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Department of Public Safety

Weekly Public Safety Activity Summary
November 11th – 17th, 2012

Crime Map for the week of Nov. 11th – 17th, 2012



COMMUNITY EVENTS – INFORMATION

Crime Prevention Tips:

Vacation Property Checks: Family travel plans are being made for the holidays. Don't forget to complete a property check. Your completed form can be faxed to 734-944-0744, mailed, or dropped off at the main police station at 6227 West Michigan Avenue. Click on the image for the link to the form:



Lookout For Cyber Monday Deals—And Scams.

Turkey, pumpkin pie, and football aren't the only things that are part of many American's Thanksgiving traditions. Steals, deals, and bargain prices are also becoming a part of the holiday season—and more and more people are going online to find them.

Cyber Monday, one of the biggest shopping days of the year for consumers and retailers, also provides a golden opportunity for scammers and spammers looking to take advantage of the higher than normal amount of people shopping online. On Cyber Monday, hackers use tactics like preying on popular keyword searches, such as "jewelry" or "flat screen TV," to lure unsuspecting shoppers to malicious websites.

The Department of Homeland Security's, **Stop Think Connect** campaign offers the following tips to help safeguard your personal information and transactions on Cyber Monday and throughout the holiday season:

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- **Keep your computer, browser, anti-virus and other critical software up to date.** Security updates and patches are available free from major companies.
- **Pay attention to website URLs.** Malicious websites may look identical to a legitimate site, but the URL may use a variation in spelling or a different domain (e.g., .com vs. .net). Also look in the address box for the "s" in https:// before any transaction. That "s" tell you that the site is taking extra measures to help secure your information.
- **Beware of deals that sound too good to be true.** Use caution when opening email attachments and do not follow unsolicited web links in email messages. Pay special attention to extremely low prices on hard-to-get items.
- **Check privacy policies.** Before providing personal or financial information, check the website's privacy policy to ensure your safety.
- **Use a credit card.** There are laws to limit your liability for fraudulent credit card charges, and you may not have the same level of protection when using your debit card.
- **Keep a record of your order.** Retain all documentation from the order in the event your purchase does not ship or if there are unauthorized charges on your bill.
- **Check your statements.** Keep a record of your purchases and copies of confirmation pages, and compare them to your bank statements. If there is a discrepancy, report it immediately.

For more information on online shopping, click on the image below.



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Turkey Fryers:

NFPA discourages the use of outdoor gas-fueled turkey fryers that immerse the turkey in hot oil. These turkey fryers use a substantial quantity of cooking oil at high temperatures, and units currently available for home use pose a significant danger that hot oil will be released at some point during the cooking process. For more turkey fryer safety tips click on the image below.



WEEKLY FIRE REPORT

Total Call for Service – Year To Date: 2,316

WEEKLY CRIME SUMMARY

Total Calls for Service for the week: **274**
Total Calls for Service year to date: **12,895**

Significant Police Events:

Type of Incident: **UPDATE Attempt Sexual Assault/Unarmed Robbery**

Complaint: #12-12011

UPDATE: On Wednesday, November 14, 2012 a male subject approached police and identified himself as the person in the local party store surveillance photos wanted for questioning in this incident. The male subject was consequently taken into custody and lodged pending arraignment.

Information: On October 25th 2012, at 9:30pm the Pittsfield Police responded to the 4900 Block of Clark Road for a report of a female who reported being attacked by an unknown male suspect. The 53 year old victim reported that she had left a local party store and was walking through the parking lot of a nearby office park when she was grabbed from behind by the suspect. The suspect struggled with the victim and attempted to sexually assault her. A witness interrupted the attack and the suspect then fled on foot, taking some items the victim had purchased at the party store with him. The witness followed the suspect to a nearby apartment complex before losing sight of him. Officers were unable to locate the suspect after searching the area. The victim was transported to a local hospital with non-life threatening injuries. Anyone who may have witnessed the attack is asked to contact Pittsfield Police at (734) 822-4911.

Injuries: Non-life threatening injuries to the victim.

Suspect: Described as a black male, 5'8", weighing approximately 150 lbs., late 20's to early 30's in age, wearing a plain white tee shirt and dark pants.

Further Investigation: To be conducted by the Pittsfield Police Department

Type of Incident: Larceny from Motor Vehicle Arrest

Complaint: #12-12857

Information: On November 17th 2012, at 5:55am the Pittsfield Police responded to the 3600 Block of Hillside for a report of a larceny from a motor vehicle in progress. A homeowner located a suspect inside his vehicle in the driveway of his home. The homeowner confronted the suspect and chased him on foot for a short distance before subduing him. Police arrived and took the suspect into custody. It was determined the suspect entered the vehicle through an unlocked door. The suspect did not obtain any property from the vehicle. The suspect was lodged at the Washtenaw County Jail on Attempted Larceny From A Motor Vehicle charges.

Arrested: 44 year old male resident of Ann Arbor.

Further Investigation: To be conducted by the Pittsfield Twp. Police Detective Bureau.

The above named incidents remain under investigation. Anyone who witnessed either of these incidents is asked to contact the Pittsfield Township Department of Public Safety at 734-822-4911, or the confidential tip line at 734- 822-4958.