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Weekly Public Safety Activity Summary March 13th - 19th, '16

Crime Map for the Week March 13th - 19th, '16
(Click the image below for details)



Michigan Attorney General- Tax Identity Theft prevention tips

Tax-Related Identity Theft

The increased popularity of electronic filing of tax returns has made it easier for tax identity theft to thrive. Tax identity theft is now a popular and relatively easy way for tax scammers to steal money. As one former tax thief told *60 Minutes*: "I could wake up in the comfort of my own home, and just get on a laptop, do about 15 returns a day. Fifteen times \$3,000 a return, that's \$45,000 a day." In 2013, crooks took \$5.3 billion from the US Treasury through tax ID fraud.

Tax-related identity theft occurs when someone uses your Social Security number to file a tax return claiming a fraudulent refund. Because many taxpayers have more withheld from their paychecks than they owe, they will need to file claims for refunds from the IRS. Taxpayers can file tax returns and claim a refund as soon as employers issue W-2 forms to employees that show the income earned and the amount of taxes withheld.

For more details on what to do if you are a victim of Tax-Related Identity Theft click the image below.



FBI Consumer Alert: MOTOR VEHICLES INCREASINGLY VULNERABLE TO REMOTE EXPLOITS

March 17, 2016, Vehicle hacking occurs when someone with a computer seeks to gain unauthorized access to vehicle systems for the purposes of retrieving driver data or manipulating vehicle functionality. While not all hacking incidents may result in a risk to safety – such as an attacker taking control of a vehicle – it is important that consumers take appropriate steps to minimize risk.

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Therefore, the FBI and NHTSA are warning the general public and manufacturers of vehicles, vehicle components, and aftermarket devices – to maintain awareness of potential issues and cybersecurity threats related to connected vehicle technologies in modern vehicles.

For more details on recommendations by the FBI and NHTSA click the image below.



WEEKLY FIRE SUMMARY

Total Calls for Service 2016: 571

Fire Incident: Wires Down
Fire Report #2016-542

On March 14, 2016, at 9:10 a.m., Pittsfield Township fire personnel responded to the 6000 block of Carpenter Rd. for wires down.

Fire Incident: Vehicle Fire
Fire Report #2016-545

On March 14, 2016, at 2:42 p.m., Pittsfield Township fire personnel responded to the 5100 block of Carpenter Rd. to put out a vehicle fire.

Fire Incident: Grass Fire
Fire Report #2016-557

On March 16, 2016, at 4:43 p.m., Pittsfield Township fire personnel responded to the 6000 block of Carpenter Rd. to put out a grass fire.

WEEKLY CRIME SUMMARY

Significant Police Events:

Total Calls for Service for the Week: 271
Total Calls for Service 2016: 3,253

Police Incident: Breaking and Entering
Complaint #16-3215

On March 19, 2016, at 3:52 a.m., Pittsfield Township Police responded to a burglary alarm at a business and discovered that the back doors glass window had been broken out. A Hypertherm Powermax 65 welding unit was stolen.

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.