



Dryden Township Police Department Newsletter

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Police Department Millage Renewal

Our millage will be up for renewal next spring. It will be a **renewal** of the current millage. However, it does require a **"YES"** vote to keep the current level of police services in our community.

Our department has provided 24 hour coverage to our community since July 1999. We currently employ a working chief, 3 full-time officers, 8 part-time officers and 2 reserve officers.

Department News

During the past year we hired one new part-time officer, Jeremy Kehoe. Jeremy received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Ferris State University and is also a graduate of the Ferris State University Law Enforcement Academy.

Jeremy Kehoe



This part-time position was created due to another officer leaving to take a full-time position with the Michigan State Police.

Other Tips

School has started. Be sure to follow these school bus safety tips: Prepare to stop when the overhead yellow lights are flashing, stop at least 20 feet away when red lights are flashing, slow down in or near school and residential areas and watch for children between parked cars and other objects.

Other Tips Cont'd.

If you park your vehicle outside, make sure you keep it locked. Many larcenies occur from unlocked vehicles.

If you're in a pinch and lock your keys in your car, our department does lock outs.

With the start of fall, car/deer accidents will be on the rise. Keep an eye out for deer and use extra caution in areas posted as high deer traffic areas. If you see a deer slow down, there is usually more than one. If a crash is unavoidable, don't swerve! Brake firmly, stay in your lane, hold onto the steering wheel and bring your vehicle to a controlled stop.

Property Inspections/Literature

Please call or stop in the office to make arrangements to have us check on your home while you are out of town. It only takes a minute for us to fill out the property inspection form and your home will be checked on a routine basis while you are out of town. We also have free information on many topics available in the office. Feel free to stop in at any time.

Purchase Permits

As a service to our residents, you can obtain a purchase permit for a hand gun at our office. You must be a resident of Dryden (Village or Township) and at least 21 years of age. A firearm may be transferred to a family member at age 18. Purchase permits can be obtained Monday-Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

We also have free gun locks available at our office.

WATCH OUT FOR KIDS!



Make it Home: Don't Drive Distracted

Distracted driving refers to any activity drivers engage in that takes their attention from the primary task of driving. It can be visual distraction, taking their eyes from the road; manual distraction, taking their hands from the wheel; or cognitive distraction, taking their minds from their driving.

- Choose a radio station, CD line-up or MP3 playlist before pulling out.
- Set climate controls in advance.
- Style hair and apply makeup before leaving or after arriving.
- Only use cell phones with hands free features including voice, not manual, dialing.
- Avoid difficult or emotional conversations while driving.
- Never read, write or send a text message while driving.
- Never read printed material, e-mails or search the internet while driving.
- Limit eating to simple foods without packaging and avoid hot drinks.
- Pull over briefly to a safe location to engage in distracting behaviors.
- Especially avoid distractions in heavy traffic or bad weather.
- Politely ask drivers you ride with to avoid distractions.
- Talk to young drivers about the dangers of distracted driving.



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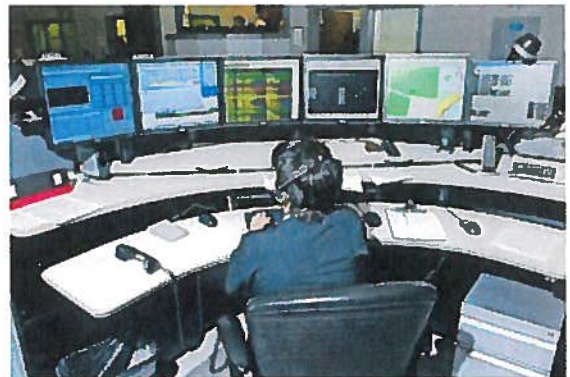
Michigan's 2011 seat belt use rate was 94.5%, down from a record high of 97.9%.

The seat belt use rate was lowest among pickup trucks (89.1 percent). *Michigan Technological University, MichiganTech Transportation Institute*

Nearly 200 people who died in traffic crashes in Michigan in 2011 were not wearing their seat belts. *Michigan State Police, Criminal Justice Information Center (CJIC)*



Non-Emergency Numbers You Should Know!



The 911 Dispatch Center has other numbers that may help.

Non-Emergency 810-667-0292
Toll Free..... 888-239-6714

Dryden Twp. Police Office..... 810-796-2271

The Dispatch Center can reach the officer at any time by radio. If you need to talk to an officer, call.