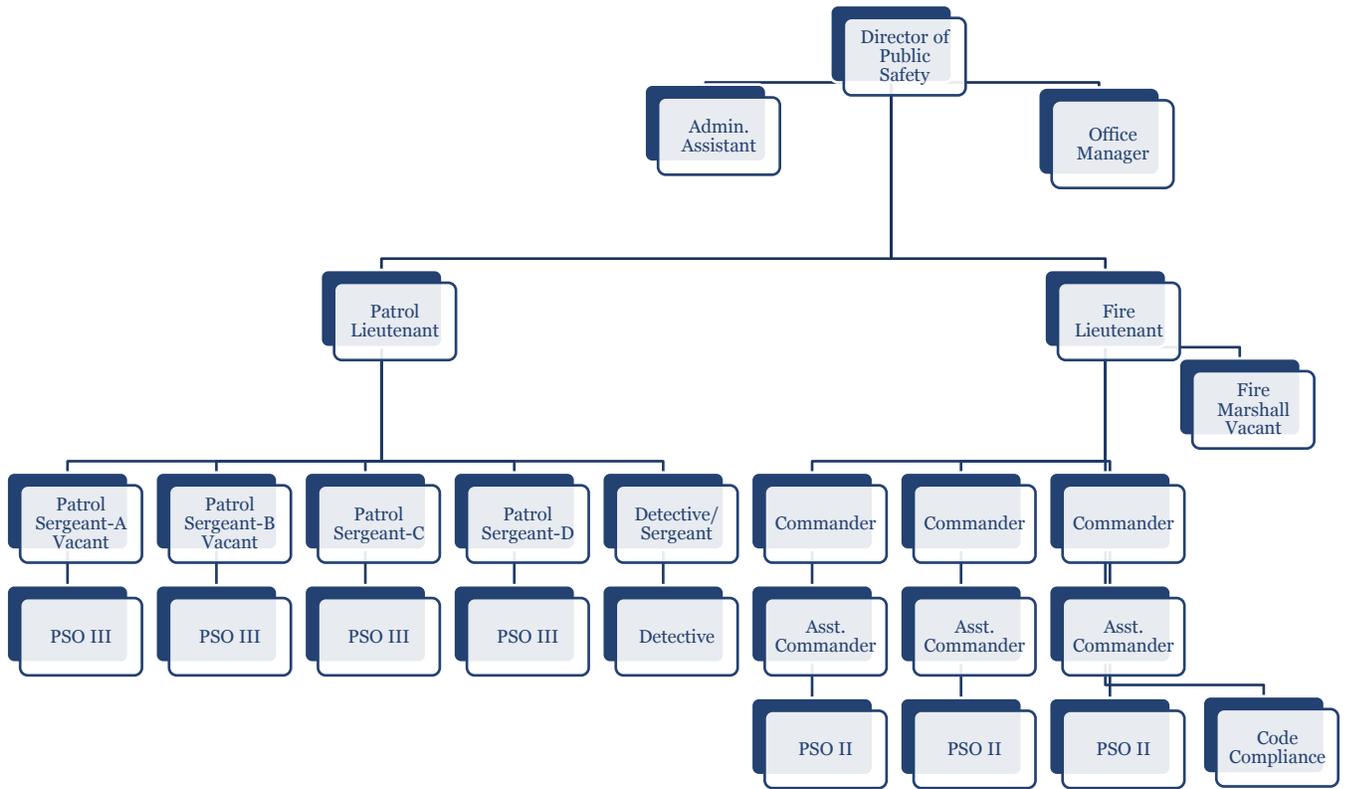
### **3 – Be legitimate to those we serve.**

It is essential that the community perceives the legitimacy of public safety because they will be more likely to follow their orders and obey the laws. Doing so makes the community safer and also offers a safer operating environment for the officers. On a personal level, legitimacy requires officers to treat all people with courtesy, dignity and respect. Our decision making shall be fair, neutral and unbiased.

### **4 – Be a learning organization.**

As we continue to connect with our community it is important that we aggressively manage the education of our public safety officers, our public safety partners, and our community members. Our ability to capture, utilize, and share what our partners know about crime, and how to report and prevent it, will determine our future success.

# Emmett Township Department Of Public Safety



## **DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW**

The Emmett Township Department of Public Safety provides police, fire and emergency medical services to the residents and visitors in Emmett Township. Presently, we have 17 sworn men and women. As of December 31<sup>st</sup>, the department had 14 full-time public safety officers, 3 part-time public safety officers, 2 full-time secretarial staff, 2 full-time civilian officers, and 23 paid on-call firefighters. In this past year, we have added several new officers to our ranks as others have left for full-time employment elsewhere or retired.

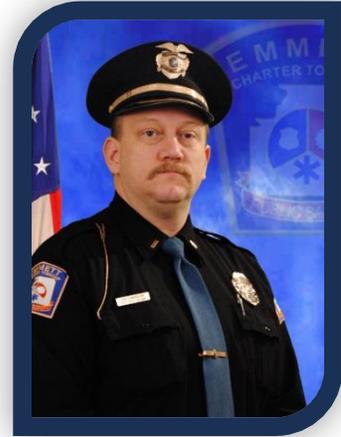


Our newest officers have now begun, or are continuing their career paths in law enforcement. Some may choose to remain as patrol officers throughout their career. Others may compete to perform specialized work, such as Detective or K-9 officers. These officers will go as far as their determination takes them, and the department prides itself on the opportunities and training available to all its members.

The Emmett Township Department of Public Safety serves approximately 12,000 residents, but there are thousands more visitors and passersby's that come into or go through Emmett Township on a daily basis.

## **PATROL DIVISION**

The Patrol Division is under the supervision of Lt. Kenneth Cunningham. Patrol officers serve on the frontline, responding to numerous calls for service. They are the foundation of the department. These dedicated officers make up the largest part of the police department. When fully staffed, eight officers and two sergeants are divided into four patrol platoons: 2 dayshifts and 2 nightshifts, around the clock on 12 hour shifts, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Patrol officers respond to calls for service and begin the initial investigation of all crimes reported to police. After the initial report, patrol officers are encouraged to investigate their cases as far as possible; however, the more complex or serious crimes may enlist assistance from the Detective Bureau. Additionally, officers conduct traffic enforcement, watch for suspicious activity and engage with members of the community. High-visibility and pro-active enforcement are the hallmarks of Emmett Township Public Safety patrols. Officers may patrol in vehicles, on foot, or riding bicycles.



Lt. Kenneth Cunningham

## **INVESTIGATIONS**

The Detective Bureau (DB) consists of a Detective Sergeant and one Detective. The Detective Bureau members are responsible for original and follow-up investigations of reported crimes in Emmett Township. Detectives typically investigate crimes with suspects or investigative leads that may be too time consuming or complex for the initial reporting officer to conduct. The DB is also tasked with investigating crimes to determine if suspects can be identified. They photograph and process evidence from major crime scenes, along with conducting other case follow-up investigations. Suspects in custody for the suspicion of committing crimes may perhaps be interrogated by Detectives to aid in clearing, closing or prosecuting crimes. Suspects held in jail for offenses committed in other jurisdictions may also be questioned by Detectives concerning possible involvement in crimes committed within the Township.

Detectives utilize interviews, interrogations, informants, information in the public domain, tips from the public, search and arrest warrants, surveillance, and other investigative tools to accomplish their tasks. When investigations are complete, detectives prepare the criminal cases for court and present the case to the Calhoun County Prosecutor's Office for prosecution. Currently, we are the only law enforcement agency in Calhoun County with a certified officer in Computer Forensics.

## **SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER**

Officer Rich Mackey is currently assigned to the Harper Creek School Resource Officer unit. Officer Mackey has been assigned as the school's resource officer since September and has an office at the Harper Creek High School. Officer Mackey is also responsible for the Harper Creek Middle School, Wattles Park Elementary, Sonoma Elementary and Beadle Lake Elementary. The total number of students for the five schools is approximately 2,775 pupils.



PSO James Mackey

It is the mission of the School Resource Officer program to create a collaboration of the Emmett Township Department of Public Safety, Emmett Charter Township, and Harper Creek Community Schools. It is designed to coordinate enforcement and improve the educational environment by detecting drug abuse, theft, and violence. It helps reduce the disruption of the school day at Harper Creek Community Schools.

The time in the schools is spent on specific liaison/school resource officer duties, such as spending time interacting with students in the lunchroom, hallways, and between classes at all the schools. Time is also spent addressing criminal issues within the schools, such as trespassing, assaults, larcenies, etc. There is also time spent in the middle school, along with the three elementary schools, addressing such issues as school crossing zones, parking for parents, school bus issues, and other issues as needed.

One facet of the school resource officer is to assist students, parents and teachers by providing factual information on the three gateway drugs: tobacco, alcohol, and marijuana. There has also been discussion on the harmful effects of inhalants. Education helps develop good friendships, assists in recognizing and resisting peer pressure and promotes good decision making.

The School Resource Officer also participates in the annual Fire Prevention week. Other Public Safety Officers spend time in the classrooms in each elementary school conversing with students about the various components of fire safety. Other subjects discussed during the year include bicycle safety, computer safety, and home safety. Some of these presentations may be done in an assembly format with both upper and lower elementary students.

The student counts for the five schools include approximately 890 in the High School (grade 9-12), 860 in the Middle School (grade 5-8), and 340 in each of the three elementary schools (grade K-4).

## **RESERVE OFFICER PROGRAM**

Our reserve officers are entrusted with the mission of providing auxiliary police personnel to supplement virtually all department operations. This totally unpaid volunteer program greatly enhances our department's ability to provide outstanding police service to the community. They participate in departmental training and assist with the full-time operations during special events, parades and general patrol. They are not certified officers, therefore they have to work under the direct supervision of a full-time officer. Reserve officers provide considerable cost savings to the township each year in saved salaries, benefits, and overtime.

In 2015, Reserve Officers donated over 465 hours of their personal time to the department in service to the community.

Reserve officers frequently support operations with assistance in the following areas:

- Traffic control
- Prisoner transports
- Crime scene security
- Investigation follow-up
- Search warrant service
- Residential vacation watches
- Supplemental community patrols
- Back-up for patrol officers
- Call-outs for emergencies

## **TRAINING**

The department continues to train officers in all three disciplines of response: law enforcement, fire, and medical emergencies. Each of the three major training areas are broken down into more specialized areas. The area of fire, for example, can be separated into numerous categories such as fire behavior, structure design, pump operations, truck placement, Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) training, and rescue operations. Firefighting is truly a science and requires significant training and knowledge. The same can be said for law enforcement and the medical first responder training.

State and federal mandates require training in specific areas of the medical field. Emmett Township Officers all hold minimally a medical first responder (MFR) license. This licensing is administered by the State of Michigan. The MFR license is valid for a three year period, during which time the officers must complete at least fifteen continuing education credits annually for license renewal. Officers receive extensive training in treating cardiac issues, difficulty breathing, narcotic/drug overdoses, childbirth, pediatric care, and burns, to name a few. In order to maintain licensure, the annual continuing education is imperative. These credits might be obtained in a practical format while other areas might be in a lecture format, depending on the requirements. In addition, the classes taught have to be authorized by the State for the officers to receive their credits.

The Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) also requires all officers in the State to qualify annually in firearms, to maintain their license. In

addition, the department strives to keep officers informed of legal updates and recent court decisions, such as Michigan's medical marijuana law and the open carry of firearms. The department requires officers to review departmental policy and procedures as well as all other high liability areas, such as precision driving, use of force, and search and seizure laws.



We also receive training with all other law enforcement agencies in Calhoun County, in domestic violence intervention. This is one of the most dangerous and difficult crimes to investigate. We sent two officers to Domestic Violence training and they will train the remainder of the department in calendar year 2016. Officers will be educated in intervention processes that give them lethality screening tools. They will also learn established protocols and available resources for the victims.

We also sent two officers to "Fair and Impartial Policing" training last year, in conjunction with other police agencies throughout Calhoun County. Nationally, there is a significant gap between law enforcement and the communities we represent. While our officers do a good job, there is always room for improvement and we are always looking for ways that we can positively interact with our residents. This training is ongoing, but we expect to complete it during 2016.

A great deal of time in 2015 was spent training officers. The field training process for both the fire and police services are extensive. Field training officers spend countless hours with new hires to educate them on the proper ways to safely conduct their duties while respecting the rights of everyone. The Emmett Township Department of Public Safety will continue to provide our officers with the best training possible.

## **COMPLAINTS**

The department transitioned to a new Records Management System (RMS) in April 2015. The new system is shared with the Battle Creek Police Department and the Calhoun County Sheriff Department. It is our desire to get all of the law enforcement agencies in Calhoun County on the same RMS system so we can share information and various crime trends. We believe this will allow us to better serve our citizens.

The new system reports our activity much differently than the old system. In the past, every call for service was assigned an event number and a complaint number. The new system only assigns complaint numbers to criminal matters and calls for service are given an event number and they are referred to as Field Contacts. Examples of Field Contacts include: Be on the Lookouts (BOL), barking dogs, suspicious activity and anything of a non-criminal nature in which our residents call for assistance.

Using the new system, it appears that our call load dropped significantly from years past, but in actuality our calls for service slightly increased. Traditionally, we averaged about 8,000 complaints per year and this year we dropped to 3,553. According to statistics provided by the C.C.C.D.A., there were 8937 events responded to by law

enforcement and 1377 events responded to by the fire division. Some of these events were simultaneously responded to by both divisions.

Below is a breakdown of the some of the most serious crimes along with the number of complaints that were taken. Retail Frauds continue to be one the most time-consuming and most repeated type of crime that our officers are called upon to investigate.

9000	Negligent Homicide	1
11000	Criminal Sexual Conduct	15
12000	Robbery	4
13000	Assaults	182
22000	Burglary	125
23000	Larceny	165
25000	Forgery	21
26000	Frauds	106
29000	Malicious Destruction of Property	113
30000	Retail Frauds (Shoplifting)	356
35000	Violation of Controlled Substance	104
48000	Obstruct Police	55
50000	Obstruct Justice	170
52000	Weapons Offense	8
53000	Disorderly Conduct	25

## **FIRE AND POLICE RESPONSE TIMES**

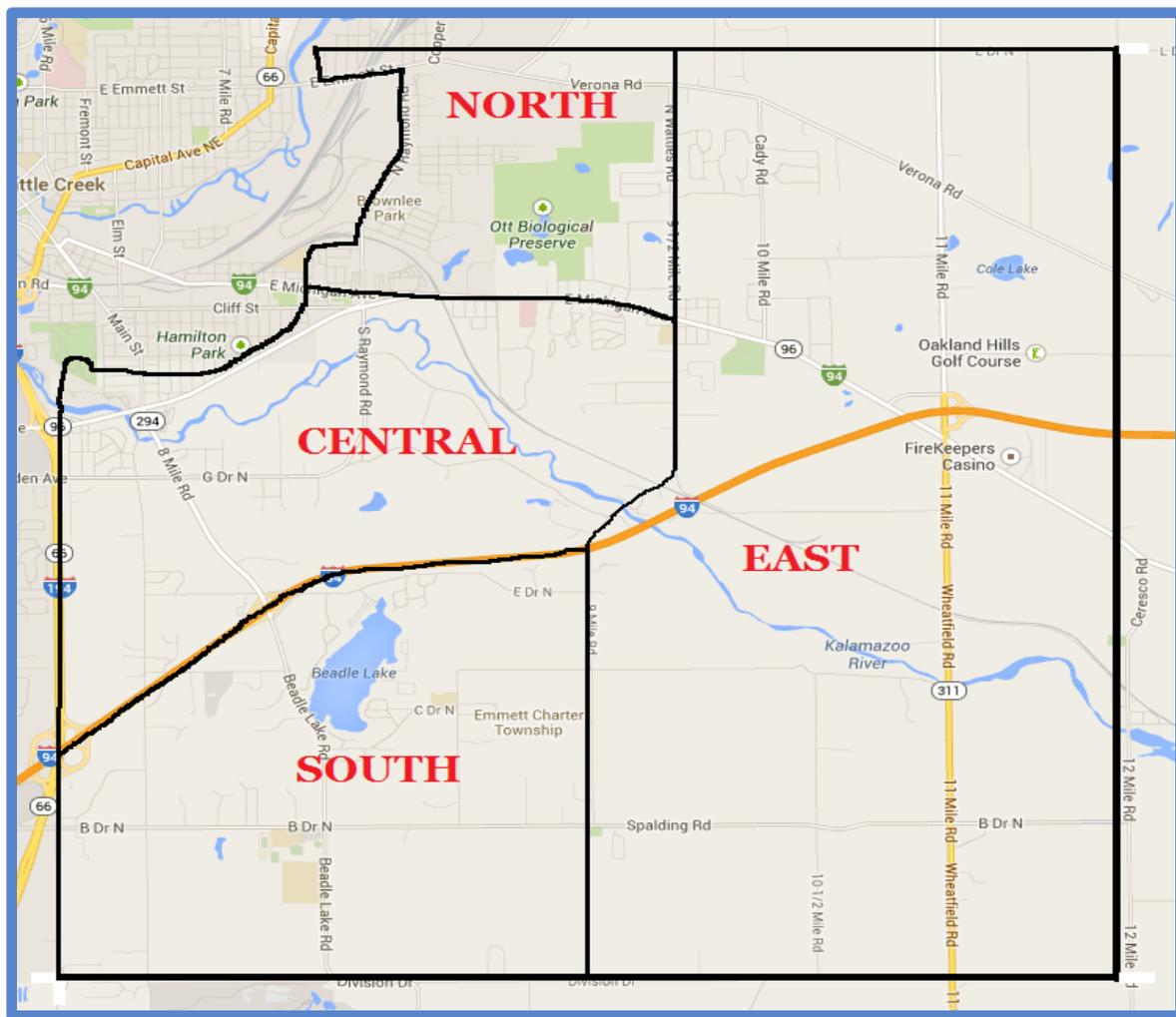
It all starts with a 911 call to the dispatch center. From there, there are two time frames to be considered when responding to the citizen complaints (events). The two time frames referred to include dispatch times and response times. The dispatch time starts at the time the 911 call is received until the time the officer is notified of the pending complaint. In 2015, the average dispatch time was **1.5** minutes for fire calls and approximately **5** minutes for police calls.



The response time measures the amount of time it takes starting when a dispatcher notifies the officer(s) responding via radio, until the time the police officer(s) arrive at the scene. This time is important because a rapid response enables officers to more effectively deal with crimes in progress or to apprehend suspects. Response times are dependent on a variety of factors such as driving distance, location, road conditions, accessibility, traffic, and whether or not the closest fire truck or police vehicle is on another complaint. Currently, the Emmett Township community can expect an average response time of **9** minutes for police calls and **6** minutes for fire calls, after officers are notified by dispatch of the incident.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY PATROL AREA QUADRANTS**

The Township of Emmett is divided into four sectional areas. In the past, Supervising officers have been assigned to each zone to address specific issues or problems that are reported during the year.



Although the East quadrant is much larger in size than the other zones, the population of each area is approximately the same. The population from the 2010 census estimated that 11,770 individuals resided in Emmett Township.

## TRAFFIC SAFETY AND ENFORCEMENT



The number of traffic crashes that occurred in 2015 was 390. This is a significant decrease from the 2014 total of 484. Officers are continually assigned to high frequency accident areas in an effort to reduce traffic violations to prevent accidents and ensure driver safety.

In 2015, there were 47 hit & run crashes which resulted in thousands of dollars in damages. 308 Property Damage crashes were reported with approximately 1% involving alcohol. There were 58 Personal Injury crashes with approximately 17% of those types of accidents involving alcohol. Alcohol enforcement was successful this year with 47 operating under the influence arrests being made.

In 2015, Emmett Township officers issued 1150 citations. Officers have a great deal of latitude and are allowed to use their discretion when determining whether to issue a citation or not. Although a traffic citation is usually not an ideal scenario for most drivers, citing drivers for traffic violations can help keep the roadways safe and ensure public safety.

The Department of Public Safety also has an accident reconstruction team that is able to respond to serious traffic crashes and use current technology (Laser/RADAR units) to measure and reconstruct these severe traffic crashes. Traditionally, officers had to manually measure all distances at scenes. This took several hours. The laser system requires fewer officers and takes, less than half the time as before. Unfortunately, our unit is becoming quite old and is not supported by the manufacturer. Replacement units are extremely expensive and can cost roughly \$25,000, or more, to replace. At the end of the year, PSO Beach was chosen to become the newest member of the group. He will soon begin an extensive training process to become an accident reconstructionist.



Below is a breakdown of the intersections or areas with the most crashes in 2015.

6 Mile Rd / B Drive North	19
M66 /near I-194	19
E Columbia Ave / Main Street	16
M66 / near Golden Avenue	16
B Drive N / Harper Village Drive	15
E Columbia Ave / E Michigan Avenue	14
E Michigan Ave / 11 Mile Road	13
I-94 / 11 Mile Road	12
6 1/2 Mile Rd / Golden Avenue	8
6 1/2 Mile Rd / B Drive North	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>140</b>

The ten areas listed above accounted for approximately 35% of all the traffic crashes that occurred in Emmett Township during 2015.

## **ENFORCEMENT OF OPERATING WHILE INTOXICATED**

The combination of alcohol/drugs and vehicle usage is extremely dangerous. Several public groups have pleaded for aggressive enforcement of drunken driving laws. This movement is the result of the public's refusal to tolerate the senseless deaths caused by drunk drivers. In response, the Emmett Township Department of Public Safety has taken a proactive approach to enforce the drunken driving laws.



The department made 47 Operating While Intoxicated (OWI) arrests in addition to the 315 Driving While License Suspended or Revoked arrests being made. These arrests made the roads and travel much safer within the Township.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

According to the Michigan M.A.D.D. website:

1. Approximately 27% of all traffic fatalities in Michigan during 2014 involved a driver who had been drinking.
2. In 2014, there were 8,892 Alcohol related crashes in Michigan and 4,633 of those were personal injury crashes.
3. Michigan had over 34,390 arrests for alcohol related driving.
4. Taxpayer subsidy of drunken driving fatalities: \$1.3 Billion
5. Michigan's .08 BAC per se limit was extended through 2018. A driver's BAC or blood-alcohol content is the measurement officers use to show how much alcohol has been consumed.
6. Every 53 minutes on average, someone is killed in a drunken driving crash.

## **MUTUAL AID**

The Emmett Township Department of Public Safety participates in mutual aid response in both police and fire services. Currently, our agency may be called to assist neighboring jurisdictions in the event of a large scale incident, a shortage of personnel, or other circumstances requiring extra officers. With regard to fire services, the E.T.D.P.S. has an automatic mutual aid contract with the Pennfield Township, and Newton Township Fire Departments. This means that each agency is automatically dispatched to the emergency without special requests or responses.

Mutual Aid for police response is handled differently. In the event that Battle Creek City Police, Calhoun County Sheriff, or the Michigan State Police are in need of police assistance, it is customary for the respective department to request officer(s) to assist due to the powers of arrest.

## **SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

### **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT (NNO)**

National Night Out is an opportunity to build neighborhood cohesiveness and have some fun! We want all residents to know each other, look out for each other, and report suspicious activity promptly to the Department. This is the best way to decrease crime and help make Emmett Township safer for everyone. We started celebrating NNO in 2012 and for the first two years held the event at the Emmett Township Public Safety Building. We had displays, vehicles, a dunk tank, and much more. Next year we are optimistic about the program and will encourage individual blocks to celebrate with “Block Parties” so they can get to better know their neighbors, build trust, and talk to officers about neighborhood concerns.

### **SHOP WITH A COP**

This is a partnership between the Emmett Township DPS, and all of the other law enforcement agencies in Calhoun County. We work with the State of Michigan Department of Human Services to identify children who would benefit from some extra attention at this very special time of the year. We invite them to the Department of Public Safety, serve them breakfast, escort them with police cars to Walmart and shop with them. They then buy presents for themselves and family members. We return to the department, have lunch, help them wrap the gifts, enjoy some laughs and present them with a gift of their own. It’s a great way to share some of the Christmas Spirit with the children and their families. They truly appreciate it.

### **OFFICER OF THE YEAR**

The Department Awards Ceremony was held in May of 2015 and it is traditionally held during Police Memorial Week. The event was held at the Holiday Inn at Harper Village and we had a great turn-out. We recognized a number of officers with Lifesaving, Meritorious Service and Safe Driving Awards to name a few. Also, Officer Mark Beach was selected by his peers as the 2015 Officer of the Year. He was very deserving of the award.

## **FIRE DIVISION**

### **Department History**

The Emmett Township Fire Department was formed in 1945 and located in a station (more like a garage) in the area of what is now Beadle Lake Road near Golden Avenue. At that time the department only had about 15 volunteer firefighters including the chief. In 1947, the township built a new hall and fire station located at 620 Cliff Street. At this location, the fire chief at the time (Oren M. Mead) and his family resided in an apartment above the apparatus bays of the building. When a fire call would come in, firefighters were called on the phone by the chief's wife (Frances Mead) to summon the firefighters to the scene.



Lt. Tony Geigle

In 1984, with the merging of the Township's Police and Fire Departments, the Emmett Township Department of Public Safety was created. Since that merger of services, the department has continued to improve the level of Police, Fire and EMS services provided to the community.



### **Emmett Township Today**

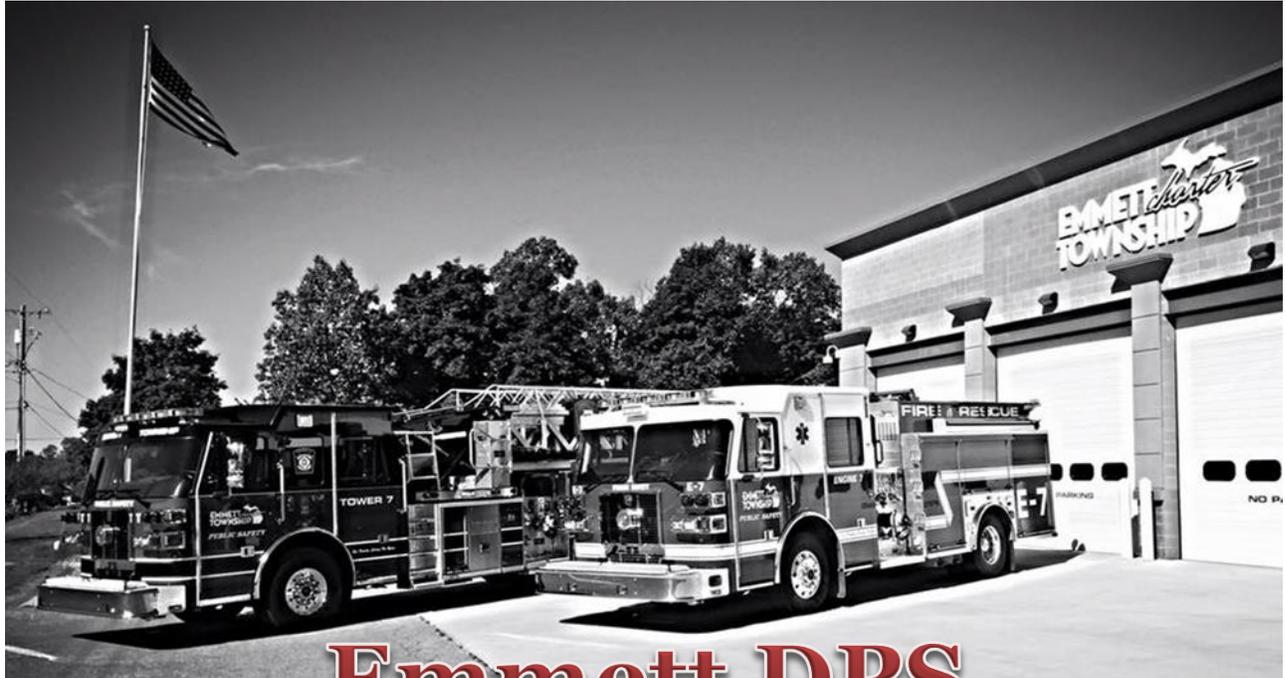
Fire and EMS are under the supervision of Lt. Tony Geigle. Operating out of two stations, the Emmett Township Department of Public Safety's Fire & EMS Division responds to an average of over 1,300 calls for Fire, Rescue and EMS services per year. Public Safety Officers also provide community service and safety programs, fire prevention education and demonstrations, and inspections of local businesses for fire code compliance. Officers also participate in events at local businesses and talk to children in the classrooms at Harper Creek, as well as various Church groups. Because of the many hats our Public Safety Officers wear, we continue to train and stay up to date on the latest information and standards in Fire Suppression, Rescue, Emergency Medical Techniques, Law Enforcement services and Hazardous Materials.



Though the department is staffed 24 hours a day by full-time and part-time officers, the backbone of the fire division is operated by dedicated paid on-call Public Safety Officers. These officers are trained and hold medical certifications as Medical First



Responders, Paramedics and/or Emergency Medical Technicians. Officers are also trained in confined space rescue, hazardous materials, extrication, and Rapid Intervention Team (RIT). RIT is always in place should we need to rescue a trapped or injured firefighter. These dedicated officers work hard and continue to dedicate themselves to providing a quality and professional service to our community.



## Emmett DPS

## Fire Apparatus





Rescue 7 2012 Chevrolet Suburban / Medical First Response Unit / Incident Command Vehicle  
Licensed Medical First Response Vehicle





Tower 7 2015 Sutphen Aerial Platform

Pump Size: 2,000 Gallons/min

Tank Size: 300 Gallons

Aerial Platform Height: 100 Foot





Tanker 7 1996 Spartan Pumper / Tanker  
Pump Size: 1,750 Gallons/min  
Tank Size: 2,000 Gallons





Rescue 7 2009 Crimson Pumper / Rescue

Pump Size: 1,500 Gallons / Min

Tank Size: 1,000 Gallons / Min

Rescue Equipment / JAWS / Rescue and Medical





Squad 7-2 2003 Dodge Ram  
Scene Support / Back-Up Medical Unit





Grass / Brush Truck Unit 768 2005 Ford F-350

Tank Size: 250 Gallons

Pump Size: 300 Gallons / Min





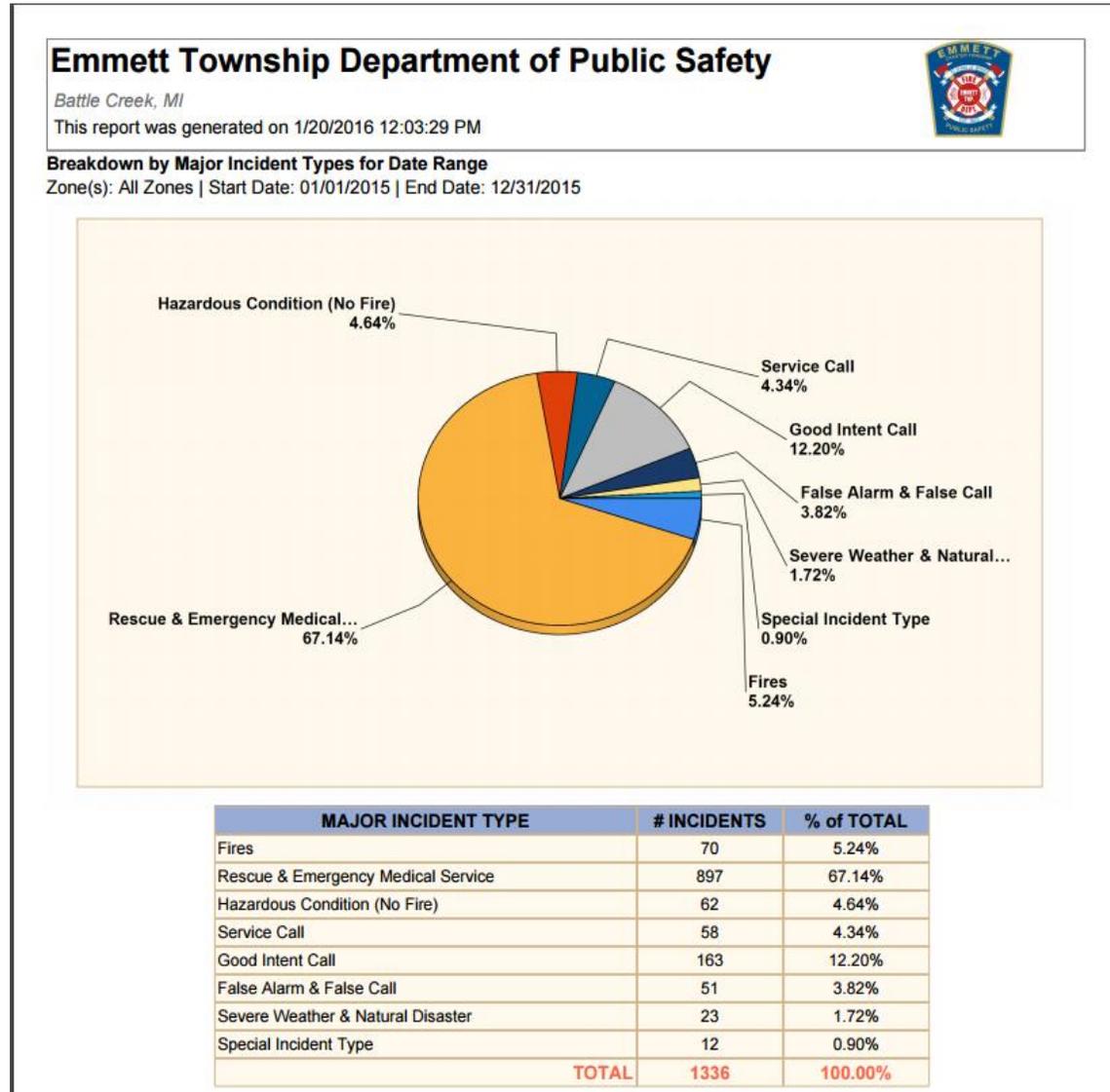
Engine 7 2015 Sutphen Pumper

Tank Size: 1000 Gallons

Pump Size: 1500 Gallons / Min



# Emmett Township DPS Fire Activity



**2015 Burn Permits Issued = 1,196**

**Prior Year Fire & EMS Calls for Service**

**2014 Total = 1349**

**2013 Total = 1121**

As you can see, the department remains very busy answering a variety of different types of calls for service. The majority of our responses, just over 67%, are for Rescue and Emergency Medical services. All of our staff are minimally trained as Medical First Responders while several are trained all of the way up to Paramedics. Our primary medical response unit is the 2012 Chevrolet Suburban and this vehicle has virtually eliminated the need for a fire truck to respond to medical calls. Using this vehicle eliminates a lot of excessive “wear and tear” on the much more expensive fire trucks. We do respond with an Engine if we are dispatched to unknown or personal injury accidents. In addition, we respond to a number of chest pains complaints, breathing problems, and even cardiac arrests. We have successfully resuscitated people due to our training. We also responded to a total of 66 fires during the year ranging from burning residences, barns, one apartment fire, vehicle fires, and dumpster fires.

## Emmett Township Department of Public Safety

Battle Creek, MI

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### Code Hours Summary per Training Code For Date Range

Training Code(s): All Training Codes | Start Date: 01/01/2015 | End Date: 12/31/2015

Total Training Hours By Code	
Total Hours for Training Code: Apparatus Familiarization and Operation	27:30
Total Hours for Training Code: Arial and Platform Training	19:00
Total Hours for Training Code: Basic Pharmacology	27:00
Total Hours for Training Code: Blood Born Pathogens	18:00
Total Hours for Training Code: Building Breach Tactics	4:30
Total Hours for Training Code: Building Construction	9:30
Total Hours for Training Code: Fire Behavior	8:00
Total Hours for Training Code: Fire Control	8:00
Total Hours for Training Code: Fire Operations Procedures & Policy	30:00
Total Hours for Training Code: Fire Streams	8:00
Total Hours for Training Code: Fireground Communications	8:00
Total Hours for Training Code: Hazardous Materials Training	76:00
Total Hours for Training Code: Hose Lead Out Training	18:30
Total Hours for Training Code: Incident Command & Communications	21:00
Total Hours for Training Code: MVR and Body Camera Usage	10:00
Total Hours for Training Code: Pediatric Emergencies	9:00
Total Hours for Training Code: Policy and General Order Overview	9:00
Total Hours for Training Code: Pump Operations Training	49:00
Total Hours for Training Code: Rapid Intervention Team Training (RIT)	29:00
Total Hours for Training Code: Room Clearing	4:30
Total Hours for Training Code: SCBA - Air Management Training	18:30
Total Hours for Training Code: Tactical Entry	4:30
Total Hours for Training Code: Tactical Entry / SWAT Training	4:30
Total Hours for Training Code: Tactical Room Foothold	9:00
Total Hours for Training Code: Thermal Imaging Camera Use	18:30
Total Hours for Training Code: Traffic and Felony Stops	20:00
Total Hours for Training Code: Water Supply	18:00
<b>Totals for all selected Training Codes 1/1/2015 - 12/31/2015</b>	<b>34 personnel</b>
	<b>486:30</b>

In addition to the certifications already mentioned, Public Safety Officers also maintain other professional certifications such as:

- **Incident Command and Control**
- **Accident Investigations**
- **Firefighter Instructor Certification**
- **Farm and Heavy Equipment Rescue**

This year we spent a significant amount of time training on the new Engine and Tower trucks that were purchased during 2015. The trucks were purchased as a result of the voter-approved millage for vehicles, equipment, buildings and the maintenance thereof. We feel very confident that we have the tools necessary to do our job and we very much appreciate and thank our residents.



## **FIRE PREVENTION ACTIVITIES**

The Emmett Township Department of Public Safety has always felt the importance of providing “Fire Prevention & Safety” programs to the community we serve and Calhoun County. Public Safety Officers participate in the Calhoun County Fire Chief’s fire prevention program, which normally takes place at the Kellogg Arena in downtown Battle Creek. At this event, Emmett DPS along with other metro area departments teach children ages K-1<sup>st</sup> grades about the importance of fire safety and prevention in the home. Children from Battle Creek, Pennfield, Harper Creek, Lakeview, Marshall, and Athens visit the arena to go through 911 simulators and smoke houses. They participate in activities to further their education in fire safety.



To further promote the Fire Prevention Message, Emmett Township Public Safety Officers conduct visits to the Harper Creek Schools, area daycares, churches, and nursing homes to reach out to as many in our community as possible.

Emmett Township Public Safety's program consists of classroom and site visits, personal contacts and promotional materials to take home, relaying the Fire Safety and Prevention message.

With the help of local merchants, Emmett Township Public Safety also participates in public events at local stores and venues to help out area merchants and businesses get the message out to the community.

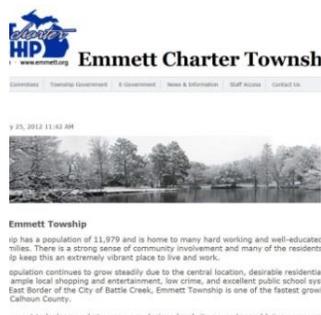


Our overall interaction with the community has directly contributed to comments such as: ***“It is comforting to know the people of Emmett Township are served by such an outstanding and professional group of dedicated individuals” – Facebook User Comment***

## Emmett Public Safety Information in Cyberspace

The Internet is a clear example of how technology impacts society on many levels. One relationship impacted by the Internet is between governments and their citizens. The Internet offers the means for faster, more convenient access to government services worldwide. Seeing the benefits of using the Internet to provide services and information to citizens is an important project that Emmett Township and the Public Safety Department, in particular, has embraced and tried to provide to the public. Here are some examples of how Emmett Public Safety is getting the information out.

### Online Website



### Twitter Feed



### Nixel News and Alert Feeds



### Facebook Page



### Purchase Accident Reports



### Financial Dashboard



### Crime Mapping & Sex Offender Data

## What the Community is Saying



*“To all the Firefighters who responded to the house fire on Bowers Ave, You’re all amazing, True Grit at its best, Thank you!!!!”*

*“To all of you Public Safety Officers who constantly place yourselves in danger for our safety and security and peace of mind... No one knows what you have to go thru to keep us safe, and what you have to sacrifice. I just wanted to say that I pray every day for you all there in my hometown, to keep you safe and bring you back home to us.”*

*“Thank you to all the EPS Officers who worked tirelessly to keep the Community safe. Thank you for going out of your way to help me do my job throughout the year! Merry Christmas to all of you and your families.”*

*“Thank you Emmett Township Public Safety officers for all that you do.”*

*“Thank you a million times over, Emmett workers, for being one of the positive influences our family faced during our awful time! May God bless you and all of your loved ones...♥”*

*“I and my family would like to say u guys were awesome getting here fast and getting right at it and taking time to removed pictures for my mom, and getting the few other items u removed without asking Thank you, Brenda and the Bigley family”*

*“Thank you Emmett Township for the update on road conditions and keeping the community safe. Your interaction with the community is incredible.”*

*“I am a paramedic in Connecticut and for 14 years I have worked alongside police officers. I've watched as more and more young cops come out of our academy with the "I'm a cop and I'll do what I want" attitude. Then, I read the story about Officer Hall.*

*THAT is the epitome of public service. There is a woman in need, and instead of racking up a ticket, you reach out and help her in that time of need. You're an example everyone that wears a badge, be it EMS, police or fire. Quite frankly that simple stop should be taught as an example of morals and ethics in law enforcement.*

*God bless you son, and may The Lord continue to give you a heart likeminded with His.”*

*“Even though i don't live in Emmett township, everytime I have had to deal with emmett they was always very professional, even when I was 18 and driving with just my permit and got pulled over. The officer yes gave me a ticket but he was nice enough to lend me his phone to call a family member to come get me and my car when it was very easy for him to just take me to jail and impound my car but he didn't. I still cant remember his name cause that was back in 2000. Very nice people. Love it that they keep us updated smile emoticon thanks for the great job keep up the good work”*

*“I am writing this review to give a police officer my heartfelt thanks for his service and caring. His name is Patrick Johnson and he was the responding officer for my parents crash last Friday afternoon on I-94 EB. He went over and above the call of duty and that was very appreciated by my parents. I hope that the officers stay safe and I want to say "Great Job*

*Patrick Johnson". I have never met you but you helped my parents more than you know...Thank You Sir."*

*"Read about Emmett Public Safety in the news all the time and just wanted say you guys are doing it right out there, and I wish we had more positive role models like your officers. Keep up the great work- kindness and generosity is infectious, and Lord knows this country could use an outbreak of that!"*

## **Emmett Public Safety In Action**





