March 7, 2021

Mr. Dame,

The following is the Annual Report for the year 2020. Each year offers challenges and opportunities, and I think we can all agree that 2020 took those challenges to a new level. I am proud to report that the Grosse Pointe City Department of Public Safety handled those challenges admirably. 2020 showed a marked decrease in crimes, arrests, and citations which was a trend throughout the tri-county area. The members of the Public Safety department filled those gaps with community outreach and preparing the new Public Safety building for service.

Overall crime in Grosse Pointe City was down 33% in 2020. Part I Index crimes were down from 84 in 2019 to 48 in 2020. Part II Non-index crimes were down from 118 in 2019 to 104 in 2020. Calls for service were down as well from 4,983 in 2019 to 3,482 in 2020.

These trends were consistent in the Grosse Pointes. When looking at data from Michigan Incident Crime Reporting (MICR) it shows overall crime down 16% in the Grosse Pointes. This continues into the tri-county area where other similar departments show decreases in crime: Bloomfield Hills 25%, Northville 22%, Birmingham 22%, Rochester 17%, and Plymouth 20%. Large cities in Michigan also followed the same pattern with Detroit down 13%, Grand Rapids down 4% and Warren down 16%.

2020 saw a slight decrease in firefighting activities from 403 total calls in 2019 to 378 in 2020. Those calls include: dwelling fires, smoke investigations, fire alarms, ambulance runs, wires down, natural gas calls, and vehicle fires. Those numbers also include the City’s 12 responses to requests for mutual aid.

As you know Grosse Pointe City works with Medstar Ambulance to handle requests for ambulance service. This relationship was formed in 2017 and continues to be a successful partnership. Firefighting statistics include those requests for ambulance service. Grosse Pointe City responded with Medstar Ambulance to 239 requests for service in 2020. Medstar personnel should be commended for a seamless transition into Pandemic protocol as the public safety world learned best practices to stay healthy during trial by fire.

The department welcomed two new officers in 2020. Officers Lucas Rucinski and Jacob Gentile joined the department in August and have since both successfully completed their field training requirements. We also had the pleasure of promoting Officer Christopher Saunders to sergeant in January of 2020 and he continues to exceed expectations.

In conclusion I’d like to thank the citizens of Grosse Pointe City for their continued support and the members of the Public Safety Department for their dedication and professionalism through such an unusual year. Grosse Pointe City continues to be one of the finest cities in Michigan and it is a pleasure to be part of this community.

Respectfully,

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