

2020 Annual Report

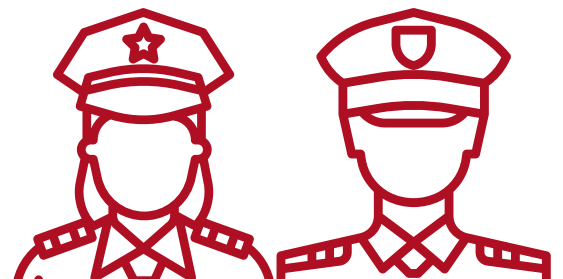


City of Berkley Department of
Public Safety

248-658-3380 | www.berkleypublicsafety.org | 2395 W. 12 Mile Rd. Berkley MI, 48072

TABLE OF CONTENT

1. Table of Contents
2. Mission Statement
3. Letter from the Director
4. History
5. Officers
 - a. New Hires / Promotions / Retirement
6. Civilian Personnel
7. Police Operations
 - a. Citations / Firearms Training
 - b. K-9 / SWAT
 - c. Dispatch / Animal Control
 - d. Records / In the News
 - e. Traffic Enforcement
8. Fire Operations
 - a. Fire Statistics
 - b. Fire Inspections
 - c. Medical Operations
9. Investigations
 - a. Major Cases / Juvenile Report
 - b. Crimes / Serious Incidents
 - c. Accidents
 - d. Professional Standards Review
 - e. Crime Statistics
10. Community Relations
 - a. Golf Outing / Lids for Kids & Fire Open House
 - b. Honor Guard / Auctions
11. Awards & Citations
12. Budget
13. Pictures from year
14. Closing



CONNECT WITH US

Stay up-to-date with the latest announcements and news from Berkley Public Safety through the following spaces:



Like and follow us on Facebook: @BerkleyDPS



Sign up for the City eBlast updates at:
www.berkleymich.org/newsletters



Visit www.berkleypublicsafety.org

OUR MISSION

The Berkley Public Safety Department is committed to maintaining the safety and quality of life for the community, through the delivery of superior police, fire, and EMS services without prejudice or partiality.

We strive to offer the best services as a combined Police and Fire Agency known as **PUBLIC SAFETY** while maintaining community involvement, protection, and service to residents, businesses, and visitors alike.

A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR



I am pleased to present the Berkley Department of Public Safety's (BDPS) 2020 Annual Report. This report is part of our ongoing efforts to increase transparency and keep the public informed on the activities of your Public Safety Department.

Obviously, 2020 was a very challenging year for all of us. The Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19) continues to affect all of us in just about every facet of our lives. I am particularly proud of the way our personnel continued to deliver superior police, fire, and medical services to the public while being exposed to COVID-19 on a daily basis. While most of the world stayed home, our personnel continued to come to work and serve the public, while exposing themselves and their families to the virus.

Even with all of the challenges, 2020 was also a year of great strides for our Department. During the year, we issued over 170 new Police/Fire/EMS General Orders (policies and procedures) to align with best practices for public safety. These included new or modified General Orders for our Code of Ethics, Pursuits, Use of Force, Citizen and Internal Complaints, Employee Assistance, Bias Influenced Policing, De-escalation, Excited Delirium, Duty to Intervene and Report, Positional Asphyxiation, and Personnel Early Warning System.

We also launched several software platforms including Power DMS, a document management system, and Guardian Tracking, a personnel accountability/early warning system. The new and modified General Orders, along with the software platforms and training, have given our personnel increased guidance on how to manage and respond to a vast array of situations. In addition, our personnel completed hundreds of hours of Police/Fire/EMS training.

We also greatly improved our fire response and safety in 2020. We established a Fire Prevention Division, purchased our newest fire apparatus, Tower 4, and purchased Squad 4, which replaced Ladder 4. These new vehicles have modern safety features making them more versatile and safer fire apparatus. Tower 4 also allows us to access the roof of the tallest building in the City and Squad 4 allows us to access narrow streets and parking lots. Our software now allows our fire inspectors to conduct all of their inspections digitally and more efficiently. This information, along with pre-plans that are also entered and retained within the software, is available online on our mobile phones and tablets to all of our officers in the event of an emergency. In July 2020, we also created the new position of Fire Inspector/Instructor. Officer Jon Roberts, who is both a fire inspector and instructor, was selected for this position. The addition of this position, the newly added apparatuses, and technology, have enhanced our fire safety, education, training, and response.

In addition, BDPS also completed several building projects. These projects included the completion of the Dispatch Center and first-floor renovations, the completion of the Fire Hall expansion project, the conversion to LED lights in the station, and the repair of the Public Safety roof.

Yet, we are not resting on our laurels and have big plans for 2021. Included in these plans are the continued efforts to address and mitigate building issues with the remodeling of our main entrance and lobby to make it ADA compliant. We will also continue to utilize civilian staff for as many support functions as possible, freeing sworn personnel for Public Safety Officer duties, make use of and implement technology systems to make the Department more efficient and effective, and continue the professional development of all BDPS personnel through training and mentorships. We will also begin the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police accreditation process, as well as, welcome the long-awaited implementation of our K-9 Program.

With the support of the City Administration, City Council, and the public, we continue to evolve and plan for the future to keep everyone safe.

Sincerely,
Public Safety Director Matt Koehn



DEPARTMENT HISTORY

Berkley Public Safety began as a Police and Fire Department in 1924.

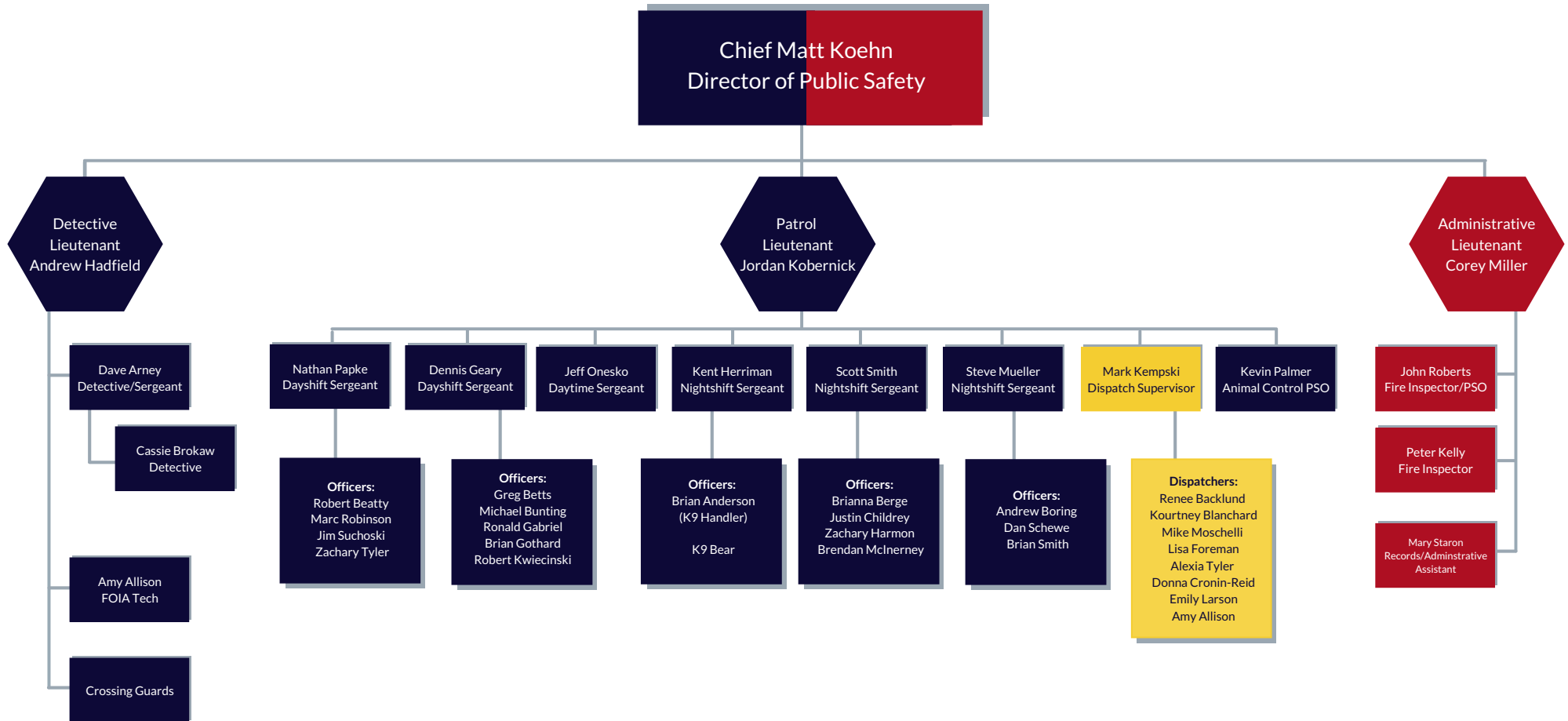
In 1981, the Departments merged into what is now the Public Safety Department, where the officers are trained in both Police and Fire operations.

Berkley has been recognized as the fifth safest city in Michigan since 2014, and more recently, the fourth safest in 2019 by ALARMS.ORG.

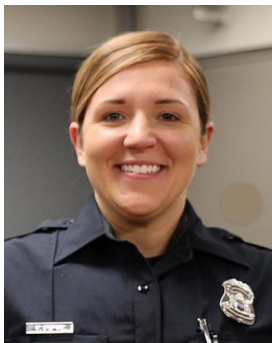
Public Safety continues to strive towards the goal of community service, as well as providing the quickest response time and quality services to all residents and visitors. We must always remember our past so we can move forward in our future.



DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL



NEW OFFICERS, PROMOTIONS, RETIREMENTS & OFFICER UPDATES



WELCOME OFFICER BRIANNA BERGE (*Started at the end of 2019*)

Berge completed the Oakland Police and Fire Academy and began initial training in 2020. She is a great addition to our staff as a Rookie officer.



WELCOME OFFICER ANDREW BORING

Boring previously worked at Beverly Hills for 3 years and for 7 years with Eastpointe Fire Department and Commerce Fire Department. He is also a paramedic and a 2009 graduate of Berkley High School.



HAPPY RETIREMENT SERGEANT JUSTIN FROST

Sergeant Justin Frost retired in 2020 after 21 years of service with the department.

CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

Our Dispatchers work 12-hour shifts and are ready for every regular business question to the most severe emergencies. They typically work as a two-person team and handle calls for the Cities of Berkley, Huntington Woods, and Pleasant Ridge. They are more than just Dispatchers - they are the calm voice on the other end.

We cannot thank our Dispatchers enough for the job they do.



POLICE OPERATIONS

2020

PATROL REVIEW



The Patrol Division is the uniform presence for the Berkley Department of Public Safety. Public Safety Officers (PSO) respond to calls dispatched through our Dispatch Communications Center located at the public safety building.

Officers are State of Michigan licensed in three disciplines: Police, Fire, and EMS. Officers carry all the necessary equipment to respond to most emergencies throughout the City of Berkley. When PSOs are not on a dispatched run, they conduct proactive patrols and traffic enforcement.

2020 presented many unique challenges for our officers. From a global pandemic to civil unrest, it took a heavy toll on our officers and their families. Out of these challenges, your officers affirmed their selfless demeanor by coming into work day after day and providing unparalleled service to the community. After witnessing the response to this difficult year and as the expectations of public service change, I have no fear that our officers will rise to whatever challenges are put in front of them, all while maintaining the level of service we have all come to expect.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Officers in 2020 were able to proactively patrol the streets in what some thought might be a busier year to one of our safest years. This is directly attributed to our PSOs. Officers were able to successfully arrest and prosecute hundreds of cases involving crimes, but also conduct silent good deeds.

There were numerous "thank you's" to officers who played basketball with kids in the street, helping people navigate the ever-changing executive orders due to the pandemic, and much more. Officers not only juggling the concern of taking a virus home to their families after coming into contact with people each day but also managing a different way to respond to emergencies. They were able, as always, to adapt and overcome any obstacle. While the number of community relation events were down, officers found ways to escort large "Birthday Drive-By's" for kids (and sometimes seniors) of the community using the patrol cars and fire engines.

GOALS FOR 2021:

In 2021, the Patrol Division is looking forward to the addition of a K-9 Unit, originally slated to start this past year. The introduction of K-9 "Bear" is already becoming a welcome name in our family and holds true to the spirit of our High School Mascot. Officers will also work through new laws, training standards and the ever-evolving climate to engage, protect, and serve the community of Berkley.

Sincerely,
Lieutenant Jordan Kobernick



CITATIONS

2020 was dominated by COVID-19. Our officers' contact was limited from a large decrease in vehicular traffic and a lack of businesses being open due to people working from home. BDPS saw a total of 5900 violations issued for Misdemeanor and Civil Infractions and a total of 6,661 charges.

This included:

- Parking—3,040 (2-6 am)
- No License / Suspended License—138
- Speeding—701
- No Insurance / No Proof—249
- Impeding Traffic -1,319
- Operating While Intoxicated (or Drugs)—125
- Disobey Stop Sign—240
- Texting While Driving—56

Total citations were down 22% from the previous year of 7542 citations issued.

RANGE OPERATIONS

In 2020, the BDPS Range Team was able to get in some much-needed, required, and valuable range training. Range training not only consists of firing our service weapons which include handguns, rifles, and shotguns but also updates our Response to Resistance / Use of Force Scenarios.

Our officers are constantly training for real-life situations as well as being prepared for anything. This is sometimes done using “submunitions” in which officers will use “soap bullets” that leave a colored mark on the body with minimal pain to simulate a real-life situation.

Whether it is Active Shooter Training, a traffic stop, or any other use of force scenario, our BDPS team works tirelessly to keep our officers in top shape when it comes to the range.



In 2020, Officers were able to complete the MCOLES State-mandated yearly qualification, along with monthly training including indoor and outdoor shoots. The work consisted of the safe handling of firearms, target recognition, and shoot/don't shoot scenarios.

With each situation, officers are reminded of the legalities of weapon discharge as well as the responsibilities. Our BDPS team is top-notch when it comes to leading the way in Public Safety Range Operations.

K-9 OFFICER PROGRAM

The K-9 program was set to start in 2020, however, was pushed back due to COVID-19. While our department couldn't interact with the community, officers continued to prevail by focusing on administrative tasks like securing a K-9 vehicle, dog cage, and other accessories.

Officer Brian Anderson, who was selected to be the K-9 Handler will start his training in the Spring of 2021. We are also excited to meet the new member of our family K-9 "Bear".



SWAT

In 2018, the BDPS and five other southern Oakland County police agencies joined the Oakland County Sheriff's Office SWAT team. The Oakland County SWAT team consists of highly trained deputies and officers with specialized training and equipment.

The SWAT team responds to incidents involving hostage rescue, barricaded gunmen, high-risk warrant arrests, narcotics search warrants, civil disturbances, and other critical incidents throughout our communities. A rigorous selection of team members combined with continuous specialized training and sophisticated equipment provide the team with the necessary capabilities to resolve these dangerous incidents safely. In 2019, three additional Oakland County police agencies joined the SWAT team.

In 2020, the SWAT team responded to five barricaded gunman incidents, six high-risk search warrants and was also utilized for several high-profile events including the Woodward Dream Cruise and assisting the United States Secret Service with Presidential election-related details.

DISPATCH OPERATIONS

The Dispatch Center is responsible for handling both 911 and non-emergency calls for the Cities of Berkley, Huntington Woods, and will soon resume services for the City of Pleasant Ridge.

Public Safety Dispatchers handle radio communications with Public Safety Officers and are responsible for many computerized tasks including Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) calls for officers, Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN), and National Crime Information Center (NCIC) queries and entries on persons and property, assist citizens at the front desk, and various clerical tasks.



In 2020, the Berkley Dispatch Center answered 21,661 non-emergency phone calls (12.86% drop from 2019) and 6586 calls to 911 (9.98% drop from 2019). The average answer time for a 911 call made to BDPS was answered in 3.8 seconds which is well below the 10-second standard set by the National Emergency Number Association (NENA).

In 2020, the Dispatch Center dispatched 10,488 calls-for-service for the City of Berkley and 1599 calls-for-service for the City of Huntington Woods, a drop of 34.38% and 18.5% respectively for each department from 2019. In 2020, we dispatched 812 medical runs and 163 fire-related runs in the City of Berkley, and 278 medical runs and 111 fire-related runs for Huntington Woods.

In 2020, we had two applicants successfully complete the Communications Training Officer (CTO Training) to bring our staff to six full-time Dispatchers and one part-time Dispatcher. The Dispatch Center is staffed by two Dispatchers on dayshift and one Dispatcher on nightshift. The second Dispatch position on nightshift is to be filled as soon as interviews are complete.

The goal of the Berkley Dispatch Center is to provide top-level call service to the community and Public Safety Officers.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Berkley Animal Control received 238 animal complaints in 2020, along with 17 animal bite reports. Our Berkley Animal Control also provides contracted service for the City of Royal Oak and received 727 animal complaints, along with 60 animal bite reports.

One of the bigger "incidents" for our Animal Control Officer (ACO) was a "hoarding" case in Royal Oak, which contained around 100 cats in a singular home.



The felines were successfully removed by the ACO after several months of work.

In 2021, Animal Control will be providing service for the Cities of Huntington Woods and Pleasant Ridge. Additionally, our ACO was able to secure a long-needed new vehicle for their service routes.

RECORDS

The Berkley Public Safety Records Bureau is open Monday - Friday from 8:30 am – 4 pm.

In 2020, the Records Bureau processed 112 Discovery Requests from attorneys, and 161 Freedom of Information Requests (FOIA).

The Records Bureau **DOES NOT** release records involving open investigations, non-public records, or records involving protected information (e.g. HIPAA/medical reports).

An integral part of our organization is the Records Bureau who assists with numerous department functions including budgeting, finance, process orders, personnel issues, and payroll. Our administrative assistant works directly with and for the Director of Public Safety.

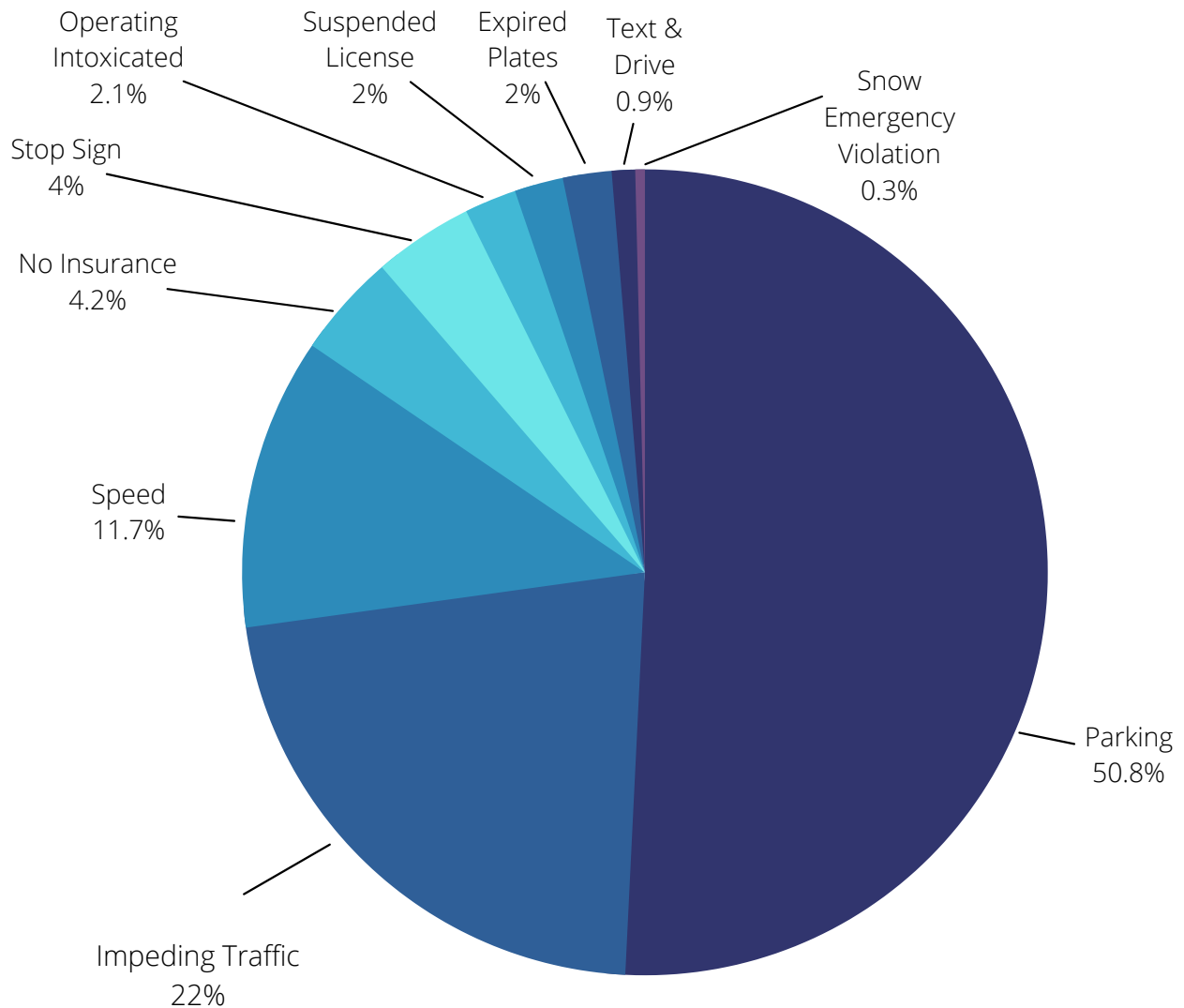
PUBLIC SAFETY IN THE NEWS

Berkley DPS was featured in a few major stories over the 2020 calendar year. Here are a few of the highlights:

- **POLICE INVESTIGATE FORMER EMPLOYEE FOR EMBEZZLING MORE THAN \$75,000**
www.candgnews.com/news/police-say-former-durst-lumber-employee-allegedly-embezzled-more-than75000-117829
- **MAN DIES AFTER CRASHING CAR WHILE FLEEING COPS IN BERKLEY**
www.patch.com/michigan/berkley/man-dies-after-crashing-vehicle-while-fleeing-police
- **BERKLEY PUBLIC SAFETY RESCUE WOMEN FROM HOUSE FIRE**
www.fox2detroit.com/news/berkley-woman-recovering-from-surgery-pulled-from-house-fire
- **BERKLEY POLICE WORKS WITH AMERICAN LEGION TO PROVIDE COMFORT BEARS TO KIDS**
www.clickondetroit.com/news/local/2020/01/13/berkley-police-department-works-to-bridge-gap-betweenits-officers-and-children/



DRIVING CITATIONS



Top Citations for Berkley DPS

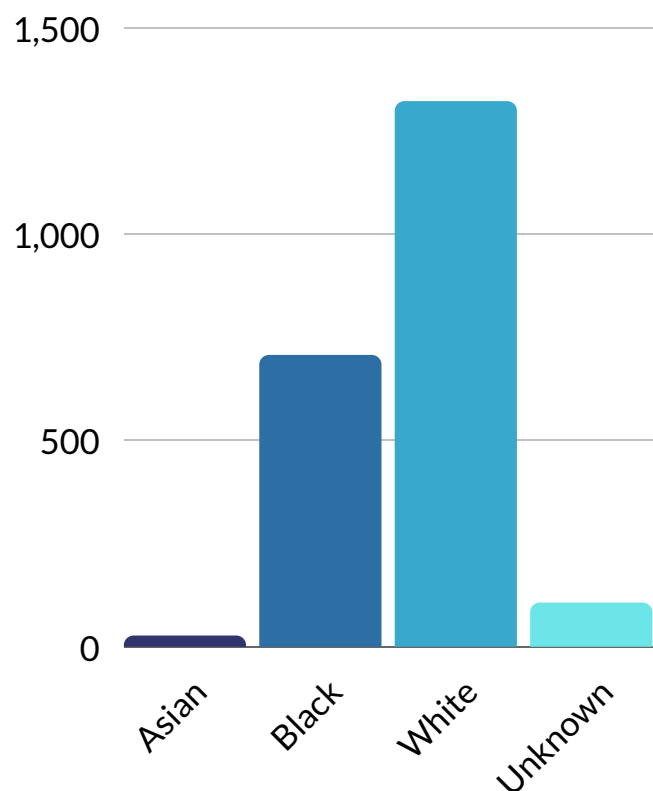
• No Parking 2-6 am	3040
• Impeding Traffic	1319
▪ A no-point violation issued at the discretion of the officer in lieu of a moving violation.	
• Speed (All)	701
• No Proof of Insurance	249
• Stop Sign	240
• Operating While Intoxicated	125
• Drive While License Suspended	117
• Expired plates	117
• Texting and Driving	56
• Snow Emergency Violation	23

TOTAL = 6,661 Violations

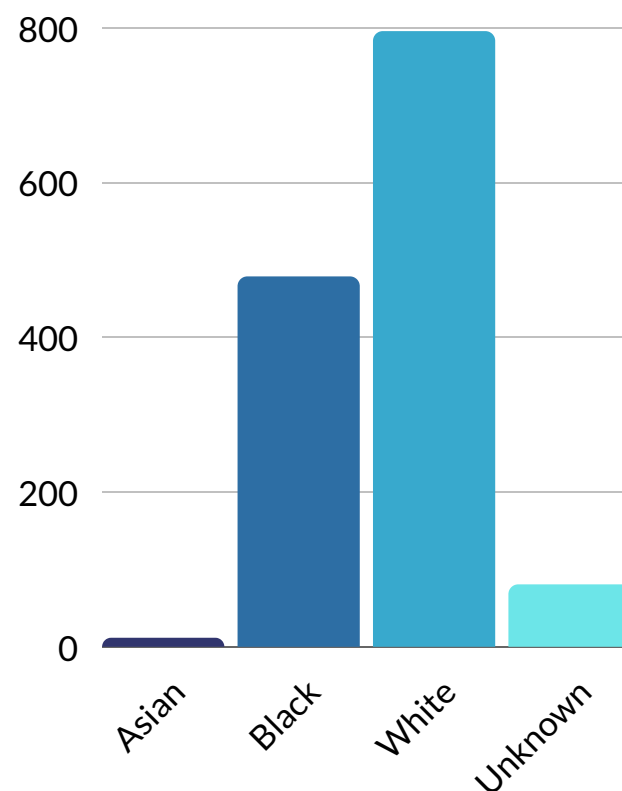
****Not all violations issued are listed. This is a majority sample.****

CITATIONS BY SEX / RACE

MALE



FEMALE



TOTAL VIOLATIONS = 6,661

Parking accounts for approx. 3200 of the total

MALE

- Asian—26
- Black—706
- White—1321
- Unknown*—106

FEMALE

- Asian—11
- Black—478
- White—795
- Unknown*—80

**Either the driver is not present or not immediately apparent to the officer.*

FIRE OPERATIONS

2020

FIRE REVIEW



The operation of the Fire Division involves fire suppression, fire prevention, and fire education. The Fire Division saw several changes this year.

The biggest and newest change was a Fire Inspector position was filled with a full-time Fire Inspector. Since 2013, the City of Berkley only had a part-time Fire Inspector. The addition of a full-time Fire Inspector is part of the division's succession planning goals. The new Fire Inspector is also a Public Safety Officer like the rest of our officers trained in each discipline.

In addition to conducting fire inspections, the Fire Inspector also is a fire investigator, HAZMAT team member, and one of the agency-certified fire instructors. The Department has invested in a modern web-based fire inspection software which will increase the efficiency of all inspections done in the City. The goal of the Fire Division is to be able to conduct annual fire safety inspections on over 400 commercial occupancies by 2022. This increased fire inspection frequency will ensure our community remains safe.

Throughout the year, BDPS personnel attended numerous training some of which included: Fire Command Officer training, Rapid Intervention, Fire Ground Survival, Live Fire, CPR, FEMA Classes, and various other training related to firefighting duties.

The Department took delivery of a new ladder truck (Tower 4) in late August 2020 after 14 months the truck took to build. Tower 4 has replaced the City's 1995 apparatus, Ladder 4, which had several limitations including the ladder only being able to extend 51-feet horizontally. Ladder 4 was incapable of reaching the majority of roofs within Berkley. The new Tower 4 has a reach of 104-feet which is over double the reach. Along with its increased reach, Tower 4 includes several modern safety features making the vehicle a more versatile and safe fire apparatus. The old Ladder 4 was sold to the Essexville Department of Public Safety near Bay City, Michigan. Essexville needed a ladder truck that would fit into their current fire station and Ladder 4 was a perfect fit for their community. They were also selling a 2006 fire engine which fit our needs as a reserve fire engine. We agreed to sell our ladder truck to them, and in return, bought their 2006 fire engine now known as Squad 4.

Squad 4 has very low hours and miles on it. When it was purchased, Squad 4 only had 41 total hours on the pump and less than 7,000 miles, making it a very wise investment for our community. It also is smaller and more maneuverable around our alleys, apartment buildings, and other tight locations around the community.

The Fire Division continues to make improvements to the services it provides through fire prevention, training, and education. These continuous improvements will equate to better insurance ratings for our community and residents.

Sincerely,
Lieutenant Corey Miller



FIRE RUN STATISTICS

Incident response statistics for the year 2020:

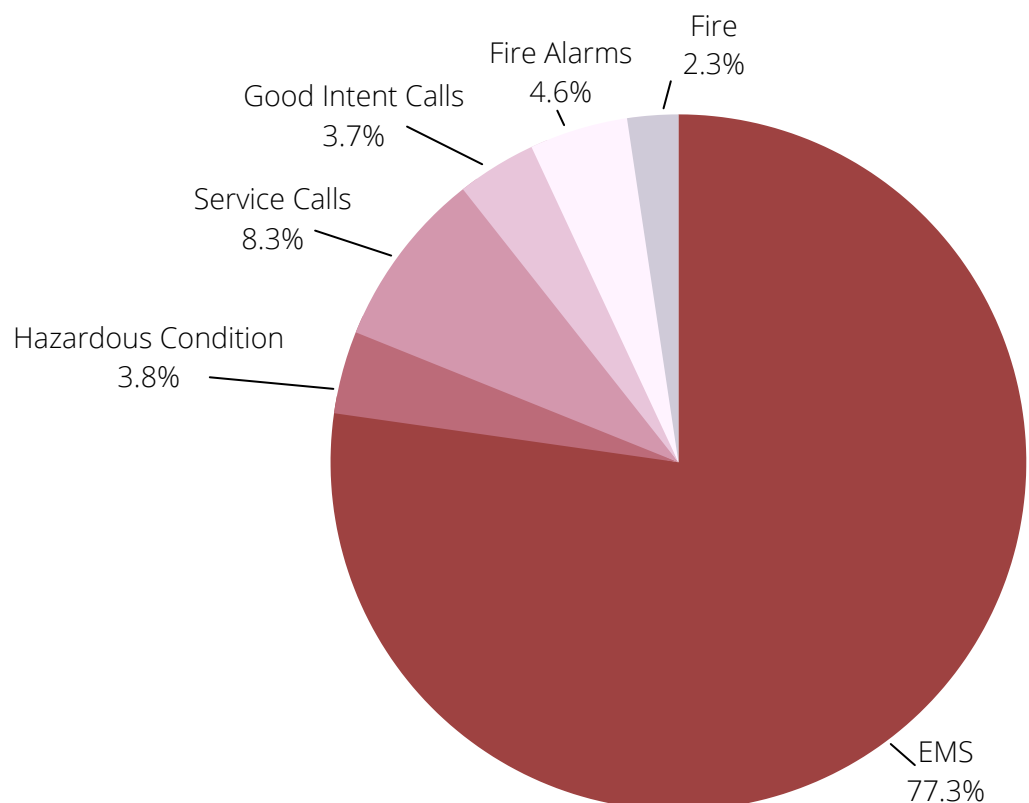
- 1046 Emergency Medical (EMS) calls-for-service
- 325 Fire-related incident calls for service

The following is a breakdown of the calls-for-service:

- 32 Fire Incidents
- 17 Overpressure, Rupture, Explosion, and overheat (no fire) incidents
- 1046 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service incidents
- 52 Hazardous Condition (no fire) incidents
- 112 Service Call incidents
- 50 Good Intent incidents
 - *Service Calls that were responded to where there was a perceived emergency but found to be a non-emergency.*
- 62 Fire Alarm incidents

Breakdown of Special Incidents are as follows:

- 4 Vehicle Fire Incidents
- 17 Structure Fire Incidents
- 9 Incidents in which we received Mutual Aid
- 18 Incidents in which we provided Mutual Aid
 - *This includes mutual aid services in the surrounding communities.*



FIRE INSPECTION STATISTICS

Fire Inspection statistics for the year 2020:

- 315 Total Fire Inspections

The following is a breakdown for Fire Inspections:

- 164 Initial Fire Inspections
- 151 Re-Inspections
- 22 Plan Reviews

Fire Cause and Origin Investigations:

- 9 Fire Investigations

Fire Prevention Goals for 2021 - 2022:

The fire inspectors have over 400 occupancies to inspect for fire and life safety code compliance. With the addition of a full-time fire inspector, along with acquiring tablet-based inspection software, the frequency of fire inspections at all the occupancies will increase from once every three to five years to an annual inspection. The inspection software also provides a pre-incident planning module which allows our fire inspectors to survey all commercial occupancies while conducting their fire inspections and creates a database for fire response.

The database will include drawings of the buildings, hazards, utility shut-offs, emergency contact numbers, and any other needed information. The pre-incident and pre-planning information will be available to all responders through tablets mounted in each of the fire apparatus, improving safety and efficiency.



MEDICAL STATISTICS

2020 COMMON MEDICAL RUNS

A function of the Fire Division is emergency medical response services. Below is a breakdown of the 2020 statistics.

TOTAL FOR COMMON MEDICAL RUNS: 1046

- Emergency: 504
- Non Emergency: 542
- Total Transports: 645

TYPES OF COMMON MEDICAL RUNS:

- Difficulty Breathing: 81
- Chest Pain: 59
- Stroke: 28
- Falls: 62
- Accidents: 26
- Overdose: 17
- Unknown Reason: 38
- Unconscious: 32

MAJORITY OF MEDICAL RUN DAYS OF WEEK:

- Sunday
- Monday
- Wednesday

MAJORITY OF MEDICAL RUN TIMES:

- 12:00 am — 3:00 am
- 8:00pm

BUSIEST MONTH:

- September

*****Not all incidents are listed. This is a majority of run types.*****



INVESTIGATIONS

2020

INVESTIGATIVE REVIEW



The Investigation Division involves investigating any Felony Crime, certain Misdemeanor crimes, and a wide range of other community issues. Cases are assigned between three investigators with our arrest cases receiving a 100% conviction rate.

The goal of the Detective Bureau (DB) is to attempt to identify and correctly report incidents that occur in Berkley. We investigate the who, what, where, when, and why of the cases and develop a suspect. We then work with a Prosecutor to obtain charges in criminal cases.

We spend a lot of time with the courts, victims, and suspects attempting to not only charge someone in criminal cases but also how to come up with solutions for future prevention. The DB also handles Juvenile Investigations.

One other important function of the DB is the Professional Standards Reviews of our PSO's and ordinance reviews. The DB works to make sure our officers are updated with the most current legal training in State, County, and local laws and their job functions. We review each and every report looking for areas of future training and areas to improve.

In 2020, the Berkley DB investigated 426 Adult Cases and 22 Juvenile Cases. Out of the Adult Cases, charges were issued in 150 cases. Only one case was dismissed in court, due to the Prosecutor's error, otherwise giving the DB a 100% conviction rate. Having a high conviction rating means our DB conducted due diligence in making sure we had the correct person charged, with the correct offenses, and the evidence to back up a conviction. The DB also investigated cases that were reported at the end of 2019, totaling just over 500 cases in the City. It's a tough job, with three people, 500 cases, 24 hours per day.

Additionally, the DB also spends time on crime prevention. We work with businesses on the implementation of proper security features, spend time in the schools educating teens about social media, crimes, and status offenses with a big focus on how we can all learn from our mistakes.

The DB is looking forward to more enhanced training and the ability to serve the needs of the community throughout 2021. We know through the COVID-19 pandemic, the challenges will continue for some people. We want those victims to know we are here to help, suspects to be held accountable, and families to trust in the effort and promise to keep Berkley one of the safest cities in Michigan.

Sincerely,
Detective Lieutenant Andrew Hadfield



INVESTIGATION STATISTICS

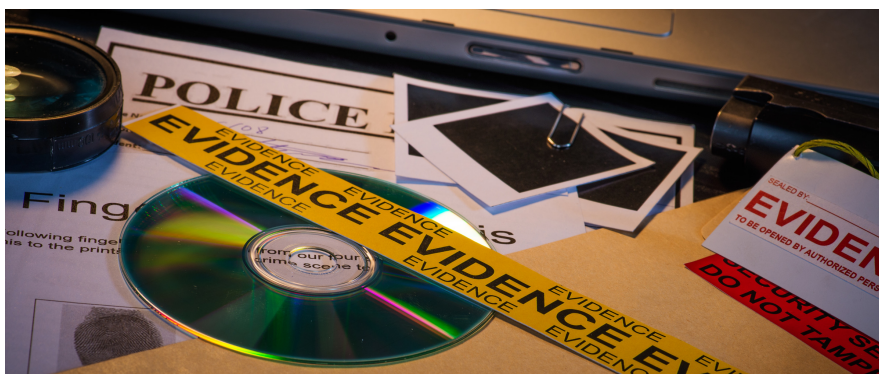
Berkley continues to be one of the safest communities in Metro Detroit. Yet, we still deal with serious felony cases. Berkley Detectives investigate all felony cases within the community.

In 2020, we had two new reports of Criminal Sexual Conduct. We received one Home Invasion and there were four Felonious Assaults. Additionally, Berkley DPS investigated 14 stalking cases, 50 larcenies, 52 ID theft cases, 15 Weapons cases, 15 Narcotics cases, and a few other felony crimes.

We had a total of 198 Type A Crimes as listed by the FBI. A total of 243 Type B Crimes, ranging from Drinking & Driving, (125), Obstruction (51), and other miscellaneous offenses.

The total between all Type A, B, & C Crimes was 5196 incidents. Out of these 70 were Warrants Entered, 1500 Miscellaneous Complaints, 635 Non-Criminal Complaints, 352 Traffic Complaints, 227 Crashes, 55 Juvenile, and 199 Traffic-related Incidents.

More info can be found here on the FBI Website at www.crime-data-explorer.app.cloud.gov/explorer/agency/MI6325100/crime



JUVENILE INVESTIGATION STATISTICS

In 2020, Berkley DPS handled 22 Juvenile cases. The 22 cases are down from the usual 75-100 cases in a typical year. The reduction of Juvenile cases can be contributed to the COVID-19 pandemic which had required schools to close.

Juvenile cases of 2020 include curfew violations, family trouble/domestic violence, indecent exposure, assault and battery, and to resist, obstruct and assault of a Public Safety Officer. Many of the Juvenile cases were mitigated within the Public Safety Department. Others were sent to the Berkley-Huntington Woods Youth Assistance Program and two were sent to the Oakland County Juvenile Prosecutor.

Berkley Juvenile officers are Lt. Andrew Hadfield and Sgt. David Arney. They work tirelessly to focus on correcting behavior among children rather than punishment. They regularly attend student events including, football games, dances, prom, and sometimes graduation parties, if invited. Berkley DPS loves our community and knows kids are the future leaders.

TRAFFIC CRASH STATISTICS

Traffic crashes are unfortunately one of the worst days for some people. An unexpected turn, stop or weather can change a good day to a bad day. In Berkley, we investigate all types of crashes. From minor parking lot bumps to multi-car accidents, as well as the tragic Fatal Accidents and Serious Injury Accidents.

Below are the Traffic crash statistics for 2020 which had a total of 228 accidents reported. Berkley averages over 350 per year. This was slightly down in 2020 with fewer cars driving on the streets due to businesses shutdown.

- Regular Crashes: 170
- Injuries: 14
- Hit / Run: 21
- Private Property: 19
- Fatal: 1
- Pedestrians: 3



SERIOUS INCIDENTS

One of the Detective Bureau highlights from 2020 was the solving of serious cases.

In February, the DB was able to investigate an employee from Durst Lumber who embezzled over \$75,000 from the business. He was charged and pleaded guilty to the incident. Embezzlement cases are some of the most time-consuming, and the toughest challenge is “chasing the paper trail” which involves analyzing the purchases and activity on credit cards, cash, and charges.

Berkley Detectives were also able to investigate and charge a Detroit subject for an unarmed robbery of a citizen in April. Through the investigation, eyewitness accounts, and other evidentiary techniques, we were able to obtain enough for charges and receive a prompt guilty plea.

In September 2020, a subject committed a Breaking & Entering (B&E) of a commercial office. Detectives were able to lift and examine fingerprints from the office and safe. From there, we were able to make a connection to a long-time criminal. Charges were issued and a conviction and sentencing are forthcoming in 2021.

One of the tougher issues is a recent upswing in Flee / Elude drivers running from a police officer in Metro Detroit. Out of the 26 Flee / Elude incidents, Berkley DPS was able to secure charges on several of these cases which otherwise may have continued.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

Part of the Public Safety Department's effort to be transparent is releasing information in regards to our Professional Standards Reviews. These could be from citizen complaints or from our internal review of pursuits, cases, and arrests. We also review Use of Force Incidents **EVERY TIME** an officer has to respond to an individual who is either resisting arrest or legal compliance. Below is a summary of the statistical investigations towards these.

- **NOTE:** We do not release the topics, investigate details or facts of the case in all internal reviews.

NUMBER OF INCIDENTS REVIEWS

- CITIZEN COMPLAINTS - 2 (Several allegations within 1 complaint regarding Use of Force) Patrol Tactics
- PURSUIT REVIEWS— 26
- RESPONSE TO RESISTANCE— 2
- INTERNAL REVIEWS— 5 (3 Pursuits, 1 Crash, 1 Off-Duty Complaint)

All formal reviews have several outcomes. One complaint or one review of an incident could find several offenses or violations within each. For example, there could be one pursuit that involves five or more policies. One citizen complaint could make several allegations or one incident could involve several officers. The outcomes could be the following:

- **Sustained**—A Department order / policy / procedure was in place and was not followed properly.
- **Exonerated**—The actions were reviewed and did occur, but were legal and within policy.
- **Undetermined**—There is not enough evidence to prove or disprove an allegation or violation of policy.
- **Unfounded**—The complaint / action did not occur as reported.

	Sustained	Exonerated	Undetermined	Unfounded
CITIZEN COMPLAINTS	0	2	2	2
PURSUIT REVIEWS	3	16	3	4
RESPONSE TO RESISTANCE	0	2	0	0
INTERNAL REVIEWS (other)	1	0	1	0

BDPS will continue to work on improving our officers through training, meeting the standards set within the agency, and our goal of becoming accredited through the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police (MACP) Program. We strive to hold ourselves to the values of competency, integrity, and work ethic to be able to provide the City of Berkley with superior service.

2020 CRIME STATISTICS

INCIDENT STATISTICS

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Murder/Homicide	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal Sexual Acts	5	1	1	3	3
Robbery	0	2	0	1	1
Assaults	37	29	29	20	20
Burglary	11	12	8	5	1
Larceny	66	78	65	37	42
Auto Theft	3	6	4	0	8
Fraud	25	28	32	28	17
Fraud Bad Checks	13	12	10	8	2
ID Theft*	33	23	32	35	52
Damage Property	33	23	23	43	19
Concealed Weapons	14	9	13	11	15
TOTAL GROUP A	318	294	281	228	198
Liquor Violations	55	51	27	19	15
Obstructing Police	17	17	25	21	21
OWI (All Types)	185	170	236	201	125
TOTAL GROUP B	512	513	491	422	243
Juvenile Complaints	90	88	51	59	55
Traffic Offenses	679	586	559	558	199
Warrants	153	118	155	70	147
Sick / Injury	865	837	836	920	819
Misc. Complaints	2405	2442	2123	1873	1552
Non Criminal Complaints	593	651	1022	1563	634
Misc. Traffic Complaints	590	942	624	505	352
TOTAL GROUP C	6924	7101	6815	6874	4755

*Not all offenses listed. These are only the major categories. **Green indicates Reduction in 2020.

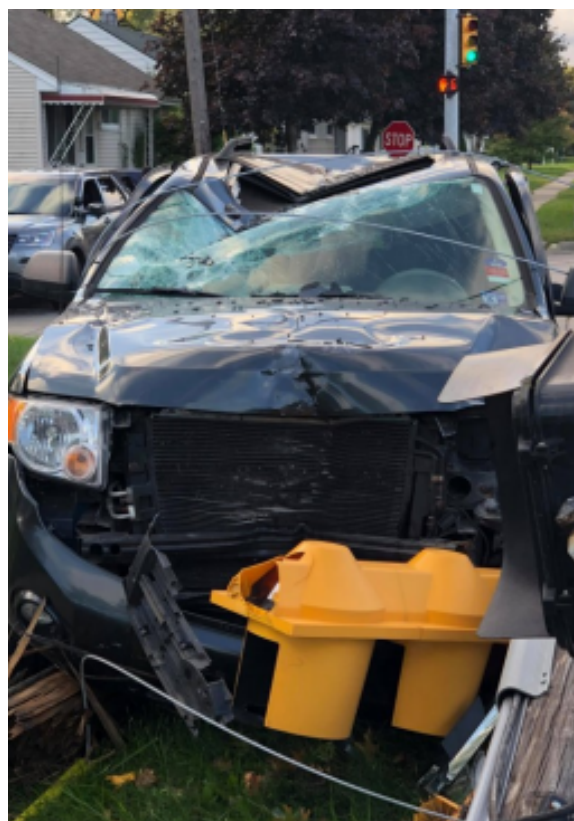
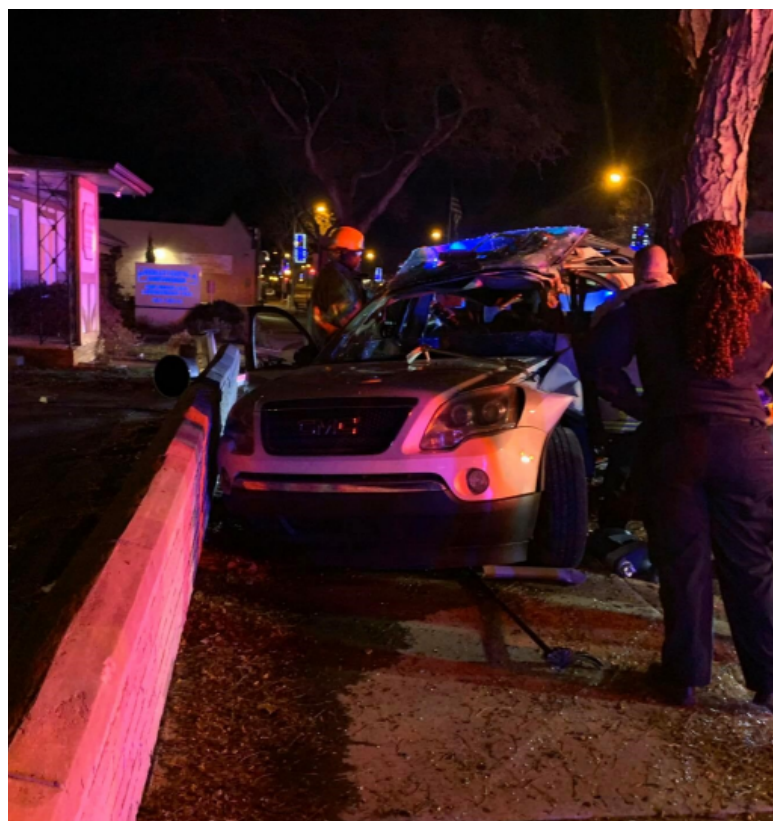
*Some ID thefts are reported for info only, and not investigated—numbers combined from local reports and actual ID theft Investigations.

2020 CRIME STATISTICS

CRASH STATISTICS

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Property Damage Crash	263	283	297	266	170
Crash / Hit & Run	32	27	34	40	19
Injury Crash	19	13	16	18	14
Pedestrian Crash	7	1	1	1	3
Bicycle Crash	1	1	2	1	0
Injury Crash Hit & Run	0	1	2	1	0
Private Property Crash	47	37	24	29	19
Priv. Property Hit & Run	11	7	8	8	2
Fatal	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	399	374	386	366	228

**Not all categories are listed. **Green indicates Reduction in 2020.



COMMUNITY RELATIONS

2020

GOLF OUTING

Berkley Public Safety runs their Golf Outing to help sponsor Lids for Kids, Fire Open House, Berkley Hotrod, Honor Guard Unit, and the newly formed K-9 Division.

However, due to COVID-19 causing major shutdowns of events all around the world, Berkley DPS decided it was also best to postpone the event. In the past, we have been able to raise over \$20,000 to help support our other community events.

For 2021, we have set the date for July 26, 2021, at the Red Run Golf Club in Royal Oak. Be sure to sign up early and bring your best game as you take on some of the Department's finest.

Visit www.berkleypublicsafety.org/golf-outing.



LIDS 4 KIDS & FIRE OPEN HOUSE

As all events in 2020 were being cancelled, the Lids 4 Kids bicycle helmet safety event and Fire Open House were no different. Ultimately, this, in particular, was a perfect time for BDPS to build and complete an addition to the Fire Hall in order to house the New Ladder Truck.

BDPS plans to bring back the Lids 4 Kids and Fire Open House events in 2021! Both are scheduled to be held on September 25, 2021, as a combined event. Kids will be provided bicycle safety tips, fire safety tips, live demonstrations, and so much more.



HONOR GUARD

The BDPS Honor Guard serves the sole purpose to honor and pay tribute to the dedicated men and women who selflessly serve the public safety profession and the City of Berkley.

When called upon, it shall be the duty of the Honor Guard to care for families and lay to rest our brothers and sisters with the highest level of respect and honors. Additional responsibilities include presenting the Nation and State Colors during times of ceremony and sporting events in and around the area. The Honor Guard was created in 2014 and is funded by generous donations made during our fundraising activities.

At the very end of 2019, the Berkley Public Safety Honor Guard had the privilege of presenting the colors at Little Caesars Arena during the Home Town Hero's game played between the Detroit Red Wings and the Winnipeg Jets. 2020 has been trying for everyone, including the Honor Guard Unit. Our normal activities of presenting the colors at the State of the City Banquet, as well as, at the Steven Siller Tunnel to Towers Race have been cancelled due to the COVID -19 Pandemic.

We hope in 2021, we will be able to get back out and honor our fallen heroes and the City that supports us!



AUCTIONS

BDPS frequently holds vehicle auctions with our partner A&M Towing in Royal Oak. These vehicles are usually unclaimed after an accident, failed to be registered, or where someone is under arrest and does not send a representative to retrieve the vehicle. Berkley PSO Greg Betts has been running our Auction program for over 10 years.

In 2020, we only held one public auction which included 20 vehicles. None of the proceeds went to Berkley DPS, as they were used to pay towing / storage fees. From time to time, BDPS does receive funds from sales, but not this year. We also turned over found/stolen property for auction.

In 2020, we were able to receive several thousand in auction funds from the sale of old Department vehicles, jewelry, bicycles, and other property when no owner can be found. These funds are returned to the City within the General Budget. Berkley DPS has been using "Mid Thumb Auctions" for the processing of these items.

AWARDS & CITATIONS

2020

AWARDS & CITATIONS

Below is a list of Public Safety Employees who received awards for actions taken in 2020, as well as, actions that occurred prior to and awarded in 2020.

LIFE-SAVING AWARD

Officers directly responsible for the saving of human life.



- Sgt. Scott Smith
- PSO Robert Kwiecinski
- PSO Michael Bunting
- Dispatcher Mark Kempski
- PSO Marc Robinson
- PSO Justin Childrey
- Lt. Jordan Kobernick
- PSO Jon Roberts
- PSO Greg Betts
- PSO Brian Smith
- PSO Brian Anderson
- PSO Andrew Boring

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

The performance of a public safety service requiring exceptional thoroughness, determination, and initiative in the performance of a difficult task. The service need not involve exposure to physical danger, but because of the exemplary nature of the act, a life is saved, a serious crime is prevented, or a person who has committed a serious crime is apprehended.



- Lt. Andrew Hadfield
- Lt. Jordan Kobernick
- Sgt. Nathan Papke
- PSO Marc Robinson

UNIT CITATION AWARD

Awarded in recognition of outstanding Public Safety services by any departmental unit.



- Lt. Andrew Hadfield (x2)
- PSO Brian Gothard
- PSO Brian Smith
- PSO Dan Schewe
- Sgt. David Arney
- Sgt. Jeff Onesko
- ACO Kevin Palmer
- Sgt. Nathan Papke

CIVILIAN CITATION AWARD

Awarded to a civilian member of the Department for the prevention or solution of a serious crime, the apprehension of a dangerous criminal, or other meritorious action such as lifesaving or assistance to an officer with disregard for the recipient's personal safety.



- Dispatcher Lisa Foreman

BUDGET

2020

2020 BUDGET

The City of Berkley's Fiscal Budget runs from July 1 to June 30.

During 2020, Berkley DPS worked on several capital improvement projects, including the purchase of a new Fire Ladder known as Ladder 4, which was delivered in the Spring, reconstruction of the Dispatch Center, and renovations to the Fire Hall.

The Public Safety budget includes:

- Salary / Benefits for over 40 employees
- Dispatch Renovations (began in fall of 2019) - \$150,000
- Purchase of a new Animal Control Vehicle—\$53,000 (with equipment)
- Two new marked patrol units and one unmarked unit \$138,000 in 2019 and two units for \$83,000 in 2020

The total budget for 2019/20 was \$3.8 million, and \$3.6 million for the 2020/21 budget. The latest budgets are less than the previous 2016, 2017, 2018 budgets which all totaled over \$4.1 million in expenses each year.

The Director and his executive staff work tirelessly to find ways and make do with current facility and equipment while also strategizing for fiscally smarter upgrades, repairs, and replacements as needed. Several months are spent working on a two-year budget along with the Department's CERP and CIP five-year plans to make sure the City is ready for the future.

Berkley DPS is looking forward to 2021 where we will implement the new K-9 Officer program, make lobby entrance repairs to be ADA compliant, and fully staffing our Dispatcher Center with two new hires in the coming months.

This information and more on the budget can be found at www.berkleymich.org/finance.

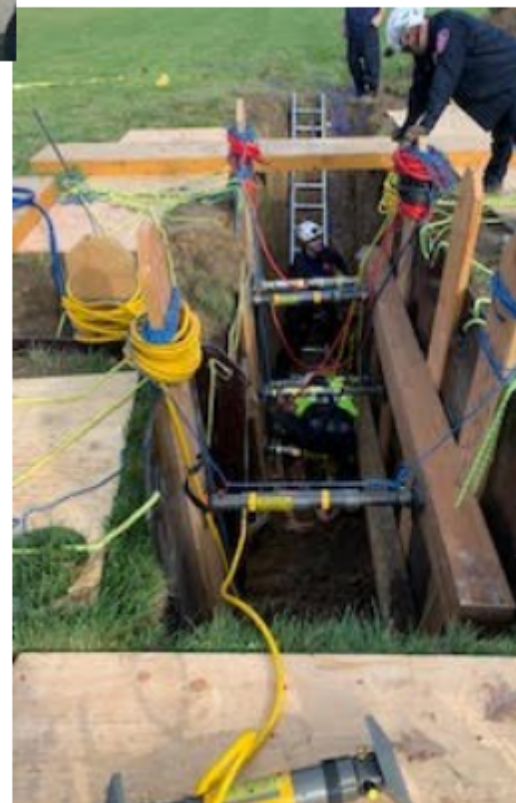


PHOTOS

2020







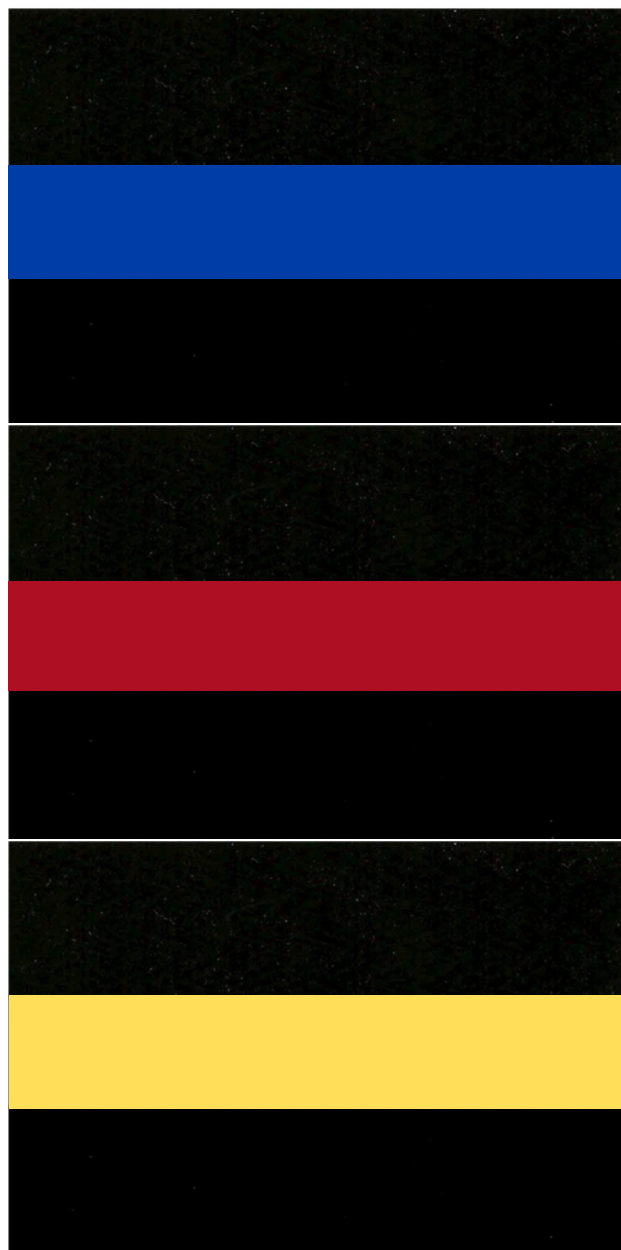


TO SERVE AND PROTECT

The Thin Blue Line represents Law Enforcement professionals for their courage and sacrifice in protecting the American people.

The Thin Red Line represents Fire Service professionals for their courage and sacrifice in protecting the American people.

The Thin Gold Line honors the Dispatch and Public Safety Telecommunicator professionals for their service to the American people.



CLOSING

The Berkley Public Safety Department would like to thank the numerous officers and staff who have helped create and assemble the 2020 Annual Report. We thank the staff and administration at City Hall, Public Works, the Library, and Parks and Recreation for working together with us for the Berkley community.

We would also like to thank the City Council for their continued support of Public Safety. Most importantly, we would like to thank the businesses and residents of Berkley for their appreciation and partnership as their Public Safety Department.

It is our honor to be here when you need us.

Sincerely,

Director Matt Koehn
Executive Staff Lt. Hadfield, Lt. Miller & Lt. Kobernick
All Berkley Public Safety Officers and Civilians

