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Weekly Public Safety Activity Summary  
**February 14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, '16**

**Crime Map for the Week February 14<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>, '16**  
*(Click the image below for details)*



### **IRS: Report Phishing –Online and Telephone Scams**

The IRS doesn't *initiate* contact with taxpayers by email, text messages or social media channels to request personal or financial information. This includes requests for PIN numbers, passwords or similar access information for credit cards, banks or other financial accounts.

#### **What is phishing?**

Phishing is a scam typically carried out through unsolicited email and/or websites that pose as legitimate sites and lure unsuspecting victims to provide personal and financial information.

Report all unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS or an IRS-related function to [phishing@irs.gov](mailto:phishing@irs.gov). Recent scams have used the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System ([EFTPS](#)) to attract potential victims. Also, if you've experienced any monetary losses due to an IRS-related incident, please report it to the [Treasury Inspector General Administration \(TIGTA\)](#) and file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) through their [Complaint Assistant](#) to make the information available to investigators.

**NOTE:** Please refer to [Contact the IRS](#) if you have a tax question not related to phishing or identity theft.

#### **What to do if you receive a suspicious IRS-related communication**

**You receive an email claiming to be from the IRS that contains a request for personal information, taxes associated with a large investment, inheritance or lottery:**

- Don't reply.
- Don't open any attachments. They can contain malicious code that may infect your computer or mobile phone.
- Don't click on any links. Visit our [identity protection](#) page if you clicked on links in a suspicious email or website and entered confidential information.
- [Forward](#) the email as-is to us at [phishing@irs.gov](mailto:phishing@irs.gov). Don't forward scanned images because this removes valuable information.
- Delete the original email.

If you receive a phone call from someone claiming to be from the IRS but you suspect they are not an IRS employee:

- Record the employee's name, badge number, call back number and caller ID if available.
- Call **1-800-366-4484** to determine if the caller is an IRS employee with a legitimate need to contact you.
- If the person calling you is an IRS employee, call them back.
- If not, report the incident to the IRS at [phishing@irs.gov](mailto:phishing@irs.gov) (Subject: 'IRS Phone Scam')

[Residents can also file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission. Click the image below.](#)



### **Fire Prevention Tip:**

### **CARBON MONOXIDE SAFETY TIPS**

Often called the invisible killer, **carbon monoxide** is an odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide.

**CO** alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home and in other locations where required by applicable laws, codes or standards. For the best protection, interconnect all **CO** alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement and mounting height.

Choose a **CO** alarm that has the label of a recognized testing laboratory. Call your local fire department's non-emergency number to find out what number to call if the **CO** alarm sounds.

Test **CO** alarms at least once a month; replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions. If the audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries. If the battery is low, replace it. If it still sounds, call the fire department.

If the **CO** alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for. Call for help from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel.

If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not run a vehicle or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open. Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not covered with snow.

During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear of snow build-up.

**A generator should be used in a well-ventilated location outdoors away from windows, doors and vent openings. Gas or charcoal grills can produce CO — only use outside.**

## Weekly Fire Report

**Total Calls for Service 2016: 355**

**Fire Incident: Fatal Injury Crash  
Complaint #16-317**

On February 16, 2016, at 11:07 p.m., Pittsfield Township fire personnel responded to US 23 and Washtenaw Ave. for pedestrian that was hit by a vehicle.

**Fire Incident: Wires Down  
Complaint #16-331**

On February 18, 2016, at 11:31 a.m., Pittsfield Township fire personnel responded to Textile Rd. and Carpenter Rd. for wires down.

**Fire Incident: Mutual Aid  
Complaint #16-345**

On February 20, 2016, at 2:26 a.m., Pittsfield Township fire personnel responded to the 4300 block of Goss Rd. to provide station coverage for Ann Arbor Township Fire Department.

## WEEKLY CRIME SUMMARY

**Significant Police Events:**

**Total Calls for Service for the Week: 315**

**Total Calls for Service 2016: 2,097**

**Police Incident: Breaking and Entering – Forced Entry  
Complaint #16-1913**

On February 17, 2016, at 7:50 a.m., Pittsfield Township Police responded to the 4000 block of Carpenter Rd. for a reported Breaking and Entering of a business. The front door had been smashed and cash stolen from the business.

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](http://www.pittsfield-mi.gov) to sign up.