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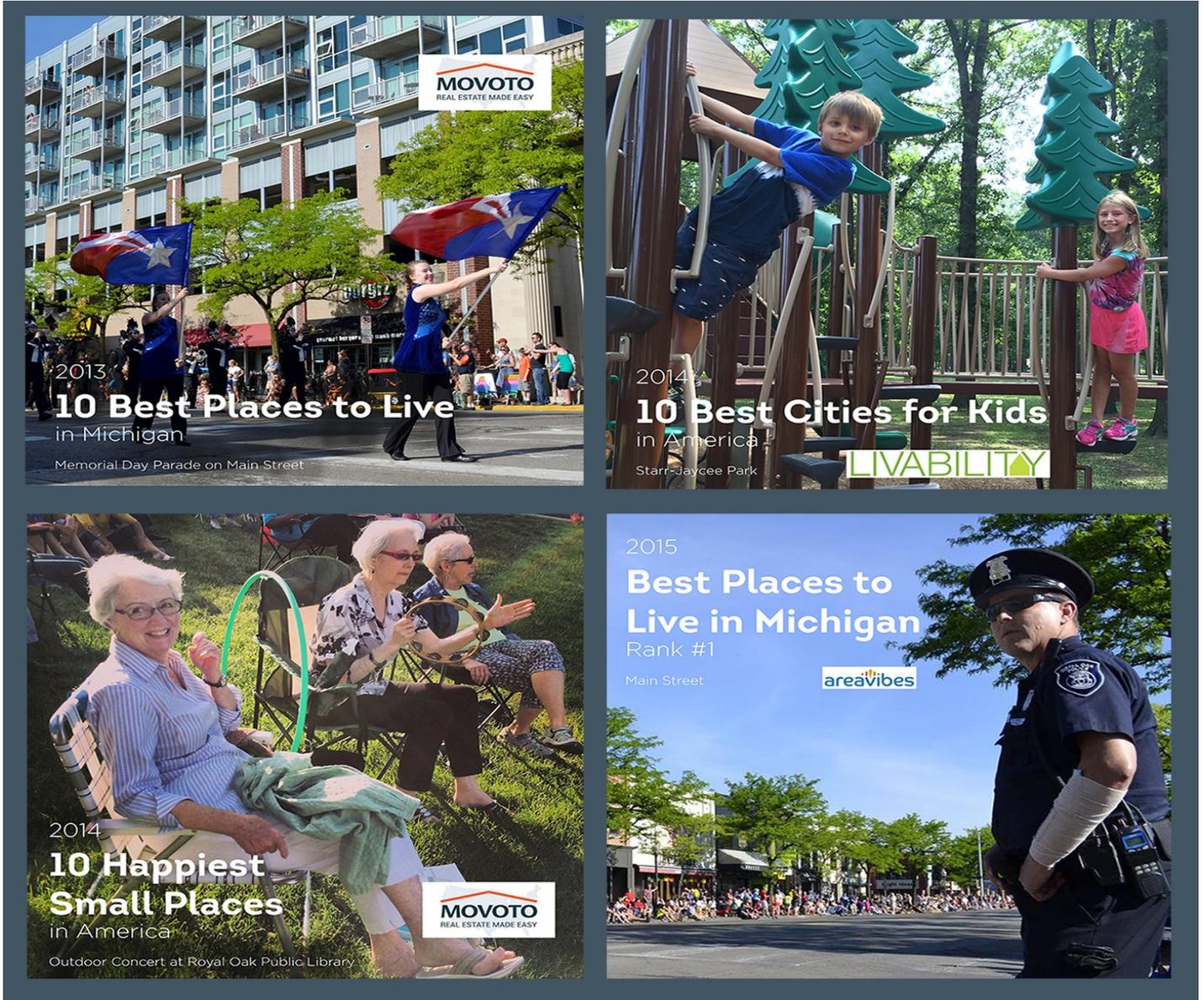
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Royal Oak Police Department 2015 Annual Report



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If you're happy to call Royal Oak home, you can thank the Royal Oak Police

Terrific cities care about low crime rates, which is why Royal Oak is consistently named as one of the happiest and best places to live in the country. When comparing cities, national real estate blogs, such as Livability, Movoto and AreaVibes, all acknowledge Royal Oak has one of the better safety rankings in the nation. As one blogger put it, when it comes to making sure our citizens avoid bad days, Royal Oak is doing a great job

“Royal Oak’s crime rate has steadily decreased and remains well below the national average.” - Livability



Keeping Royal Oak Safe



Royal Oak Police Department 2015 Annual Report



Chief's Message



I am pleased to present the 2015 Royal Oak Police Department Annual Report. Included in this report you will find operational data, crime statistics, and a variety of other information on police activity in 2015.

In 2015, we experienced a 5.2% increase in Part A crimes. Although any increase is concerning, crime rates in Royal Oak are still very low as our crime rates have dropped steadily over the last two decades. In 2015, we had new record lows in assaults, motor vehicle thefts and robberies. We did, however, see an increase in home invasions from 78 in 2014 to 97 in 2015, but these numbers are still considerably lower than in previous years.

Three goals from 2014 were to get the police department fully staffed, add a second K-9, and offer a Citizen's Police Academy. We were able to add the K-9 and our first Citizen's Police Academy class began on April 6, 2016. We have not yet managed to get the police department to full staffing.

Our new K-9, Jesse, is named after fallen Royal Oak Police Officer Jesse Crowe. Officer Crowe was shot and killed in the line of duty in 1931. Jesse is two year-old Belgian Malinois and is partnered with Officer Stajich, a ten year veteran of the Royal Oak Police Department. After being on the road for only two months, Jesse and his partner assisted the DEA in locating \$2,500,000.00 hidden in the home of a suspected drug trafficker.

The hiring process to staff the police department has been slow and deliberate. As I stated last year, the investment we make today in selecting and training new officers will benefit our community for decades to come. Finding qualified candidates has been a consistent challenge, but we remain committed to selecting only those individuals who we are confident are committed to the department mission and vision, and will uphold our core values.

Currently, we have 74 sworn officers and I am optimistic we will be at full staffing by the end of the year.

I hope you find this report informative. As always, we have included many pictures and a few videos to personalize the men and women of the Royal Oak Police Department.

Respectfully submitted,
Corrigan P. O'Donohue
Chief of Police / Assistant City Manager

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In December of 2014, the Royal Oak Police Department assigned one (1) officer to the Safe

Mission Statement

“To Keep Royal Oak Safe”

Vision Statement

**“To build Michigan’s premier
police agency that is a
recognized leader for
efficiency, effectiveness,
innovation, and public safety”**

Our Core Values



Integrity

The Royal Oak Police Department will strive to maintain the highest level of moral values and standards of conduct while demonstrating fairness and equality to those we serve. Integrity is the cornerstone of our profession. It is a sacred quality that is essential to maintain public trust and mutual respect. The Royal Oak Police Department will be steadfast in adherence to a code of moral excellence and incorruptibility. We will maintain a standard of conduct that reinforces the ideals of honesty, accountability and pledge to hold ourselves to the highest legal, moral and ethical standards.

Loyalty

The Royal Oak Police Department will be faithful to the highest ideals of law enforcement. We will be loyal to the community in action and deed with the understanding the safety of the citizens of Royal Oak is our primary mission. We will maintain an unwavering allegiance to the law, our profession and those we serve and protect.

Compassion

The Royal Oak Police Department will be ever mindful and conscientious of the emotional and physical well being of all those we strive to protect. We will be understanding and by deed, assuage the suffering and provide consolation to all those affected by, or involved in the criminal justice process. We will be pillars of fairness, and, by example, provide solace and an atmosphere where all citizens are equal and protected.

Courage

The Royal Oak Police Department will maintain the strength of mind, body and spirit to encounter and withstand danger, fear or difficulty, with firmness and surety of purpose. We will confront difficult situations with confidence and determination to overcome any obstacle put before us. We will put the safety of others above our own and will not hesitate to protect those who cannot protect themselves.

Service

The Royal Oak Police Department will demonstrate the desire to contribute to the welfare of others by responding appropriately to the needs and demands of the community. We will put service before self and strive for excellence in all we do. We are committed to faithfully and selflessly performing our duties with the goal of enhancing public safety and reducing the fear of crime. We are dedicated to working with the public to ensure the highest level of service and feeling of security for those we serve.

Retirements, Promotions and New Hires

2015 Retirements

- Gena Smith (police officer)
- William Sawyer (police lieutenant)
- Janet Grobbel (administrative assistant)
- David Hendry (police officer)
- Donald Scher (police officer)
- Thomas Goad (deputy chief)
- Stephen Scafone (police officer)
- Maureen Carter (police service aide)

2015 Promotions

- Keith Spencer (sergeant to lieutenant)
- Michael Frazier (lieutenant to deputy chief)

2015 New Hires

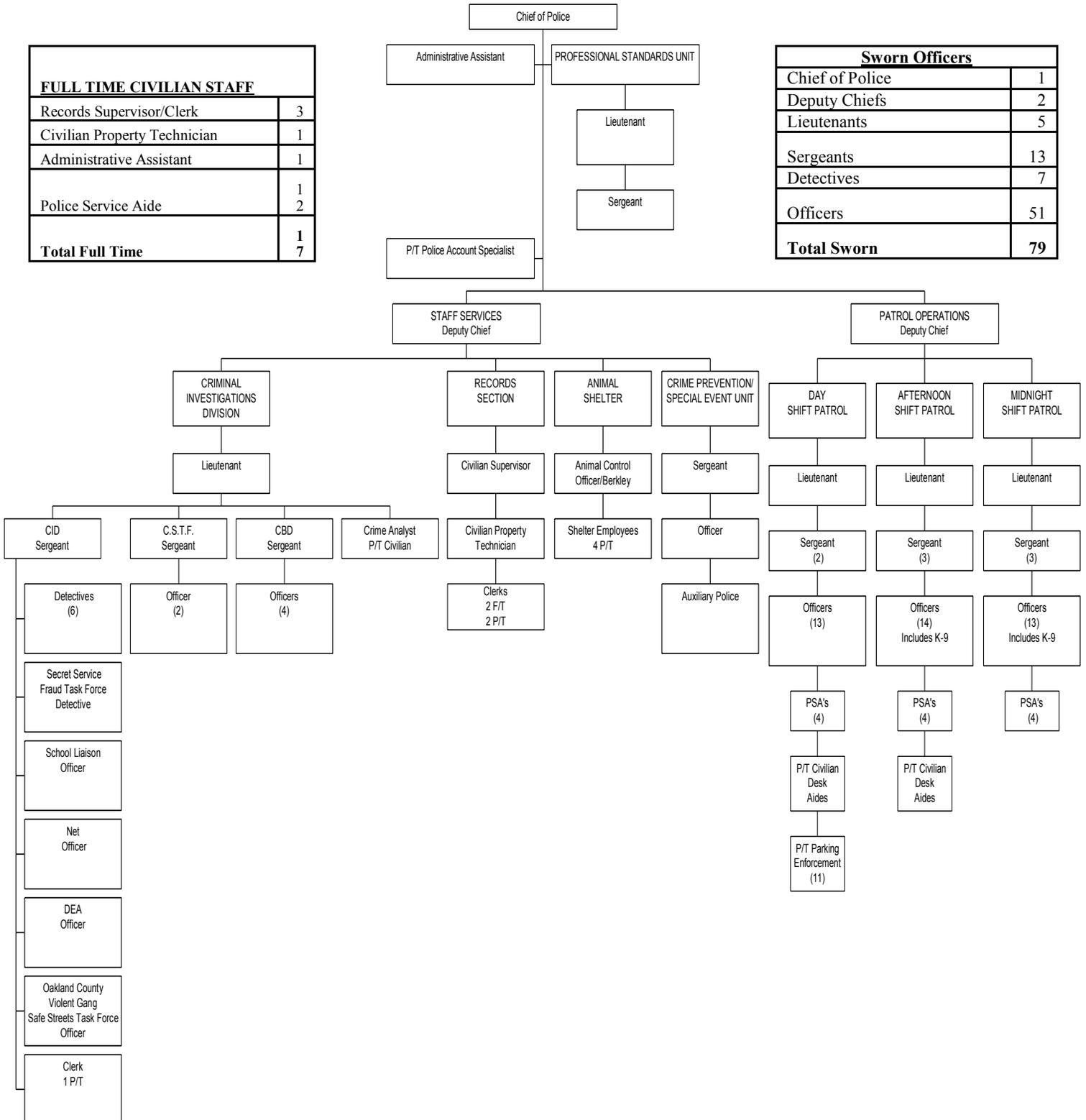
- Jimmy Elrod (police officer)
- Marc Cuddeback (police officer)
- Kristen Robinson (police officer)
- Jennifer Woods (police service aide)
- Karl Weidle (p/t police desk attendant)
- Mark Apley (police officer)
- Terry Drinkwine (p/t police desk attendant)
- Megan Olpere (administrative assistant)
- Janet Grobbel (p/t data specialist)
- Catherine Koehn (p/t records clerk)
- Phillip Klinge (police officer)
- Ermir Vila (police officer)
- Kyle Vanderhoff (police officer)
- Jordan Desano (police officer)
- Amanda Haywood (police service aide)



Royal Oak Police Department Organizational Chart

FULL TIME CIVILIAN STAFF	
Records Supervisor/Clerk	3
Civilian Property Technician	1
Administrative Assistant	1
Police Service Aide	1 2
Total Full Time	1 7

Sworn Officers	
Chief of Police	1
Deputy Chiefs	2
Lieutenants	5
Sergeants	13
Detectives	7
Officers	51
Total Sworn	79



Operational Data

The following sections are comprised of seven key categories:

- Organizational Make-up
- Citizen Complaints
- Lawsuits
- Records Division
- Patrol Division
- Criminal Investigations
- Training



Organizational Make-up

The following table represents a nine-year comparison of the number of personnel budgeted for the Royal Oak Police Department.

Positions	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
Chief	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Deputy Chief	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2
Lieutenant	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	5	5
Sergeant	13	12	12	9	11	10	10	13	13	13
Detective	8	7	8	8	7	5	5	7	7	7
Police Officer	64	64	64	56	51	45	45	51	51	51
Police Service Aide	11	11	11	10	9	9	8	12	12	12
Admin. Assistant	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Records Superv.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Clerical/Secretarial	7	5	5	3	1	1	1	2	2	2

Royal Oak Police Department

Police Records Division



The Records Division consists of one Records Supervisor, one full time Records Clerk, two part-time Records Clerks, and one Property Officer.

The Records Division assists the public Monday through Thursday on the telephone or at the counter. Other Records duties include maintaining the department's electronic records system (CLEAR), checking and issuing Royal Oak residents gun permits, registering of weapons, processing of Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests, ink fingerprinting, conducting vehicle auctions, issuing reports to involved parties and insurance companies, and providing requested report information to the City Attorney's office and 44th District Court.

In 2015, the Records Division processed the following requests:

Accident Reports requested	364
Incident Reports requested	362
Audio Tape and FOIA Requests	320
Citizen Record Checks	31
Record Check requested by mail/fax	637

Crime Statistics

Crime is reported to the State and FBI as Part A-F offenses:

Part A Offenses include the following: Murder, Negligent Homicide, some Forcible and Non Forcible Sex Offenses, Robbery, Assault, Burglary, Motor Vehicle Theft, Arson, Kidnapping, Forgery, some Frauds, some Liquor Law Violations, Embezzlement, Damage to Property, Weapon Violations, Commercialized Sexual Offenses, Drug Laws and Gambling.

Part B Offenses include the following: some Frauds, some Non Forcible Sex Offenses, Non Violent Family Offenses, OUIL, Liquor Law Violations, Obstruction/Escape, Disorderly Conduct, State, Local and Federal Offenses, Local Ordinances, Juvenile Offenses and specific Traffic Offenses which are arrestable.

Parts C, D, E, & F Offenses include lesser offenses and response types that are not reportable as crime statistics to the state and FBI.



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Crime Stats



	2014	2015	Percentage of Change
Part A Crime	2205	2320	5.22%
Part B Crime	1228	1296	5.54%
Total Reports	45,937	49,462	7.67%

Crime Statistics Reported to State and FBI

Calendar Year:	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Part A Offenses	3899	3776	3615	3242	2949	2963	2601	2305	2205	2320
Part B Offenses	2205	2621	2562	2478	2199	1948	1179	1271	1228	1296
Total Part A & B	6104	6397	6177	5720	5148	4911	3780	3576	3433	3616
Part A Change	7.3%	-3.2%	-4.3%	-10.3%	-9.0%	.5%	-12.2%	-11.4%	-4.3%	5.22
Part B Change	-2.4%	18.9%	-2.3%	-3.3%	11.3%	-11.4%	-39.5%	7.8%	.3.38%	5.54
Annual Change	3.5%	4.8%	-3.4%	-7.5%	-10%	-4.6%	-23%	-5.4%	-4.0%	5.33

A partial breakdown of these crimes over a 10-year period:

Offense	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Murder	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	2
Aggravated Assaults	56	101	90	70	67	52	50	50	43	28
Simple Assaults or Intimidation	592	592	533	522	527	458	375	352	342	305
Robbery	32	32	38	18	18	9	12	22	10	7
Forcible Rape	8	20	21	23	19	13	11	9	10	12
Burglary	320	255	256	197	213	228	183	120	78	97
Motor Vehicle Thefts	218	158	134	114	110	108	96	68	45	25
Arson	9	6	18	7	8	1	3	1	3	7
Larceny Thefts	1075	1073	993	820	807	887	711	574	446	487
Narcotic Violation	401	437	546	519	390	419	379	389	478	513
Disorderly Conduct	1322	1302	1320	1319	1307	1179	1359	1370	1320	1287
Traffic Accident	2657	2397	2418	2147	2013	2262	2191	2271	2318	2280



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Police Patrol Division



In 2015, the Royal Oak Police Department continued in its pursuit of reaching its full staffing level of 79 sworn police officers by hiring 8 new officers. Our officers have made a commitment to our core values, mission statement, and most of all, this community.

The patrol level (police officers, sergeants and lieutenants) have the most contact with the general public. The patrol division has focused on developing a customer service oriented style of policing. This philosophy has improved our relationship with the community, our businesses, and has enabled us to build upon the public’s trust.

The officers assigned to the patrol division respond to all types of calls for service. From traffic crashes to traffic enforcement to all types of emergency scenarios, the Royal Oak Police Department is a full-service police department.

The patrol division is responsible for answering 911 and landline phone calls. The personnel who answer these calls obtain all the pertinent information, enter the information into the computers, and dispatch Police, Fire or EMS personnel.

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Total Phone Calls 911 and Non Emergency	N/A	70,544	69,645	60,111	85,458	107,341	85,024	84,645	84,683	81,592
Total Incidents Dispatched	33,733	31,743	30,451	28,953	29,848	28,675	36,197	39,571	44,616	48,051

The patrol division also responds to traffic complaints such as excessive speeding or no thru traffic as staffing allows. Traffic complaint response may include:

- Utilization of the department’s SMART trailer to give a more accurate count of vehicular traffic and average speed.
- Initiating a formal request to have the staff traffic committee look at the problem and make recommendations.
- Coordinating with the City Traffic Engineer to evaluate roadways.

In addition, the patrol division performs background investigations for taxi and limousine driver permits, evaluates and approves valet parking applications, directs the crossing guard program, coordinates the repair and inspection of handheld preliminary breath test machines, Auto-cite, radar units, and investigates other traffic related issues.

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Police Patrol Division



Calls for Service

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
33,733	31,743	30,447	28,953	29,848	28,675	*36,197	39,571	44,616	48,051

*Calls for Service increased significantly in 2012 due to our department implementing the ICMA recommendation of listing traffic stops as calls for service. Traffic stops were not accounted for in the previous years.

	2014	2015	% Change
Total Reports Filed	45,937	49,462	%7.67

Yearly Accident Summary

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Non-Injury Accidents	2,382	2,092	2,117	1,958	2,863	2,111	1,935	2,030	2,075	2,037
Injury Accidents	274	303	299	187	150	150	255	241	241	242
Fatal Accidents	1	2	2	2	0	1	1	0	2	1
Totals	2,657	2,397	2,418	2,147	2,013	2,262	2,191	2,271	2,318	2,280

Overall Department Ticket Summary

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Traffic Violations General	22,205	19,818	19,187	15,856	11,986	12,163	11,382	12,317	13,080	12,176
Traffic violations-Accident Scene	1,001	980	999	710	949	979	832	873	925	837
Traffic violations-Motor Carrier	1,375	837	748	303	327	464	400	209	142	165
Ordinance violations	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	1,356	1,162	1,494	1,653	1,666	1,701	1,478
Total violations	24,580	21,635	20,934	19,581	15,586	16,594	14,267	15,065	15,848	14,656



Royal Oak Police Department Patrol Division Statistics

Traffic Enforcement Mobilizations

In 2015, the Royal Oak Police Department once again participated in the traffic mobilization program. The program is funded through use of grant monies made available by the Michigan Office of Highway Safety and Planning. In Oakland County, the grant program is administered through the Traffic Improvement Association.



Over The Limit, Under Arrest

This is a state wide mobilization effort to combat drunk driving. Media announcements and newspaper stories precede the enforcement dates. Members of the participating agencies are present during these press conferences.

The mobilization dates in Royal Oak were: March 17, March 20, March 21, March 27, March 28, April 3 and April 4.

The Royal Oak Police Department dedicated 96 personnel hours and conducted 112 traffic stop investigations, resulting in 10 total arrests: 9 for Operating While Intoxicated and 1 for Driving While License Suspended. Officers issued 75 traffic violations while working these dates.



Royal Oak Police Department Meet Your Midnight Shift



Lt. Keith Spencer

The midnight shift is commanded by Lieutenant Keith Spencer. The shift begins at 11 p.m. and finishes at 7 a.m. It currently consists of 3 sergeants, 14 officers, and 3 police service aides.

Midnight shift officers enjoy keeping themselves visible and close to the activities in the central business district Wednesday through Saturday. Royal Oak is well known as a weekend destination for its vibrant eateries and nightlife. Our officers have maintained an excellent working relationship with area businesses to efficiently address issues and complaints. Officers operate frequently on foot to maintain high visibility and to conduct walk-throughs of area establishments. Compliance to local ordinances and Michigan Liquor Control Commission is constantly monitored by officers assigned to the CBD.

Midnight shift officers are constantly on watch for alcohol related driving offenses, especially on weekends when these types of offenses are most prevalent. During Midnight shift, officers participated in the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" effort during the months of November and December.

Officers keep a vigilant watch on the neighborhood and businesses during the overnight hours. While the city sleeps, officers patrol these areas for suspicious people and vehicles in an effort to prevent crimes before they occur.

Midnight shift officers conduct systematic checks of the area hotels and motels for compliance to local ordinances and individuals wanted for parole violations and arrest warrants. In 2015, these establishments were checked 142 times and resulted in 34 wanted subjects being identified.



Royal Oak Police Department Meet Your Day Shift



Lt. Mike Moore

The day shift is commanded by Lieutenant Mike Moore. The shift begins at 7 A.M. and concludes at 3 P.M. Day shift currently consists of 2 sergeants, 14 officers and 4 police service aides.

Day shift officers work when a majority of businesses are open to the public and draw a large number of visitors to the City of Royal Oak. During these peak times, a measurable increase in vehicular and pedestrian traffic is apparent. As a result, the officers are called to investigate a large number of traffic accidents and employ community policing tactics in their contacts with businesses, residents and visitors alike.

Day shift officers also work in conjunction with the 44th District Court. Since the merger with Berkley's District Court, this partnership continues to evolve and grow. Day shift officers handle court functions such as arraignments, prisoner transports, court-ordered fingerprinting, probation violations, and processing for confinement in the Oakland County Jail.



A task unique to day shift is the coordination and assignment of crossing guards to ensure key school crossings are staffed. When a crossing guard is absent, a police officer makes sure the children cross safely. The officers also take this opportunity to interact with the students and parents alike.

Day shift officers also conduct monthly checks of sex offenders registered in the City of Royal Oak and visiting from other states. The officers confirm all supplied information is accurate, up-to-date, and verify the offenders are compliant.

The communications center, located inside the police station, is extremely busy from start to finish during day shift hours. Hundreds of phone calls, both 911 and non-emergencies, are received and processed daily. The personnel assigned to the communications center are responsible for dispatching police and fire units as well as answering a wide range of general information questions.

Lastly, day shift officers handle a large number of special events that occur in the city such as holiday parades, numerous block parties, 5 and 10K runs, and events hosted at the Farmer's Market.



Royal Oak Police Department Meet Your Afternoon Shift



Lt. Al Carter

The afternoon shift is commanded by Lieutenant Albert Carter. The shift begins at 3:00 p.m. and finishes at 11:00 p.m. It currently consists of 3 sergeants, 15 police officers and 4 police service aides, and three part time desk attendants.

The afternoon shift generally receives the greatest number of calls for police service. Early in the shift, afternoon officers handle the hectic evening rush hour and all the traffic related complaints throughout the city.

The afternoon shift provides two officers that are dedicated to patrolling the Central Business District (CBD). The officers patrol in their vehicles, on foot, and on bicycles to focus on a community policing approach. They provide extra protection to the busy downtown, which is frequented by many visitors and residents, walking down the streets and visiting the many sidewalk cafes and shops.

Afternoon shift also assigns officers on motorcycles to patrol the city during the warmer months and popular “bike” nights. The motor officers enforce traffic laws, handle police calls for service, and also visit the numerous community events held throughout the city. They also assist shift with the dream cruisers who begin cruising Woodward early in the year.

The afternoon shift officers participate with the Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) during Operation Nighthawk. Operation Nighthawk is held several times a year and is a joint effort between Royal Oak and Michigan Department of Corrections. It ensures probationers and parolees living in the City of Royal Oak are complying with their conditions of probation. This operation has proven to be successful and this partnership has grown stronger over the years.





Royal Oak Police Department

Motor Carrier

Motor carrier officers are certified through the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, a section of the U.S. Department of Transportation. In 2015, the police department had two officers complete the necessary two-week training course. These officers worked under the tutelage of the Michigan State Police Traffic Safety Division before receiving their official certification.



Motor carrier officers are required to perform a minimum of 32 Level I inspections per year. A Level I inspection is an examination of all the driver documentation and complete vehicle inspection. The inspections are required by the Michigan State Police in order for the officer to maintain his Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) certifications. The primary goal of this program is to improve the safety, security, and productivity of commercial vehicle operations. Enforcement also helps ensure conditions of the road are maintained.

The motor carrier officers also ensure that the department's portable weight scales are recalibrated on an annual basis as required by law. Both officers are trained and certified for weighing commercial motor vehicles.

Commercial Vehicle Violations

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Overweight	7	1	0	0	0	5	26	9	0	12
Defective Equipment	982	475	474	192	199	301	121	64	22	26
Operator License	45	41	33	11	3	4	3	3	11	8
Insurance	6	19	5	5	0	8	8	1	0	5
All Other CV Violations	335	301	236	95	125	146	242	141	109	114
Total	1,375	837	748	303	327	464	400	217	142	165

Royal Oak Police Department

Parking Enforcement



Under the direct supervision of the Day Shift Lieutenant, eleven uniformed parking enforcement officers are responsible for fairly and efficiently enforcing all parking regulations within the city. Parking enforcement complies with the Michigan Vehicle Code and Royal Oak City Ordinances.



Royal Oak's parking enforcement officers are well trained and professional. They work year round in all weather conditions. Besides patrolling for parking violations in the downtown area, they are regularly called on to respond and assist with parking complaints in all parts of the city. Parking enforcement officers duties include: the enforcement of metered and time zone areas, permit parking, private property parking complaints, residential parking, disabled access parking, fire and other restricted zones, as well as the removal of abandoned vehicles and vehicles with outstanding citations.

Effective parking control is crucial to managing vehicular traffic. Parking control can also be used to address quality of life issues by ensuring an area is used for its intended purpose.

While the primary responsibility of a parking enforcement officer is to enforce parking regulations their role is often looked upon as a "negative service" because no one wants to receive a ticket. However, because of their visibility, parking enforcement officers routinely have many positive contacts with the public by providing answers to questions, and assistance with parking, directions, and information about the many facets of Royal Oak.

Overall Parking Enforcement Violations Issued

Parking Enforcement	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Violations issued by PEO's	65,853	90,409	78,278	85,870	88,268	96,180	91,970	93,891	87,384	85,429
Uniform Officers	1,115	1075	728	203	36	743	1,248	2,091	4,650	992
Beaumont Security	458	461	711	692	501	398	372	332	361	399
Oakland Comm. College	93	100	59	27	25	70	71	71	59	135
TOTAL (non- PEO)	1,666	1,636	1,498	922	562	1,211	1,691	2,494	5,070	1,526
OVERALL TOTAL	67,519	92,045	79,776	86,792	88,830	97,391	93,661	96,385	92,454	86,955

Royal Oak Police Department Criminal Investigation Division

The Criminal Investigations Division (C.I.D.) is commanded by Lieutenant David Clemens. The division is fully staffed, operating with 7 detectives, 1 police officer, 1 part time crime analyst, and 2 part-time secretaries.



Lt. Dave Clemens

The detective's and supervisors daily workload continues to be very challenging and demanding. C.I.D. supervisors review each and every case assigned to this bureau. Based on the "solvability factors", the case is closed, assigned, or placed in a file to await further developments.



Sgt. Don Swiatkowski

Assigning detective's cases, based on solvability factors, is an efficient way to manage the detectives case load and gives them the time thoroughly investigate each case.

Detective Sergeant Keith Spencer served in the C.I.D. until he was promoted to Lieutenant in May of 2015. He is now assigned to the patrol division. He did an excellent job in the Criminal Investigation Division. Sergeant Don Swiatkowski was selected to fill the vacant C.I.D. position. Sergeant Swiatkowski was a detective from 2003 to 2013. His experience and knowledge as a detective has proven to be beneficial to the day to day operations of the bureau.

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Cases Assigned	1,133	914	886	931	807	915	613	766	837	823
Warrants Obtained	562	563	552	545	419	354	288	310	395	401
Warrants Obtained Per Cases Assigned	50%	62%	62%	59%	52%	39%	47%	41%	47%	49%

Royal Oak Police Department Criminal Investigation Division



Significant CID Cases in 2015

Homicide Investigation

Royal Oak Police detectives investigated a Homicide. Officers responded to a home on N. Altadena after receiving several 911 calls stating a person was shot inside a residence. As a result of the investigation, detectives determined the victim's live-in boyfriend, a convicted felon, had fatally shot the victim. He was arrested for the illegal possession of a firearm and homicide at the scene. He was charged with one (1) count of Open Murder, two (2) counts of Possession of a Firearm in the Commission of a Felony, and one (1) count of Firearm Possession by a Felon. If convicted he faces a penalty of up to life in prison.

Homicide Investigation

One week later, Royal Oak detectives investigated a second Homicide. Officers were called to Beaumont Hospital to investigate a victim with multiple gunshot wounds. Further investigation revealed the shooting occurred at a residence in the City of Royal Oak during a domestic dispute. Investigators quickly identified the suspect and arrested him in Garden City. Due to the diligent investigation by the detective bureau the suspect was charged with one (1) count of Open Murder and one (1) count of Possession of a Firearm in the Commission of a Felony. If convicted, he faces up to life in prison.



Suspect Charged With Unlawful Imprisonment, Home Invasion, and Felonious Assault

Royal Oak detectives investigated a Home Invasion and Felonious Assault. Officers responded to a 911 call in which a homeowner stated an unknown male was holding a knife to a female's throat inside his home. A male and female resident, along with a friend, had arrived home and were attacked by a suspect hiding in their closet. The suspect, who was an ex-boyfriend of the female resident, grabbed the female resident and held a knife to her throat while holding a hatchet in the other hand. The victims were eventually able to disarm the suspect and subdue him until police arrived. He was charged with one (1) count of First Degree Home Invasion, which carries a penalty of up to 20 years. He was also charged with one (1) count of Unlawful imprisonment, which carries a penalty of up to a 15 years, and one (1) count of Felonious Assault, which carries a penalty of up to four (4) years.

Royal Oak Police Department Criminal Investigation Division



Significant CID Cases in 2015 (continued)

Two Suspects Charged With Armed Robbery

Royal Oak detectives investigated an Armed Robbery case. While sitting in a local coffee shop, the victim was approached by two suspects armed with a handgun. The suspect's demanded the victims designer sunglasses then fled on foot. Officers responded and apprehended the suspects a short distance from the coffee shop. Both suspects were charged with one (1) count of Armed Robbery, which carries up to a life sentence.



Suspect Charged With Home Invasion

Royal Oak detectives investigated a home invasion case. Officers responded to the 3000 block of Parker to investigate a suspicious subject who had been seen walking in backyards. Upon arrival, the suspect noticed the officers and immediately fled on foot. Royal Oak officers, along with Berkley Public Safety officers, pursued the suspect and apprehended him a short distance away. During a canvass of the neighborhood, it was discovered the suspect had broken into a home on the next block. Royal Oak detectives collaborated with Berkley Public Safety detectives and found the suspect had also committed a recent Home Invasion in Berkley. The suspect was charged with Home Invasion Second Degree which carries a penalty of up to fifteen (15) years in prison.



Royal Oak Police Department Criminal Investigation Division



Crime Analyst Position

In March of 2013, Pete Pizzorni was selected to fill the part time position of crime analyst and has become an integral part of the Criminal Investigation team. Pete has been in law enforcement for over 38 years. The contacts he has made, and his extensive knowledge of investigative techniques, have been an asset to the Criminal Investigation Division.

Pete continues to use his skills and contacts to assist Royal Oak Detectives and area police departments with developing and identifying suspects in crimes. The criminal intelligence network he developed over past three decades is a resource the detectives utilize on a daily basis.



Pete Pizzorni

The criminal element does not limit committing crimes to one jurisdiction. Pete understands crime patterns in Royal Oak and how they relate to crimes in other jurisdictions. His ability to identify the relationship between crimes that do not seem to be connected has directly impacted identifying criminals, bringing them to justice, and making Royal Oak a safer community.

The following is a small sample of cases Pete had an active role in assisting the Royal Oak Criminal Investigations Division, and other agencies, with solving:

- The CID investigated a Home Invasion which occurred in February. During the course of the investigation Pete was able to develop two (2) suspects by comparing information from the initial police report to various other data bases. With the information developed by Pete and CID Detectives, officers from Troy's Special Investigation unit conducted surveillance operations on the suspects. While watching the suspects, officers observed them commit a Home Invasion in the City of Clawson. Both suspects were arrested without incident. The investigative work by Pete and the CID resulted in these two (2) Home Invasion suspects being apprehended and prosecuted.
- The CID investigated Five (5) Home Invasion cases which occurred in May and June. Pete was able to identify the suspect by locating pawned stolen property from one of the Home Invasions committed in Royal Oak. Pete distributed an intelligence bulletin containing the suspect's information to area law enforcement agencies, making them aware of this particular suspect's criminal activity. The suspect was arrested in the City of Detroit for an outstanding warrant. At the time of his arrest, he was in possession of property stolen from a residence in Rochester Hills. He was charged with Receiving and Concealing Stolen Property related to the Home Invasion in Rochester Hills. He was also charged for Receiving and Concealing Stolen Property related to one of the Home Invasions in Royal Oak. The investigative work by Pete resulted in the arrest and apprehension of this Home Invasion suspect responsible for numerous Home Invasions in Royal Oak and surrounding jurisdictions.

Royal Oak Police Department Criminal Investigation Division

Michigan Department of Corrections

In 2013 the Royal Oak Police Department partnered with the Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC). An MDOC satellite office was established in the Royal Oak Police Department and Agent Matthew Roznowski was assigned as the MDOC Liaison until September of 2015. Agent Roznowski was hired by the Oak Park Police Department in September of 2015. Agent Roznowski was instrumental in developing a strong relationship between the Royal Oak Police Department and the MDOC while assigned to Royal Oak. Agent Brody Fleisher was selected to fill the vacancy. The continuation of this initiative is a significant part of the Police Departments mission of "Keeping Royal Oak Safe".



The MDOC Liaison lends assistance to the detective bureau on a daily basis by using his knowledge of past offenders to help identifying potential suspects involved in crimes, He is also available to provide immediate detainers of parolees taken into custody, and closely monitors all parolees living in the City of Royal Oak. His position also provides an avenue for detectives to immediately interview parolees who may be involved in a crime.



This additional resource provides an additional resource for the detective bureau to gather and disseminate intelligence that is beneficial to not only the Royal Oak Police Department but to area departments as well.

Over the past two years, Royal Oak has seen the number of active parolees living in the city decrease from 35 to 10 parolees. The significant reduction is a testament to the MDOC's commitment to the City of Royal Oak. Agent Fleisher conducts random home visits to ensure parolees are abiding by the rules and regulations of their parole and has a zero tolerance policy for any criminal violations.

Agent Brody Fleisher

The partnership with the MDOC continues to be an invaluable resource to the Royal Oak Police Department and area departments. This partnership is a great example of how the Royal Oak Police Department has taken proactive measures to provide another layer of law enforcement to prevent crime.

Royal Oak Police Department

Criminal Investigation Division

Narcotics Enforcement Team



The Royal Oak Police Department has one (1) officer assigned to the Oakland County Narcotics Enforcement Team (NET). This is a multijurisdictional undercover unit assigned to investigate and arrest individuals for the delivery of controlled substances. NET also assists our department with serious non-narcotic related cases.

NET initiated 679 cases in 2015. Nine of those cases were initiated or investigated in Royal Oak. NET officers executed 253 search warrants, arrested 430 suspects, and seized 220 firearms.

Additionally, our NET Officer was involved in other crew-initiated cases in other local jurisdictions. The NET Officer was the affiant on numerous search and arrest warrants, the majority of which were felony possession and delivery charges through the Oakland County Prosecutors Office. Below are a few highlights from their 2015 campaign against drugs:

- NET officers received information a suspect was selling MDMA in the City of Royal Oak. Undercover officers began surveillance operations. That led to a search warrant obtained and executed at a residence in Royal Oak. Officers seized 29 grams of cocaine, 108 grams of MDMA, 72 Xanax bars, \$2000, scales, packaging, and several computers. As a result of the investigation two (2) suspects were arrested and charged with multiple drug related offenses.
- NET officers received information a suspect was distributing MDMA in the Metro Detroit area. NET officers initiated an investigation and learned the suspect had two (2) mailboxes located at a Metro Work Space location. Further investigation indicated the suspect was having the drugs shipped to his mailbox at the business. Net officers began surveillance operations and observed the suspect pick up a package from Metro Work Space. Officers stopped the suspect and found he was in possession of 254 grams of MDMA. A search warrant was obtained and executed at the business where an additional 863 grams of MDMA were seized. The suspect was arrested and charged with multiple drug related offenses.

Total Narcotic Seizures in Royal Oak

(51.43) Pounds of Marijuana
(285) Marijuana Plants
(1.30) Grams of Heroin
(29.3) Grams of Cocaine
(135.49) Units of Ecstasy
(137.00) Units of Prescription Pills

Total Narcotic Seizures

(1,960.56) Pounds of Marijuana
(6,621.00) Marijuana Plants
(486.90) Grams of Hash
(3,423.30) Grams of Heroin
(444.19) Grams of Crack Cocaine
(4,499.86) Grams of Powder Cocaine
(9,061.00) Units of LSD
(3,650.70) Units of Ecstasy



Royal Oak Police Department Southeast Michigan Financial Crimes Task Force

Since 2013, The Royal Oak Police Department has assigned one detective to the Southeast Michigan Financial Crimes Task Force (SEMFACTF). SEMFACTF consists of five (5) detectives from local police departments (Novi, West Bloomfield, Royal Oak, Southfield and Troy), two (2) agents from Homeland Security Investigations, One (1) agent from the U.S. Postal Inspector Service, one (1) agent from the Internal Revenue Service, and five (5) United States Secret Service agents.

SEMFACTF investigates various types of organized financial crime (ID Theft, Credit Card Fraud, Check Fraud, Tax Fraud). The existence of SEMFACTF facilitates information and intelligence sharing between local, state, and federal law enforcement, connecting individual financial crime acts and developing cases against organized criminal groups that are conducting large scale fraud operations. SEMFACTF Detectives also investigate and obtain state criminal charges against the perpetrators of the smaller financial crimes cases that are not tied to larger organized groups. SEMFACTF offers the opportunity for the local investigators within the unit to receive advanced training in cell phone and computer forensics. The various training courses are attended at no cost to the respective local departments.

Most SEMFACTF cases are very complex, involving multiple suspects and jurisdictions. They are long arduous investigations and take months or years of investigation before the case is presented for charges.

Royal Oak Detective Rich Millard is assigned to this task force. The following cases are a small sample of Royal Oak cases investigated by Detective Millard and the SEMFACTF in 2015:

- Detective Millard and task force officers arrested three (3) suspects for cloned credit card use at Meijer in Royal Oak. Detective Millard obtained a search warrant for the primary suspect's computer and obtained the swipe data and video evidence from Meijer. Each suspect was charged with three (3) counts Fraudulent Use of a Financial Transaction Device. The primary suspect was also charged with one (1) count of Manufacturing/counterfeiting credit cards and one (1) count of using a computer to commit a crime.
- Detective Millard investigated an identity theft case involving the fraudulent purchase of a \$65,000 vehicle. The suspect requested the vehicle be delivered to an address in Royal Oak. Detective Millard met the suspect at the location where she was subsequently arrested. During arrest procedures the victim's stolen information was recovered. The suspect was charged with two (2) counts of identity theft.
- Detective Millard investigated a fraud case involving a money transfer from a Law Firm, located in Royal Oak, to an unknown party impersonating a client. The unknown suspect was able to facilitate the transfer of approximately \$73,000.00 to another account. Detective Millard was unable to identify the suspect, but did recover approximately \$37,000.00 of the transferred money.



Royal Oak Police Department Safe Streets Task Force (SSTF)



Streets Task Force (SSTF). This is a multijurisdictional undercover unit assigned to investigate and arrest violent criminals. The SSTF consists of five (5) officers from police departments in Oakland County and agents from various federal bureaus. The Federal Bureau of Investigations oversees the group and directs the day to day operations.

SSTF focuses on the investigation of violent crimes but also investigates other serious incidents that occur in the metro area, including Royal Oak. The team works with local agencies to gather intelligence, conduct investigations related to violent felons, gang related criminal activity, and “serial” type crimes that span multiple agencies and jurisdictions.

Participating in SSTF enables us to facilitate information and intelligence sharing between local, state and federal law enforcement which increases the likelihood of locating, identifying, arresting, and prosecuting dangerous criminals. It also brings to bear the use of this resource to solve and mitigate crimes in Royal Oak. This is another example of the proactive initiative taken by the Royal Oak Police Department to provide for the safety and security of its citizens and visitors.

In May of 2015, the SSTF, in response to a large number of heroin overdoses and deaths in Oakland County, initiated an investigation into the RNS violent street gang, which was selling heroin in the Woodward corridor between McNichols and 8 Mile Road in Detroit. Intelligence received from victim interviews and local police departments led the SSTF to believe RNS was supplying heroin to residents of Oakland County, including Royal Oak, and the heroin being sold was causing immediately life threatening health issues to include death.

This was an ongoing investigation which lasted approximately seven (7) months. The SSTF worked in conjunction with task force officers from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the Oakland County Narcotics Enforcement Team (NET).



Their actions resulted in 29 arrests, the indictment of 14 suspects, the conviction of four (4) suspects out of Oakland County, and 52 drug seizures.

In 2015 the SSTF made 90 arrests, had 65 drug seizures, indicted 68 suspects, executed 161 search warrants, and recovered 30 firearms.

Royal Oak Police Department School Liaison Officer

Officer Cathy Szydowski was assigned to the School Liaison position in September of 2014. She immediately developed a strong relationship with Royal Oak High School staff members and students. Officer Szydowski recognizes the importance of communication in her position and meets regularly with the leadership within the School District. She networks with school staff and administrators to assist with the daily operations of the school district.

The position of school liaison officer (SLO) is a function of the Criminal Investigative Division. The SLO works at the Royal Oak High School whenever school is in session. The primary mission of the SLO is to foster a safe and secure environment within the high school and address any minor criminal matters involving juveniles within the City of Royal Oak. Besides working closely with school administrators, social workers and counselors to address the many issues that arise, the SLO acts a role model for the students.

The SLO's daily presence inside the High School fosters familiarity with the student body and an effective working relationship with the staff. This relationship, combined with the access to data and information from both the school and the police department, make it possible for the SLO to quickly deal with and resolve many issues in an effective and efficient manner. The SLO's daily activities result in hundreds of parental contacts over the course of a year. The majority of these contacts results in expressions of gratitude and fosters a positive image for the ROPD and the school district.

The SLO handles all minor offense cases involving any school aged child. The SLO responds to many issues that arise at Churchill and the Royal Oak Middle School, along with the six elementary schools and various other non-public schools within the city. The SLO assists with emergency drills and traffic concerns within these schools. During the summer, the SLO handles several tasks in preparation for the Woodward Dream Cruise and Arts Beats and Eats. The SLO processes permits and coordinates the volunteers for the events.



Officer Cathy Szydowski



Royal Oak Police Department School Liaison Officer

Additional SLO Duties

- Runaway Juvenile investigations
- Networking and sharing information with school principals and other agencies
- Attend ROHS and Churchill graduation ceremonies
- Attend various school sporting events, dances, parent-teacher conferences
- Homecoming / Prom / Senior all-night party committees
- Classroom presentations on various topics
- Arrange and assist with K-9 sweeps
- School Board – Attend and give testimony at expulsion hearings
- Daily Report review for matters involving High School students/family problems
- Assist school officials with residency verifications / investigations
- School surveillance camera system - monitor, review, facilitate repairs
- School parking lots – monitor, enforcement
- Truancy home visits
- Coordinating with County Juvenile Caseworkers
- Coordinating with Royal Oak Community Coalition
- Coordinating with Save Our Youth Taskforce
- Coordinating with Royal Oak Youth Assistance
- Return calls and emails from parents who initiate contact seeking advice

SLO Statistics

- Cases Assigned: 51
- Disciplinary Interviews attended: 3
 - Restitution collected: \$1650.00
- Violations issued: 21 parking, 1 traffic & 17 ordinance violations
 - Juvenile Petitions sent out: 25
 - Diversion Cases: 26
 - Expulsion Hearings: 7



Royal Oak Police Department Professional Standards Unit

The Professional Standards Unit consists of one lieutenant and one sergeant. The Professional Standards Unit is responsible for interviewing applicants, background investigations, internal investigations, coordination of departmental training, as well as the Field Training Unit, special event permits and Liquor Control Commission (LCC) investigations. This unit answers directly to the Chief of Police and also performs many administrative tasks assigned by the chief.



Lt. Dave VanNess

In 2015, the Professional Standards Unit conducted 74 interviews for police officers, 15 interviews for police service aides (PSA), and interviews for civilian records clerk.

Additionally, the Professional Standards Unit was involved in the hiring and background investigation process of 24 employees in 2015.

The Professional Standards Unit also coordinated and processed all the permits for the special events held in 2015. These events include the various events at the Royal Oak Farmers Market, numerous charity runs (Oak Apple run, Priority Health run, etc.), Royal Oak in Bloom, annual parades and walks, as well as permits pertaining to the Woodward Dream Cruise.

A very important duty of the Professional Standards Unit is the coordination of the Field Training Officer Unit. This unit is responsible for the training of new officers. Each new officer must successfully complete 17 weeks of training which consists of riding with a field training officer (FTO) every day. The FTO's evaluate the new recruits in categories ranging from orientation and report writing to officer safety and decision making. The Professional Standards Unit meets with the new recruits, as well as the training officers, on a weekly basis to evaluate their progress.



Royal Oak Police Department

Training



Aristotle said, “excellence is an art won by training and habituation. We are what we repeatedly do.” The Royal Oak Police Department is committed to providing training to department personnel as a means to advance the employees’ professional growth and competence while enhancing the overall ability of the department to provide improved service to the community.



In-service Training includes annual instruction to all personnel in such areas as firearms, pathogen exposure, first aid and CPR, and defensive tactics, etc. The figures below represent total hours per officer.

Advanced Training includes individualized instruction in areas such as interview and interrogation, accident investigation, search and seizure, incident command, radar operation, breathalyzer operation, surveillance techniques, specialized investigation courses, etc. The figures below represent total hours training for all department personnel

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
In-Service (total department training hours per officer)	24	32	45	17	14	14	24	26	22	26
Advanced training hours (for all personnel)	5,330	6,909	3,988	3,199	1,963	1,809	2,593	4,220	3,388	4,596



The Royal Oak Police Department has several specialized units with instructors dedicated to training our officers in-house. They include Firearms, Defensive Tactics, Police Motorcycle, Police Mountain Bike Patrol, Field Training Officers and Communication Training Officers to name a few. These instructors ensure our officers remain certified according to state mandates.



Royal Oak Police Department Training



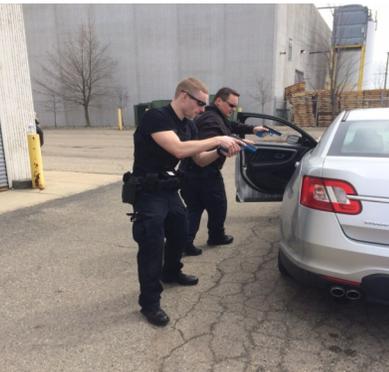
Firearms and Range Unit



Defensive Tactics Unit



Field Training Unit



Royal Oak Police Department

Southeast Oakland SWAT Team



Five Royal Oak officers are currently part of the Southeast Oakland SWAT Team. This is a multi-jurisdiction, special response team consisting of officers from Royal Oak, Ferndale, Madison Heights, Berkley and Hazel Park. The Southeast Oakland SWAT Team officers have their everyday assignments and are on call when needed for an emergency.

In 2015 the Southeast Oakland SWAT Team entered in to a partnership with Alliance ambulance service. Alliance now provides the SWAT team with trained tactical medics who attend training and respond to calls with the rest of the team.

The Southeast Oakland SWAT Team is utilized to handle dangerous situations such as high risk search warrants and barricaded gunmen.

In order to be accepted to the Southeast Oakland SWAT Team, officers must attend and pass one of the states most rigorous and intense tactical training academies. The team trains on a monthly basis and requires officers to pass regular proficiency tests in weapons, chemical munitions and fitness. There is also sniper section within the team and those officers have additional monthly training to stay proficient. Additionally, the Southeast Oakland SWAT Team have 3 crisis negotiator assigned to the team.

In 2015, the team was utilized on 7 calls for service (4 barricaded gunman calls and 3 high risk search warrants).



Royal Oak Police Department

Auxiliary Police Program



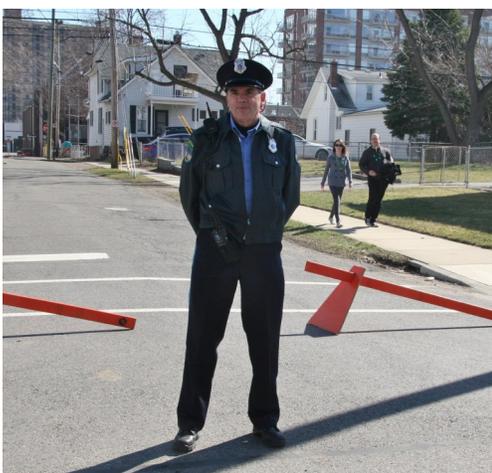
The Royal Oak Auxiliary Police Unit consists of civilians who volunteer their time to the police department out of a sense of civic duty to the community. The unit is commanded by Lieutenant Al Carter and Sergeant Chris Annetta. Auxiliary officers are a diverse group of individuals with various occupations within and outside the city. They are recruited and trained by the Royal Oak Police Department and are called upon to supplement police department as needed. Auxiliary officers are the extra eyes and ears for the police department and assist in crowd and traffic control, perform uniformed foot and bicycle patrols, and assist with natural disasters. They also provide security in the numerous events, parades and festivals in the city. In 2015, the auxiliary police unit has contributed over 3,000 volunteer hours.



The following are some areas in which the Auxiliary Police assist the police department:

- Crime prevention activities
- Report street light outages
- City park patrols
- Pick up abandon bicycles
- High school sporting events
- Conduct residential vacation checks

2014 Auxiliary of the Year Winners



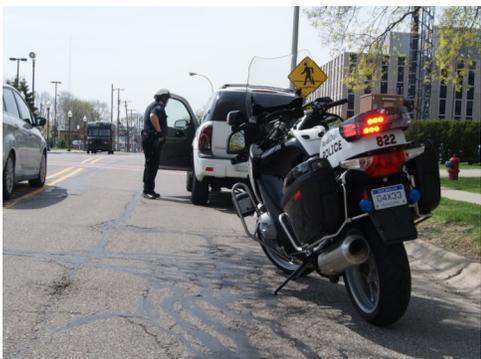
The auxiliary unit nominates and votes for the Auxiliary of the Year award for an auxiliary who demonstrates dedication and commitment to the program. This special recognition is voted for by the auxiliaries and is presented at our annual holiday dinner. This year Ronald Varty was selected, by his peers, to receive this honor. Ron started as an auxiliary officer in August of 2013 and is a Field Training Officer for the new members of the unit. He is also a member of the Auxiliary Steering Committee and has logged some of the highest volunteer hours in the unit.



Royal Oak Police Department

Other Units and Resources

Police Motor Unit



Police Honor Guard Unit



Police Mountain Bike Unit



Royal Oak Police Department Woodward Dream Cruise



The Woodward Dream Cruise started in 1995 as a fundraiser to raise money for a local soccer field. A group of Woodward Avenue business owners got together and devised a plan to hold "cruise" down Woodward.

21 years later, the cruise has grown exponentially and gained significant corporate sponsors. The Woodward Dream Cruise is billed as the largest one-day car show in the world. It is also known as the largest car cruise in the world, attracting 40,000 muscle cars, street rods, custom, collector, and special interest vehicles. The cruise route embraces 16 miles, running from the State Fair Grounds in Detroit all the way to Pontiac, with an estimated 1.5 million spectators. Of these 1.5 million spectators, close to 1 million of them line Woodward Avenue between 10 Mile and 14 Mile Roads, the majority of which is the City of Royal Oak. Though the event is billed as a one-day event, it has expanded to an unofficial week long event.

The City of Royal Oak is the epicenter for this event. The Dream Cruise originated in Royal Oak. It is in Royal Oak that a majority of the corporate sponsors lease space to showcase their products. Additionally, it is near Woodward and 13 Mile where the greatest concentration of people collect.

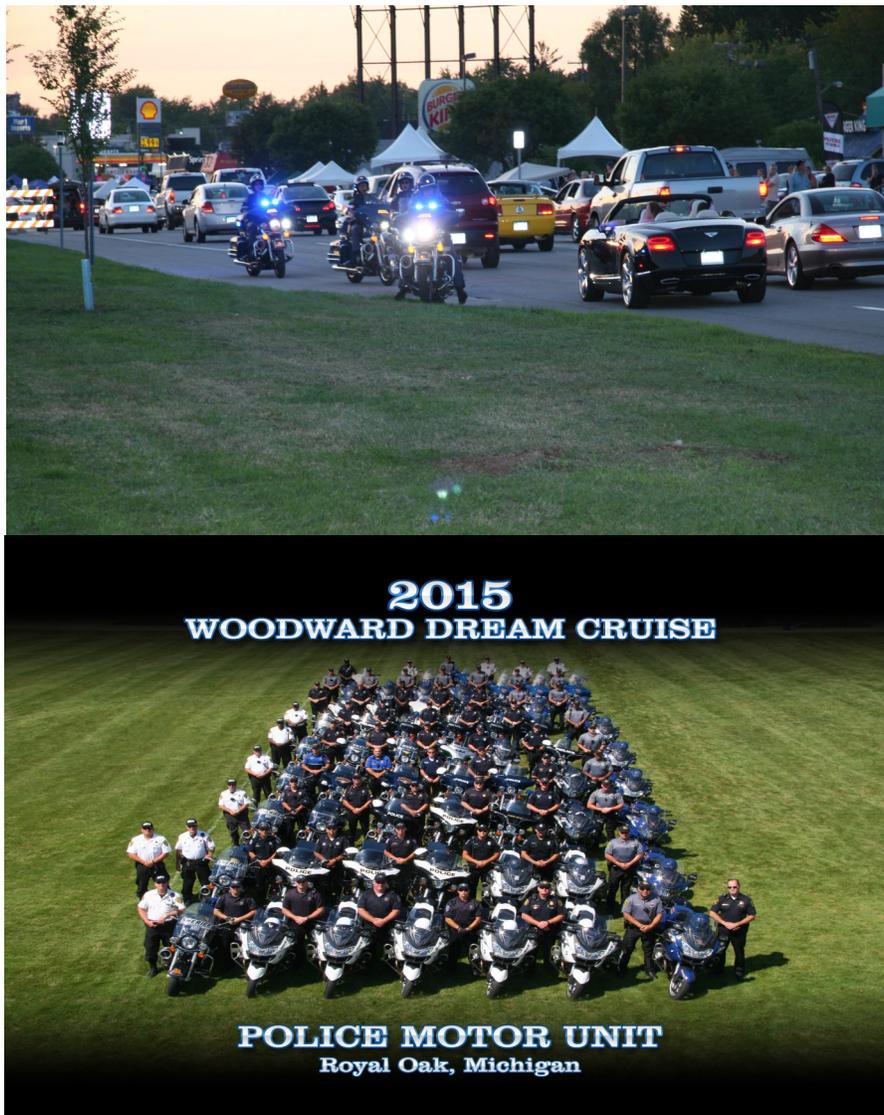
The Royal Oak Police Department takes on a leadership role to coordinate and direct all law enforcement meetings associated with the Dream Cruise. This year was no exception. The meetings include not only local law enforcement directly affected by the Dream Cruise, but also included are the FBI, Oakland County Sheriffs Office, MSP, Oakland County Emergency Management and Oakland County Department of Health and Human Service, and the National Weather Service.

Prior to and during the event, the Royal Oak Police Department serves as a clearinghouse for information to be disseminated to local police departments. We are able to disseminate information efficiently and effectively through a listserv email system that we developed.



Royal Oak Police Department Woodward Dream Cruise

Responsibility for coordinating the law enforcement assets for the Dream Cruise requires much more than calling a few meetings or scheduling a few officers. The planning phase incorporates everything from coordinating amateur radio assistance to checking and approving Special Event Permits to organizing support from dozens of other police departments. It requires managing volunteers, providing lodging for our weekend prisoners and everything in between. This planning process involves hundreds of hours of commitment for the police department and its administration. This commitment and dedication to the planning effort has ensured a safe family-oriented environment for everyone to enjoy for over 20 years.



Royal Oak Police Department

Arts, Beats & Eats



Once again, Royal Oak hosted the annual Ford Arts, Beats & Eats over the Labor Day weekend. Over 380,00 people attended this very popular event in 2015 and over \$250,000 was raised for local charities. The festival is located in our downtown and offers highly-regarded fine art exhibits, more than 200 live performances on ten stages and local restaurants showcasing their cuisine.



In 2014, heavy thunderstorms moved through the area during the evening hours. This year, Mother Nature cooperated and gave us beautiful weather.

Similar to preparing for the Dream Cruise, Arts, Beats & Eats involves extensive planning and coordination with outside agencies. The Michigan State Police, Oakland County Sheriff Office, CN Railway, and several other area departments send staff to supplement our resources.

This was the sixth year Royal Oak has hosted this event and this department has continuously tweaked and revised the operational plan to ensure the event is safe, secure and enjoyable for those who attend.



Royal Oak Police Department Giving Back to the Community

Royal Oak Charity Golf Event

In August, the Royal Oak Police Department hosted their third annual charity golf outing at Red Run Country Club. Once again, the business community in Royal Oak came together and generously donated their time and resources to this great event. Over 140 participants experienced the best of what Royal Oak has to offer while raising money for a very worthy cause. With the exception of a short rain shower, the weather was great. The Royal Oak Police Department would like to thank all those who participated in this event. Your participation allowed us to raise over \$27,000. One-hundred percent of the proceeds from this event went to The Boys and Girls Club of Royal Oak.

Mark your calendars, the third annual outing is already being planned for August 1, 2016.



Royal Oak Police Department Giving Back to the Community



Guns and Hoses Charity Event

The Royal Oak Guns & Hoses Charity Hockey game was created in 2010 by Royal Oak Police Department Sergeant Patrick Stanton and Royal Oak Fire Department Firefighter Tony Cattini. Sergeant Stanton based the concept of a charity hockey game on his childhood experiences in Marquette where his father, a Marquette City Police Officer, participated in a similar annual charity hockey game called "Pigs & Heat."



This year marks the sixth year of this event. The game features the hockey teams of the Royal Oak Police & Fire Departments as they team up to play for a charitable cause. Since the game's inception in 2010, the Royal Oak Guns & Hoses Charity Hockey game has raised nearly \$32,500 for various charities in the Metro Detroit area.

In 2015, nearly 500 fans witnessed the Royal Oak Police Department beat the Royal Oak Fire Department by a score of 10-4 to take a 3-2 series lead. Once again, the event was a success as the beneficiary, the Michigan Warriors Hockey Program, was presented with a check for \$7,000.



Royal Oak Police Department Significant Moments in 2015

Royal Oak First Responders save 2 Lives Within 2 Days

The actions of Royal Oak police officers in saving the lives of two men within two days. On August 22, 2015 at 1:45 a.m., Royal Oak officers were dispatched to an unknown medical emergency in the 600 block of Ninth Street and found a 25-year-old man not breathing and without a pulse. Officers immediately began CPR and continued life saving measures until Royal Oak paramedics arrived on the scene. Royal Oak paramedics administered medications to the patient that assisted in reviving him.

The next day, on August 23 at 9:51 a.m., a 54-year-old Madison Heights resident was stopped for erratic driving in the area of 11 Mile and Main Street. After suffering from an unknown medical emergency, the man lost consciousness and was unable to breathe. Officers quickly removed the man from the back seat of the patrol vehicle and began life saving measures by administering CPR and utilizing an automated external defibrillator. "The teamwork and professionalism of the police officers and firefighters should be commended. Royal Oak has invested in ensuring lifesaving measures are available in the field where they are most needed," said Chief Corrigan O'Donohue. "In both cases those resources, combined with the skills of the first responders, resulted in lives being saved."

[Click here to watch video of this incident.](#)

Marriage Proposal

The story started 2 years ago when a couple was pulled over by Royal Oak police while on their first date. Everything has been great for the couple over the past two years and the young man, who was driving that night, decided the time was right for a marriage proposal. The young man thought it would be a great idea to enlist the assistance of the police department as part of his marriage proposal. Officers once again performed a traffic stop on the couple but this time had them exit the vehicle and pretend to investigate them. One of the officers produced a ring during the mock investigation and asked the female if she knew anything about it. The young man got down on one knee and she said "yes".



[Click here to watch a video of the traffic stop proposal.](#)

Royal Oak Police Department Significant Moments in 2015

Are You Faster Than a Cop?

Royal Oak police held an event during Police Week to raise money for Royal Oak Challenge for Kids, a health and fitness program. Participants were put through a basic police fitness program that included a 1.5 mile run, push ups and sit ups. Royal Oak officers took part along with participants in this fun, non-competitive event. Everyone got to meet Royal Oak police K9 Ryker and sit in a police car



Royal Oak Police Rescue Ducklings Stranded in a Storm Drain

On July 4, 2015, Royal Oak officers responded to the area of Normandy and Seminole to help rescue ducklings that were trapped in a storm drain. Initially, officers attempts to rescue the ducklings drove them further into the drain.

Officers noticed the mother duck and two additional ducklings nearby and were able to coax them over to the storm drain. The ducklings responded to the sound of their mother and came out into an area where officers could scoop them up. The ducklings appeared healthy and were happily reunited with their mother.

[Click here to watch duck rescue.](#)

Royal Oak Police Raise Money for Charity With Mustache March

Police officers grew mustaches through the month of March to raise money for Camp Casey. Camp Casey is a non-profit organization providing support for children and their families diagnosed with cancer. Donations were accepted from everyone. However, officers suggested a \$20 donation to go along with a pledge to grow the best “cop” mustache through the month of March. Their efforts raised over \$2,700 for a very worthwhile charity.



2015 Royal Oak Police Department Grant Awards

Throughout 2013, the Royal Oak Police Department applied for, and was awarded, a number of different grants and awards that were provided at the state and federal level. Listed below is a summation of these grants and what they encompassed.

- 1) \$14,121 received from the Office of Highway Safety to enforce the “DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER” campaign.

- 2) \$16,275 received from the U.S. Department of Justice-Office of Justice Programs to assist in the purchasing of bulletproof vests for our officers.

2015 Royal Oak Police Department Citizen Complaints and Lawsuits

It is the policy of the Royal Oak Police Department to accept and investigate any complaints of employee misconduct or wrongdoing. This department is committed to providing law enforcement services that are consistent with our Mission Statement and Core Values. The complaint procedure provides citizens with a meaningful and effective avenue for legitimate complaints against a member of the Police Department. It is the intention of the Police Department to encourage public support and confidence through the assurance of a fair and thorough investigation of all complaints.

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Total Complaints	14	16	10	8	7	8	8	6	8	15
Excessive or Unnecessary Force / Assault Complaints	0	1	0	1	1	3	2	0	1	1

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Total Lawsuits	5	1	1	1	2	1	3	2	1	1
Excessive or Unnecessary Force / Assault	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

Royal Oak Police Department

Police Award Recipients

It is a great privilege to introduce some of the staff of the Royal Oak Police Department who stood out in 2015. These individuals were nominated by their peers or supervisors for exceptional performance. Following the April 21, 2015 meeting of the Citation Review Board, we are pleased to announce the names of award recipients.

2015 Award Recipients are as Follows:

OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Officer Brian Kucel

CIVILIAN OF THE YEAR

Teri Murray

BRAVERY AWARD

For an incident on January 8, 2015

Officer Robert Spellman

LIFESAVING AWARDS

For an incident on January 3, 2015

Officer Kyle Adair
Officer David Ratliff
Officer Jason Manning

For an incident on January 13, 2015

Officer Andrew Rougeau

For an incident on June 5, 2015

Officer Anthony Gagliardi
Officer Zachary Nottle
Officer Gerald Karr
Officer Mark Apley

For an incident August 22, 2015

Officer Christopher Platt
Officer Kyle Knauss

For an incident on August 23, 2015

Sergeant David Budzynowski
Officer Brian Kucel
Officer Eric Cherry
Officer Joshua Yancho

Royal Oak Police Department Police Award Recipients (continued)

2015 Award Recipients are as Follows:

LIFESAVING AWARDS (Continued)

For an incident on August 23, 2015

Sergeant David Budzynowski
Officer Brian Kucel
Officer Eric Cherry
Officer Joshua Yancho

For an incident on October 17, 2015

Officer Jason Manning

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

Officer Kevin Cavanaugh
Officer Jamie Hill

MERITIOUS SERVICE

For an incident on July 20, 2015

Sergeant Patrick Stanton

For an incident on October 26, 2015

Sergeant Patrick Stanton

UNIT CITATION

Work efforts on two homicide cases

Lieutenant David Clemens
Sergeant Donald Swiatkowski
Detective David Szlezynsier
Detective Carl Barretto
Detective Donald van Ochten
Detective Timothy Wood
Detective Matthew Murray
Detective Karly Wingart
Detective Richard Millard

CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION

For an incident on May 11, 2015

Sergeant David Budzynowski
Officer Andrew Izydorek
Officer Kevin Isaacson
Madison Heights Officer Bucklund

For an incident on May 29, 2015

Officer Matthew Bobek
Officer Brian Black
Officer Keith Beringa
Berkley Officer Corradi
Berkley Officer Onesko
Berkley Officer Betts

Royal Oak Police Department Police Award Recipients (continued)

2015 Award Recipients are as Follows:

CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION (continued)

For an incident on July 20, 2015

Officer Dominic Catanese
Officer David Ratliff
Officer Ryan Addis
Officer Christopher Platt
Officer John Tobin
Officer Jimmy Elrod
Officer Marc Cuddeback
PSA Joseph Ivy
PSA Kelly Hadin

LETTER OF RECOGNITION

For an incident on May 29, 2015

Sergeant David Budzynowski
Officer Andrew Izydorek
Officer Joseph Yerke
Officer Jimmy Elrod
Officer Andre Stienke
Officer Joshua Yancho

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Tim Storye