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**Department of Public Safety**

**Weekly Public Safety Activity Summary**  
**May 25<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014**  
**Crime Map for the Week of May 25<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014**



**COMMUNITY EVENTS – INFORMATION**

**Michigan Fireworks Safety Act:**

Effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012, the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act allows the sale and use of fireworks to consumers. Some examples are roman candles, bottle rockets and other fireworks that leave the ground. For more information a list of Frequently Asked Questions regarding the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act has been released from the State of Michigan, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and posted on the D.P.S. "Education" page of the website ([www.pittsfield-mi.gov](http://www.pittsfield-mi.gov))

**Reminder: Fireworks are prohibited in all township parks and parking lots.**

**Michigan Fireworks Safety Act of 2012 amended:**

On June 12<sup>th</sup> 2013, the Michigan legislature amended the 2012 Fireworks Safety Act. The proposal would allow any city, township or village to enact an ordinance banning overnight "ignition, discharge or use" of consumer fireworks on the day before or after a national holiday. Local units of government already have the ability to limit usage on other days of the year. Smaller communities (townships and villages) will be able to prohibit use from 1 a.m. and 8 a.m. around all national holidays. A maximum civil fine of \$500 could be imposed on violators.

**Pittsfield Township local ordinance based on the 2013 amendment signed into law.**

**Code of Ordinances:**

**Chapter 14 – Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article VII "Fire Works".**

## ARTICLE VII. FIREWORKS

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Sec. 14-205. Title.

Sec. 14-206. Definitions.

Sec. 14-207. Ignition, discharge and use of consumer fireworks.

Sec. 14-208. Possession of consumer fireworks by minor.

Sec. 14-209. Determination of violation; seizure.

Sec. 14-210. Penalty.

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### **Sec. 14-205. Title.**

This article shall hereafter be known and may be cited as the township "Fireworks Ordinance".

*(Ord. No. 306, eff. 9-27-2013)*

### **Sec. 14-206. Definitions.**

As used in this section, the following definitions shall apply:

*APA standard 87-1* means 2001 APA standard 87-1, standard for construction and approval for transportation of fireworks, novelties, and theatrical pyrotechnics, published by the American Pyrotechnics Association of Bethesda, Maryland.

*Consumer fireworks* means fireworks devices that are designed to produce visible effects by combustion, that are required to comply with the construction, chemical composition, and labeling regulations promulgated by the United States consumer product safety commission under 16 CFR parts 1500 and 1507, and that are listed in APA standard 87-1, 3.1.2, 3.1.3, or 3.5. Consumer fireworks does not include low-impact fireworks.

*Fireworks* means any composition or device, except for a starting pistol, a flare gun, or a flare, designed for the purpose of producing a visible or audible effect by combustion, deflagration, or detonation.

*Low-impact fireworks* means ground and handheld sparkling devices as that phrase is defined under APA standard 87-1, 3.1, 3.1.1.1 to 3.1.1.8, and 3.5.

*Minor* means an individual who is less than 18 years of age.

*National holiday* means the following legal public holidays:

- (1) New Year's Day;
- (2) Martin Luther King, Jr. Day;
- (3) Presidents' Day;

- (4) Memorial Day;
- (5) Independence Day;
- (6) Labor Day;
- (7) Columbus Day;
- (8) Veteran's Day;
- (9) Thanksgiving Day;
- (10) Christmas Day.

*(Ord. No. 306, eff. 9-27-2013)*

#### **Sec. 14-207. Ignition, discharge and use of consumer fireworks.**

A person shall not ignite, discharge or use consumer fireworks, except on the day preceding, the day of, or the day after a national holiday. On days during which the use of consumer fireworks is permitted, a person shall not ignite, discharge or use consumer fireworks between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.

*(Ord. No. 306, eff. 9-27-2013)*

#### **Sec. 14-208. Possession of consumer fireworks by minor.**

A minor shall not possess consumer fireworks.

*(Ord. No. 306, eff. 9-27-2013)*

#### **Sec. 14-209. Determination of violation; seizure.**

If a police officer determines that a violation of this article has occurred, the officer may seize the consumer fireworks as evidence of the violation.

*(Ord. No. 306, eff. 9-27-2013)*

#### **Sec. 14-210. Penalty.**

- (a) A violation of this article is a civil infraction, punishable by a fine up to \$500.00, plus the costs of prosecution.
- (b) Following final disposition of a finding of responsibility for violating this section, the township may dispose of or destroy any consumer fireworks retained as evidence in that prosecution.
- (c) In addition to any other penalty, a person that is found responsible for a violation of this section shall be required to reimburse

*(Ord. No. 306, eff. 9-27-2013)*

#### **Secs. 14-211—14-213. Reserved.**

**Feel free to contact Fire Marshal William Moffett at 734 822-4964 for information on fireworks, guidelines on commercial use, and general fireworks safety concerns. For violations of the Pittsfield Township ordinance please call the Police at 734 822-4911 or 9-1-1.**



### **Coffee W/ 1<sup>st</sup> Responders:**

On Saturday, June 21, 2014, from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m., Brewed Awakenings Café, 7250 E. Michigan Ave, Saline, MI. Pittsfield Township Department of Public-Safety personnel will be hosting a meet-and-greet safety tip's event for the community. There will be information on identity theft and fraud, current scams, emergency preparedness, fire prevention, substance abuse trends, and displays. We'll also have information about the new Pittsfield Township websites "**Notify me**" system for township alerts and notices. Please come out and join us for coffee.

### **WEEKLY FIRE REPORT**

**Total Calls for Service, Year to Date: 1,208**

### **N.F.P.A. Fire Works Safety Tips:**

The [Alliance to Stop Consumer Fireworks](#) is a group of health and safety organizations, coordinated by NFPA, that urges the public to avoid the use of consumer fireworks and instead, to enjoy displays of fireworks conducted by trained professionals. Click on the image below to see a fireworks safety video and safety tips.



**Fire Incident: Mutual Aid**

Complaint # 14-1241

On May 26, 2014, at 9:17a.m., Pittsfield Township Fire personnel provided mutual aid to the Ypsilanti Township Fire Department to put out a house fire in the 7400 block of Dover Dr.

**Fire Incident: Mutual Aid**

Complaint # 14- 1215

On May 26, 2014, at 1:55 p.m., Pittsfield Township Fire personnel provided mutual aid to the Ypsilanti Township Fire department to put out a house fire in the 1400 block of Gattengno St.

**WEEKLY CRIME SUMMARY**

**Significant Police Events:**

Total Calls for Service for the week: **342**

Total Calls for Service Year to Date: **6,728**

**Type of Incident: Breaking and Entering**

Complaint # 14- 6498

On May 27, 2014, at 9:47 a.m., Pittsfield Township Police responded to the 2000 block of Hogback Rd. for a report of two offices that had been broken into. Nothing was reported missing.

**Type of Incident: Strong Arm Robbery**

Complaint #14- 6559

On May 28, 2014, at 12:20 p.m., Pittsfield Township Police responded to the 2000 block of Glencoe Hills Dr. for a report of two black males who stole an iPhone after requesting to use it. One of the suspects punched the victim in the face. The incident was reported two days later.

**Type of Incident: Breaking and Entering**

Complaint #14-6585

On May 28, 2014, at 9:30 p.m. Pittsfield Township Police responded to the 3900 block of Platt Rd. for a report of someone cutting the lock off of a utility trailer. Nothing was stolen.

**Type of Incident: Strong Arm Robbery**

Complaint #14- 6727

On May 31, 2014, at 9:37 p.m., Pittsfield Township Police responded to corner of Randolph Ct. and Packard Ave. for a report of an assault that occurred and an attempt to take the victims property. A suspect has been identified and the case is actively being investigated.

**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- 822-4958.**