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Weekly Public Safety Activity Summary August 2nd – 8th, 2015

Crime Map for the Week August 2nd – 8th, 2015
(Click the image below for details)



COMMUNITY EVENTS – INFORMATION

8/6/15- "IRS Warns Taxpayers to Guard Against New Tricks by Scam Artists; Losses Top \$20 Million"

WASHINGTON , Following, the emergence of new variations of widespread tax scams, the Internal Revenue Service today issued another warning to taxpayers to remain on high alert and protect themselves against the ever-evolving array of deceitful tactics scammers use to trick people.

These schemes which can occur over the phone, in e-mails or through letters with authentic looking letterhead try to trick taxpayers into providing personal financial information or scare people into making a false tax payment that ends up with the criminal.

The Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) has received reports of roughly 600,000 contacts since October 2013. TIGTA is also aware of nearly 4,000 victims who have collectively reported

Below are five things scammers often do that the real IRS would never do.

The IRS will never:

- Angrily demand immediate payment over the phone, nor will the agency call about taxes owed without first having mailed you a bill.
- Threaten to bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.
- Demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.
- Require you to use a specific payment method for your taxes, such as a prepaid debit card.
- Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.

Here's what you should do if you think you're the target of an IRS impersonation scam:

-If you actually do owe taxes, call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040. IRS workers can help you with a payment issue.

-If you know you don't owe taxes or do not immediately believe that you do, you can report the incident to the [Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration \(TIGTA\)](#) at 1-800-366-4484.
-If you've been targeted by any scam, be sure to contact the Federal Trade Commission and use their "[FTC Complaint Assistant](#)" at [FTC.gov](#). Please add "IRS Telephone Scam" to the comments of your complaint.

For more information on reporting tax scams, click on the image for the article and go to the [IRS.gov](#) website and type "scam" in the search box.



WEEKLY FIRE REPORT

Total Calls for Service Year to Date: 1,669

Fire Incident: Wires Down
Complaint #15-1624

On August 2, 2015, at 11:18 p.m., Pittsfield Township fire personnel responded to Carpenter Rd. and Center Valley Dr. for wires down.

Fire Incident: Wires Down
Complaint #15-1625

On August 2, 2015, at 11:28 p.m., Pittsfield Township fire personnel responded to Carpenter Rd. and Packard Rd. for wires down.

Fire Incident: Structure Fire
Complaint # 15-1635

On August 3, 2015, at 7:46 p.m. Pittsfield Township fire personnel responded to the 6600 block of Crane Rd. to put out a fire in the basement of a home.

Fire Incident: Vehicle Fire
Complaint # 15-1645

On August 5, 2015, at 2:59 p.m., Pittsfield Township fire personnel responded to I-94 and Michigan Ave. to put out a vehicle fire.

Fire Incident: Wires Down
Complaint # 15-1648

On August 6, 2015, at 1:49 p.m., Pittsfield Township fire personnel responded to Campbell Rd. and Textile Rd. for wires down.

Fire Incident: Fire Outdoors
Complaint # 15-1663

On August 3, 2015, Pittsfield Township fire personnel responded to the 2400 block of Twin Lakes Dr. for a report of two small fires that were intentionally set by three juveniles. The incident remains under investigation.

WEEKLY CRIME SUMMARY

Significant Police Events:

Total Calls for Service for the Week: 298

Total Calls for Service Year to Date: 8,726

Police Incident: Breaking and Entering
Complaint # 15-8444

On August 2, 2015, Pittsfield Township Police responded to the 3900 block of Ranchero Dr. for a report of Breaking and Entering. A window was smashed and laptops, printers, and web cams were reported stolen.

Police Incident: Home Invasion
Complaint # 15-8515

On August 3, 2015, at 1:04 a.m., Pittsfield Township Police responded to the 3400 block of Carpenter Rd. for a reported Home Invasion. Pry marks were discovered on the front door gaining access to the home where cash was stolen.

Police Incident: Breaking and Entering
Complaint # 15-8530

On August 4, 2015, at 5:45 a.m., Pittsfield Township Police responded to the 3600 block of Carpenter Rd. for a reported Breaking and Entering of a business vehicle and work yard. Someone stole tools, a Bluetooth device, work shoes and clothing.

Police Incident: Stolen Vehicle
Complaint # 15-8675

On August 8, 2015, at 12:30 p.m., Pittsfield Township Police responded to the 6500 block of E. Michigan Ave. for a reported stolen 2000 Mazda vehicle by an acquaintance.

The above named incidents remain under investigation. If anyone has any information about or has been a witness to any of these crimes, please contact the Pittsfield Township Department of Public Safety at 734-822-4911 or the confidential tip line at 734-822-4959. Residents are encouraged to sign up for Pittsfield Township alerts and department notices through "[Notify Me](#)". Please go to www.pittsfield-mi.gov to sign up.