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Weekly Public Safety Activity Summary
June 15th – June 21st, 2014
Crime Map for the Week of June 15th – 23rd, 2014



COMMUNITY EVENTS – INFORMATION

Michigan Fireworks Safety Act:

Effective January 1st, 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)

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

Michigan Fireworks Safety Act of 2012 amended:

On June 12th 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". See the last two pages of the report for details.

WEEKLY FIRE REPORT

Total Calls for Service, Year to Date: 1,400

Fire Incident: Dumpster Fire

Complaint # 14-1355

On June 16, 2014, at 2:21 a.m., Pittsfield Township fire personnel responded to the 2200 block of Glencoe Hills Dr. to put out a dumpster fire.

Fire Incident: Vehicle Fire

Complaint # 14-1375

On June 18, 2014, at 10:19 a.m., Pittsfield Township fire personnel responded to SB, US-23 and EB, I-94 to put out a vehicle fire.

WEEKLY CRIME SUMMARY

Significant Police Event:

Total Calls for Service for the Week: 345

Total Calls for Service Year to Date: 7,743

Type of Incident: Aggravated Felonious Assault

Complaint # 14-7490

On June 16, 2014, at 8:43 p.m., Pittsfield Township Police responded to the 4600 block of Hunt Club Dr. for a report of an assault that had occurred. A suspect was taken into custody for pointing an air soft pistol at his ex-girlfriend's boyfriend.

Type of Incident: Assault Less than Murder

Complaint # 14-7495

On June 16, 2014, at 10:43 p.m., Pittsfield Township Police responded to the 2300 block of Twin Lake Dr. for an assault that had taken place. The suspect called 9-1-1 after assaulting his roommate while sleeping. One person was hospitalized and one taken into custody and lodged at the Washtenaw County Jail.

Type of Incident: Death Investigation

Complaint # 14-7582

Information: On Wednesday, June 18, 2014, at approximately 9:13 P.M., the Pittsfield Township Department of Public Safety received a report of a deceased male subject lying on the grass near the north end of Montibeller Park in the 4300 block of Ellsworth Rd. A gentleman walking his dogs observed the subject and immediately notified the police that responded to the scene. The detective bureau was called out along with an investigator from the medical examiner's office to conduct further investigation. Preliminary investigation does not reveal any signs of foul play. The deceased has been identified as Dustin Michael Flodin, a 32-year-old male and resident of Saline.

June 19, 2014, Update on the cause of death: Washtenaw County Medical Examiner's office confirmed Dustin Flodin was killed by electrocution by lightning strike.

Chapter 14 – Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article VII “Fire Works”.

ARTICLE VII. FIREWORKS

Sec. 14-205. Title.

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

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.

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.

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

A minor shall not possess consumer fireworks.

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.

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

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.