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Weekly Public Safety Activity Summary June 21st - 27th, 2015

Crime Map for the Week June 21st - 27th, 2015
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COMMUNITY EVENTS – INFORMATION

National Night Out – August 4, 2015 - 6-8pm.

Location: Parks & Recreation Bldg. Pavilion 701 W. Ellsworth Rd. Crime & Fire prevention event for the family. Plan now to attend; there will be displays, resource booths and free raffle of bicycles donated by Meijers on Carpenter Rd. and more.



WEEKLY FIRE REPORT

Total Calls for Service Year to Date: **1,382**

Fire Incident: Gas Leak **Complaint # 15-1347**

On June 23, 2015, at 11:37 a.m., Pittsfield Township fire personnel responded to Heatherwood Ln. and Millbrook Trl. for a gas leak.

Fire Incident: Wires Down **Complaint # 15-1376**

On June 27, 2015, at 3:13 p.m., Pittsfield Township fire personnel responded to the 2800 block of Hawks Ave. for wires down.

**Fire Incident: Mutual Aid
Complaint # 15-1382**

On June 27, 2015, at 10:51 p.m., Pittsfield Township fire personnel responded to the 900 block of Michigan Ave. to assist the City of Ypsilanti Fire Department put out a fire in a commercial building.

WEEKLY CRIME SUMMARY

Significant Police Events:

Total Calls for Service for the Week: 308

Total Calls for Service Year to Date: 6,932

Michigan Fire Works Safety Guide:

In 2012, the Michigan Legislators approved the purchase and use of fireworks. The regulations were amended in 2013 to allow local municipalities the ability to limit the use of fireworks before and after certain holidays in compliance with the law.

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

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

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.

Secs. 14-211—14-213. Reserved.

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.

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.