



*Public Safety Day - October 2021  
Sgt. Mark Lindner and Future Public Safety Director*



# 2021 PUBLIC SAFETY ANNUAL REPORT

Mark Herald, Director of Public Safety  
Captain Ric Buikema, Captain



## ACCOMPLISHMENTS



*Stacie Marsman (Riding for Ryan) and Officer Collin Wallace*

- Reinstated the “Bike Patrol Program” by hiring four cadets (Zack Frank, Christopher Jackson, Aidan Judge, and Lejla Kovacevic) in May.
- On June 16, 17, and 18, Det. Sgt. Kolster and Ofc. Troy Brown trained all department personnel, including the bike patrol, on “Realistic De-escalation.” The initial training session was for two hours and was well received by Department members.
- Completely transitioned to the 800 MHz radio system for police and fire operations in June. Each officer has been issued a new personal handheld radio and our entire police and fire fleets are now outfitted with 800 MHz mobile radios.
- Held the 7th Annual “Public Safety Day” in late October and introduced "Riding for Ryan."



## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- On August 6, successfully extricated a resident trapped “between his car and building materials” in his garage. He was trying to move cement boards (an estimated ton, 2000 lbs.) to work on his residence. All B Shift personnel – SSgt. Eric Smith, Sgt. Mark Lindner, PSO Kelly Kreiner, PSO Zach Nagtzaam, and PSO Nathan Finch – and Det. Sgt. Scott Kolster and Chief Herald immediately responded to the scene. B Shift personnel quickly assessed the scene and determined an appropriate course of action. After initially using saws to cut through key pinch points, all personnel began lifting the cement boards from the victim’s legs. Several minutes later, the victim was successfully extricated, positioned on a gurney, taken to the staged AMR ambulance, and transported to Butterworth Emergency. His legs were severely injured. B Shifts performance in this critical incident was outstanding.
- On July 19, 20, & 21, SSgt. Eric Smith & Sgt. Mark Lindner instructed all sworn personnel (A, B, & C shifts) on Field Force tactics, formations, and crowd management techniques. Each officer received 4 hours of hands-on training. Several officers from the GRCC Police Department also attended the training.

# 2021 Report



# Calls for Service



Month:	Year					% Change 20 to 21
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
January	466	414	386	399	279	-30
February	415	398	426	341	221	-35
March	403	471	414	294	245	-16
April	393	450	497	236	233	-1
May	468	539	668	243	294	21
June	535	540	565	295	357	21
July	538	514	560	300	317	5
August	468	477	584	289	329	14
September	480	426	597	325	300	-8
October	433	454	587	325	285	-12
November	433	417	413	265	252	-5
December	<u>409</u>	<u>354</u>	<u>348</u>	<u>236</u>	<u>227</u>	-4
Total Calls for Service:	<b>5401</b>	<b>5454</b>	<b>5683</b>	<b>3573</b>	<b>3339</b>	-7

# Part I - Violent Crime



<u>Crime</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Aggravated Assault	1	2	100%
Forcible Rape	5	9	80%
Murder/Manslaughter	0	0	0%
Robbery	1	0	-100%
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<b>TOTAL VIOLENT CRIME:</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>57%</b>

## Comments:

For the past five years, East Grand Rapids has averaged 8.2 violent crimes per year. There are no significant trends in this area. In general, violent crime is a rare occurrence in East Grand Rapids.

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## Comments:

- In 4 of the 9 (44%) complaints that were investigated and reviewed by the prosecutor, a warrant was denied. In 2 of the 9 (22%) cases, the complainants did not want to pursue charges or continue with an investigation. In one of the cases, the incident occurred several years ago. The victim and perpetrator live out of state and the victim's family was going to handle the incident through counseling. One case led to charges and the final case, there are no suspects and no investigative leads to move forward on.
- There are no CSC patterns that present a danger to the overall community.

# Part I - Property Crime



<u>Crime</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Arson	0	0	0
Breaking/Entering	17	13	-23%
Larceny	102	157	54%
Motor Vehicle Theft	16	13	33%
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<b>TOTAL PROP. CRIME:</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>36%</b>

## Comments:

Burglaries and larcenies can be significantly reduced if residents remember to always lock their doors and windows and secure all valuables inside their houses or garages. Larcenies of property from automobiles can be reduced if residents remove all valuables from their vehicles, secure windows, and doors, even if their automobile is parked in their driveway; **and take their keys out of the vehicle.**



# Property Crime Comparisons



2020

CITY                      TOTAL  
PROPERTY CRIME

Grand Rapids	6043
Kentwood	1194
Wyoming	2057
Grandville	269
Walker	361
East Grand Rapids	135



# City Staffing Comparison



<u>CITY</u>	<u>TOTAL OFFICERS</u>
Grand Rapids	297
Wyoming	83
Kentwood	70
Walker	38
<b>East Grand Rapids</b>	<b>28</b>
Grandville	26



## Comments:

Public safety allows us to provide nearly twice the police and fire coverage because of consolidation.

# Criminal Investigations



Clearance Status of Assigned Cases:	Year					% Change 20 to 21
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
Open	9	0	0	8	6	-25
Unfounded	0	0	6	1	2	100
Closed	124	92	132	152	153	1
Otherwise (i.e., victim failed to cooperate)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inactive	5	0	0	0	0	0
Arrest	26	35	25	12	18	50
TOT Other Agency	3	5	5	2	1	-100
Warrant Issued	9	2	10	1	0	-100
Cleared by Citation	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	-100
<b>Total Assigned Cases:</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>1.7</b>

## Comments:

The detective sergeant receives initial reports taken by uniformed patrol officers that require follow-up or further investigation.

# Traffic Crashes



## Comments:

Total traffic crashes increased by 16% (135 to 156) from 2020 to 2021. Property damage crashes was the only crash category recording an increase (53% from 77 to 118). This is the second lowest number of total crashes in the last five years.

# Fire & Medical Services Report



<u>Fire Service Activity</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Fire Runs (Dwellings/ Buildings/Veh./Other):	5	6	20%
Other Fire Service Runs:	168	188	12%
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Total Fire Activity:	253	234	-8%
Total Medical Activity:	248	262	6%

## Comments:

Fully involved structure fires are rare occurrences in East Grand Rapids. Fire related activity remains low; however, the high-risk nature of an event requires continuous training. Officers are trained medical first responders and handle all medical emergencies with the highest degree of professionalism.



Questions?