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Weekly Public Safety Activity Summary July 12th-18th, 2015

Crime Map for the Week July 12th - 18th, 2015
(Click the image below for details)



COMMUNITY EVENTS – INFORMATION

National Night Out Safety Fair – 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, school supplies, and more donated by Meijer's on Carpenter Rd. and Target Stores.



WEEKLY FIRE REPORT

Total Calls for Service Year to Date: 1,511

NFPA: Summer outdoor parties are some of the best events of the year.

The warm balmy nights, food cooking on the grill, and friends and family spending quality time together in the backyard or around the pool create wonderful memories that last a lifetime. But, hosting outdoor events also means there's an increased risk of home fires.

Outdoor entertaining by the numbers:

- Outside fireplaces or fire pits caused nearly 3,700 grass and brush fires.
- Total outdoor patio heater or fire pit injuries have nearly tripled in six years (1,330 to 3,608) from 2006. – 2012 More than half of all candle fires start when things that can burn are too close to the candle.
- An average of 8,800 home fires involved grills, hibachis, or barbecues each year.
- In 2012, sparklers, fountains and novelties accounted for 25% of emergency room fireworks-related injuries Source: *NFPA's Fire Analysis & Research Division*

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National Fire Protection Association
The authority on fire, electrical, and building safety

WEEKLY CRIME SUMMARY

Significant Police Events:

Total Calls for Service for the Week: 261

Total Calls for Service Year to Date: 7,828

Federal Trade Commission: Getting calls from your own number?

July 7, 2015 by Bikram Bandy - Do Not Call Program Coordinator, FTC

It's like a scene out of a strange sci-fi movie. You get a call, look at the caller ID, and see that your own number is calling. Weird! No, this isn't an alternate reality where your future self is calling the present you. It's a scammer making an illegal [robocall](#). Technology makes it easy for scammers to fake or "spoof" caller ID information. They can make it look like they're calling from a different place or phone number "**Even your number**".

Scammers use this trick as a way to get around call-blocking and hide from law enforcement. They hope you'll be curious enough to pick up. Don't fall for it.

The real callers could be calling from anywhere in the world. We've written about these kinds of tricks before like when [scammers pretended to be the IRS](#) and faked caller ID so people thought it really was the IRS calling.

Bottom line? These calls from your own number are illegal. Don't pick up or press buttons to be taken off the call list or to talk to a live person. That just leads to more calls. It's best to ignore them, and move on with your day. Maybe watch a really good sci-fi movie



SCAM ALERTS

what to know and do about scams in the news

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.